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Detroit Area Seniors Awarded Scholarships Through Rhonda Walker Foundation Girls into Women Program

- Graduating seniors from five Detroit-area schools will be awarded scholarships at the Rhonda Walker Foundation's 16th Annual Scholar Power Scholarship and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast.
- The Rhonda Walker Foundation has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships to seniors graduating from the program during its 19-year history.
- The Rhonda Walker Foundation has a 100% high school graduation and college enrollment rate among teens completing the program.

DETROIT, Mich., May 2, 2022 – The Rhonda Walker Foundation will award a group of Detroit-area high school seniors with \$43,000 in scholarships at the 16th Annual Power Scholarship and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast on May 7. The event includes a celebration of participant's completion of the Rhonda Walker Foundation (RWF) Girls into Women Program.

The RWF's program is a comprehensive program five-year program that includes college prep, personal development, career development, health and wellness, community outreach, cultural awareness, and mentoring.

The scholarship recipients are from Detroit-area high schools including Renaissance, Detroit School of the Arts, Seaholm, Groves and Cass Technical.

"We are so excited to celebrate our 16th graduating class and to bring our RWF family together for this special time in our program year," said Rhonda Walker, RWF president, founder, and award-winning morning anchor for WDIV-Local 4 News. "These remarkable young women have completed our five-year Girls into Women Program and are all attending college in the fall. We are proud to recognize their hard work and to invest in their future success."

The Rhonda Walker Foundation Scholarship Fund is solely funded by donations from generous supporters. Every senior who has successfully completed the RWF five-year, award winning Girls into Women Program is eligible for a scholarship to assist with college expenses.

In its 19-year history, the Rhonda Walker Foundation has awarded over \$500,000 in scholarships to outstanding future leaders graduating from the program. RWF proudly has a 100% high school graduation and college enrollment rate among teens completing the program. The program



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currently enrolls 61 students in grades 8-12.

Walker will be joined by board members, staff, volunteers and mentors at the 16th Annual Scholar Power Scholarship and Volunteer Recognition Breakfast. The event will take place at the Westin Hotel in Southfield at 8:30 am.

“This is an exciting season for our organization. We are proud of our graduates and truly honored to celebrate our amazing volunteers and mentors,” said RWF CEO Ruselda Villanueva Johnson.

About the Rhonda Walker Foundation:

The RWF, founded in 2003, empowers inner city teen girls towards becoming strong, confident, successful, and moral future leaders through their award-winning five-year Girls into Women program. The Girls into Women Program is built around six program pillars: Mentoring, College Prep, Career Development, Personal Development, Health and Wellness, and Community Outreach/Cultural Awareness. RWF is proud of the 100% high school graduation rate among teens completing the five-year Girls into Women program. Learn more about the Rhonda Walker Foundation at www.rhondawalkerfoundation.org.

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