



**HONORING THE LEGACY**

**ADA S. MCKINLEY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.**

**2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Celebration**

# *Program Booklet*



Official Ceremony & College Trunk Pick-Up  
Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
South Shore Cultural Center  
7059 South Shore Drive, Chicago

**Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.  
Empower. Educate. Employ.**



*We Are the Definition  
of the Dream!*

**Congratulations  
Class of 2023  
We are so proud of you!**



## *Program*

### WELCOME

**Jewell Hillery** (Mistress of Ceremonies)  
News Anchor and Reporter - WGN/Channel 9

### TOP ESSAY WINNERS

**Roman Chambers** (First Place)  
**Gabrielle Allen** (Second Place, one of two winners)  
**Tamyah Kamille Dockery** (Second Place, one of two winners)

### SALUTE TO THE 2023 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Venise Hardy**  
Vice President of Educational Services  
Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.

### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Torrence Hinton**  
President of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas  
Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

### WORDS OF INSPIRATION AND TRACE SOREY

#### MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

**Revie Sorey**  
Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director  
Former Professional American Football Player (Chicago Bears, 1975-1983)

**Anita Efron**  
Trunk Scholarship Planning Committee

### AWARDING OF THE TRUNKS & CLOSING REMARKS

**Jamal Malone**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.



## 2023 Trunk Contents

- HP 14-inch HD Laptop
- Bed-in-a-Bag Bedding Set
- Under-the-Bed storage container
- Over-the-Door organizer
- Travel Laptop Backpack
- Laptop Lap Desk for Bed
- Chair/Cushion Seat
- LED Desk Lamp with Wireless Charger
- Smart Speaker with Alexa
- Noise Cancelling Bluetooth Ear Buds
- Ultimate College Back-to-School Essentials Kit  
(composition books, index cards, post-it notes, highlighters, pens, & more)
- Planner
- USB Custom Jump Drives
- Portable, High-Speed USB 7-Port Hub
- Surge Protector USB Wall Charger and Outlet Extender
- Multi 7-Port USB Splitter
- Protective Laptop Sleeve
- Technology Screen Wipes
- LED Rechargeable Wireless Mouse
- Mousepad with Gel Wrist Support
- Shower Caddy
- 4-Piece Dinnerware set
- Trash Can
- Personal Protective Equipment/PPE (includes hand sanitizer, Clorox Disinfecting Wipes 70ct (pack of 9), CloroxPro Disinfecting Aerosol 19oz (Pack of 12), Bandages & More First Aid Kit)
- Personal Hygiene Items (body wash, deodorant, etc.)
- Sewing Kit (43 piece)
- 6 Month Subscription to 24/7 Online Tutor Support

## ABOUT THE TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS

When students begin their college journey prepared, confident, and focused on their goal of obtaining a post-secondary education, their chances for success increase exponentially. With the help of sponsors, we make that possible.

Through its Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships, Ada S. McKinley awards first-year college students with the living and learning essentials they need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment. Each trunk is filled with school supplies and necessities for dorm living, along with the technology tools necessary to take full advantage of all education formats and platforms available for learning (laptops, etc).

The scholarships are named in honor of Revie Sorey, Ada S. McKinley's former Educational Services Director and former professional American football player (Chicago Bears, 1975-1983). Revie trailblazed the program fifteen years ago in 2008 after learning our college-bound students were burdened by the expenses of dorm room & school supplies not covered by grants & scholarships.

The Trunk Scholarships are an important extension of Ada S. McKinley's acclaimed College Preparation & Placement Program, pioneered by the late Silas Purnell. The program has placed more than 75,000 youth in more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States. This includes assisting graduating seniors in securing billions of dollars in financial aid and scholarships over the last six decades.





## Mistress of Ceremonies

### Jewell Hillery

News Anchor and Reporter, WGN/Channel 9



Jewell Hillery joined the WGN News team as a general assignment reporter in September of 2021. Jewell grew up in Edgewater and is a proud product of the Chicago Public Schools (Von Steuben and Newberry Academy).

In 2010, Jewell moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where she spent nearly six years covering breaking news for the morning show at WLBT, in addition to anchoring the midday and weekend morning show. During her time at WLBT, the Associated Press awarded Jewell in several categories, including, spot news and general assignment reporting.

Jewell worked as an Anchor/Reporter for 16 WAPT, during her last several years in Mississippi. In addition to her responsibilities at WAPT, Jewell served as the Director of Development and Admissions at The Redeemer's School, which offered high quality education to elementary school children living in Jackson. Jewell started her journalism career at WTVO in Rockford, IL, as a general assignment and consumer reporter.

Jewell earned her B.S. in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During an internship at a local station, Jewell learned what it would take to succeed as a broadcast journalist from WGN's Ben Bradley, whom she continues to learn from today. Jewell went on to earn her M.A. degree in Public Affairs Reporting from the University of Illinois at Springfield.

## Keynote Speaker

### Torrence Hinton

President of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas

Ada S. McKinley College Preparation & Placement Program Alum

Torrence Hinton became president of Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas in June 2022 where he manages the daily operations, strategy and administrative activities of the two Illinois WEC Energy Group utilities. He was formerly vice president of operations at Peoples Gas, and also served as director of operations and maintenance at Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas.

Torrence joined Peoples Gas in 1999. Before serving in the company's top leadership, he served in a number of roles with increasing responsibility, including manager of centralized planning group, director of fleet services, operations manager of North Shore Gas, operations manager of Peoples Gas, and general manager of North District at Peoples Gas. Prior to that, he served as director of gas storage, overseeing natural gas storage assets for WEC Energy Group in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota.



Torrence holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he received the Clinton E. Stryker Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and contributions in the area of campus life. He also holds a Master of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in strategy and leadership from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Torrence is active in numerous community, educational and industry organizations, serving on the boards of Chicago Commons, Communities In Schools of Chicago, Youth Guidance and the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. He is a Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow, class of 2013, a 2014 recipient of the Chicago Defender's Men of Excellence award, and a 2021 participant of McKinsey Academy's Black Executive Leadership Program.





# Congratulations! 2023 Essay Winners

As part of our Trunk Scholarship selection process, applicants are asked to submit a short essay expressing why a post-secondary education is important to them. In addition to a trunk filled with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment, the top essay winners receive a cash award in the form of a gift card to help cover other fees and incidentals. We are proud to recognize this year's winners and share their inspiring essays!



## *First Place Winner*

**Roman Chambers**  
Graduate of Chicago Tech Academy  
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Getting a college education is important to me because it will help me accomplish my personal and professional goals. It helps me gain more awareness of issues that currently affect our society, such as poverty, inequality, climate change and human rights. By learning from the different perspectives represented in a college environment, I can further develop the critical thinking, communication and empathy skills I gained in high school. I will have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world who both share my interests and challenge my world views. This will help me learn where and how to contribute to a positive change in our society.

The second reason getting a college education is important to me is because it allows me to become better at computer science and learn more about how to apply it to real-world issues. Computer Science is interesting to me because during my childhood I always liked taking things apart and putting them back together to understand how they work. I started coding at age 7 and it quickly became a love of mine. Through a college education, I can gain knowledge and experience that will prepare me for a rewarding career in this field.

And the third reason getting a college education is important to me is because it will benefit me financially. I will be able to support myself and help my family. It will also give me the ability to give back to my community both through donated funds and volunteering.

To conclude, a college education is important to me because it allows me to explore my interests, discover new passions, expand my network and take care of myself, my family, my community and make a positive difference in the world.





*Second Place Winner*  
(tied - one of two 2nd place winners)

**Gabrielle Allen**  
Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending University of Massachusetts Boston

Postsecondary education is a crucial next step in my life because various obstacles are prevalent in my livelihood that can be avoided by obtaining a higher education.

The first is that I am one of three siblings of a single parent who lacks the mental capacity to truly care for us due to her never-ending work ethic. Once I reached a certain age, she no longer provided resources financially, emotionally, or mentally. Once I learned how to internalize this, I began to learn how to provide for myself as in having two jobs while taking care of my younger sibling while still being a high school student. This shift subconsciously hindered my mental, emotional and physical health in which I wasn't able to truly flourish during that time. By understanding that life comes with struggles and obstacles, I started to plan for my future once I graduate.

I found my calling by majoring in psychology to understand and overcome my generational traumas. Post-secondary education is needed in the field that I am pursuing which will overall help aid the mental and emotional relief that is often overlooked in Black families. Whilst also obtaining my degree in psychology, college will lead to my personal development when dealing with different coping mechanisms and learning more about mental health.

Having the necessary skills under my belt will support me in finding and furthering my career. I am going to take advantage of the networking opportunities and value the rich experiences of relationships while obtaining a higher degree.



*Second Place Winner*  
(tied - one of two 2nd place winners)

**Tamyah Kamille Dockery**  
Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana

Over a lifetime of learning, I have learned that success is not just one point in your life. Success is something one can work toward every day. There will always be new goals to pursue. A part of success is planning. Knowing what you want and how you want to obtain it is the foundation of success. Going through that process is also a large part of success. Searching for the tools you need, laying out your options, and forming them are the glue of this process.

To be able to identify what you want and how you want to pursue it comes with self-awareness. Being a member of W.O.W. (Working On Womanhood), I learned the importance of being self-aware. Once I learned self-awareness, I felt like a rocket shooting into space. I was able to succeed more every day because I knew what I wanted for my life and how I wanted things to be. I began making plans for myself all the way up to this point in life, as I am transitioning into adulthood and college.

Stepping into college, I will be 18 and still figuring out what I want for my life after I graduate. My chosen university will equip me with tools I can use to glue together my pieces of success over time. My post-secondary education will be the foundation for what I plan to succeed in. I will be going into college majoring in psychology. Pursuing higher education will not only lead me to a world of success, but one that I will be able to help others succeed in hopes of improving the mental states of others. Attending college to pursue my education, as well as increasing my own personal growth is my top priority.



*Third Place Winner*

**Shannell Franklin**  
Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Purdue University

When you think of going to a party, you think of laughter, dancing, and cracking jokes. This is exactly what I had on my mind at the end of April 2022 when I was invited to a party on the west side of Chicago. I traveled from the southside with my friends and big sister ready to forget about the stress of my school week. This night turned into an event that left an indelible mark on my life.

We were dancing to Lil Durk's music when I noticed some boys who seemed suspicious. Before I could even examine the movements of the boys, everyone began to run out of the gate. The boys who gave me an eerie feeling started shooting. I made a mad dash to my sister's car for safety.

After the shooting people were falling out, having seizures, bleeding from their mouths and nose, having panic attacks, etc. I was scared and felt horrible that I couldn't really help anybody. I had to watch people all around me suffering while not being able to save them. It was at this exact moment that I realized my interest in studying medicine and becoming a doctor. If a traumatic event like the one I encountered on April 23rd happens again, I will actually be able to assist individuals in distress once I become a medical doctor.

The most positive thing that came out of this ordeal was the light bulb that went off in my head, making me realize that I can be the change that I want to see in the world. Learning and studying more about the medical field will allow me to be helpful to my community and the world. A degree in the health science field will push me closer to my goals of being able to save lives, help sick people, and take care of people. Most of all I would be able to provide safety to those I value most, like my family.

*Congratulations to all our  
Essay Winners & Finalists!*

**FIRST PLACE**

Roman Chambers

**SECOND PLACE (tied)**

Gabrielle Allen

Tamyah Kamille Dockery

**THIRD PLACE**

Shannell Franklin

**FINALISTS**

Donmayia Chaontavia Davis

Dymond Unique Garrett

Justyn Garrison

Joseph Henderson

Nickayla Hoffman

Kaliana Zakia Holt

Rodney James, Jr.

Amya Reyes

Daniella Sanchez

Cierra Mone't Washington



## 2023 Trunk Scholarship Awardees

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our college-bound students! You have persevered through many obstacles, earned your high school diplomas, and are now headed to colleges and universities throughout the country this fall.

You can now begin your college journey prepared, confident, and focused on making your dream of obtaining a post-secondary education a reality. Congratulations and much success to each of you. You are the definition of the dream!



**Tomisola B. Ajayi**  
Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Illinois State University



**Amaya Ariel Amusat**  
Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Western Illinois University



**Gabrielle Allen**  
Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending University of Massachusetts Boston



**Mikhylla LaTrice Appling**  
Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Spelman College



**Alex Alvarez**  
Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending National Louis University



**Norion De'Shawn Ballard**  
Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending University of Arizona





## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Jabriyel Dejan Banister**

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy  
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



### **Jasmine Renee' Barber**

Graduate of De La Salle Institute  
Attending North Central College



### **Mareon Lavell Ben**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University



### **Karsyn Best**

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College  
Preparatory Academy High School  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



### **Johnnika Ann Bibbs**

Graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School  
Attending Fisk University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Erin E. Blake**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Tuskegee University



### **Keeven Blanton**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending McKendree University



### **Camya Ayanna Unique Brady**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Travis Bryant**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending McKendree University



### **Justine Buendia-Sanchez**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Kennedy King



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Faith Elizabeth Buggs**

Graduate of Jones College Prep  
Attending University of Southern California



### **Kimori Naijah Burks**

Graduate of Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School  
Attending Ball State University



### **Aniya Latrice Yasmin Burley**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Alabama A&M University



### **Joaquin Michael Cassell**

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College  
Preparatory Academy High School  
Attending Salem State University



### **Roman Chambers**

Graduate of Chicago Tech Academy  
Attending Southern Illinois University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Cameron Leshawn Clark**

Graduate of DeVry University Advantage Academy  
Attending Northern Illinois University



### **Asha Bree Carter Clark**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending University of Louisville



### **Symone Monique Conway**

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College  
Preparatory Academy High School  
Attending Hampton University



### **Nevaeh Monee' Cook**

Graduate of Butler College Prep  
Attending Alabama State



### **Ryan Cruz**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Trinity International University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Heaven Lashay Cusic**

Graduate of De La Salle Institute  
Attending Georgia State University



### **Arianna Renee Daniels**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Malcolm X College



### **Donmayia Chaontavia Davis**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending DePaul University



### **Denver Davis**

Graduate of South Elgin High School  
Attending Bowling Green State University



### **Jose Delgado**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Kennedy King College



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Tamyah Kamille Dockery**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana



### **Maysheona Dockery**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University



### **Mykari Dozier**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University



### **Taliyah A. Dunn**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Western Illinois University



### **McKenzie English**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending University of Illinois Chicago



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Zaria Fenderson**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Xavier University of Louisiana



### **Shannell Franklin**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Purdue University



### **Amir Malik Futrell**

Graduate of Southland College Prep Charter High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Erandi Garcia Gutierrez**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Harry S. Truman College



### **Dymond Unique Garrett**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Western Illinois University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Justyn Garrison**

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for  
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus  
Attending Langston University



### **Nari Leia Gilmore**

Graduate of Richard T. Crane Medical Prep High School  
Attending Bethune-Cookman University



### **Lyric Gilmore**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Harold Washington College



### **Isabella-Rose Pua Mae 'Ole Gonzalzes**

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy  
Attending Eastern Illinois University



### **Monica Nicole Griffin**

Graduate of Bowen High School  
Attending Augustana College





## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Betty Angelique Griffin**

Graduate of Lincoln Park High School  
Attending Columbia College Chicago



### **Isaiah D. Hall**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Nakiya Dashawna Harris**

Graduate of Charles A. Prosser Career Academy  
Attending Columbia College Chicago



### **Joseph Henderson**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Triton College



### **Nickayla Hoffman**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Kaliana Zakia Holt**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Keison Hubert**

Graduate of Lake Central High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Juawain Marcellius Jackson**

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for  
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus  
Attending Eastern Illinois University



### **Katiya Jacobs**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Rodney James, Jr.**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending Lake Forest College



**Joseph W. Jenkins**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University



**Icisis Nakia Jordan**

Graduate of George Westinghouse College Prep  
Attending Alabama State University



**Jailen Jahiem Johnson**

Graduate of IC Catholic Prep  
Attending Morehouse College



**Courtni Rayne Kimbrell**

Graduate of Plainfield East High School  
Attending Clark Atlanta University



**Robert K. Johnson**

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy  
Attending Southern Illinois University Edwardsville



**Earline Lawson**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



**Lacy C. Jones**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



**Kaycee Cadence Lott**

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College  
Preparatory Academy High School  
Attending North Carolina A&T



**Charnice Jones**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Eastern Illinois University



**Akira A. Lucas**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University

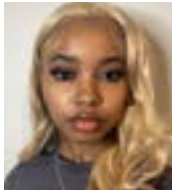


## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Aaliyah Jayda Lyles**

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Treasure Symone Maddox**

Graduate of Rich Township High School  
Attending Georgia State University



### **Jason Mapp**

Graduate of Urban Prep Charter Academy for  
Young Men - Bronzeville Campus  
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



### **Ameera Yunique Martin**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending DePaul University



### **Alaina G.A Martin**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Western Illinois University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Janiah Kiari Mays**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Jackson State University



### **Terrance Maik McDonald**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending Malcolm X College



### **Jadin Jeremiah McFadden**

Graduate of Thornwood High School  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



### **Pierre Morrow**

Graduate of Nicholas Senn High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Lawrence Michael Nalls, III**

Graduate of Gwendolyn Brooks College  
Preparatory Academy High School  
Attending Morehouse College



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Janiya Amani Nelson**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Western Illinois University



### **Kiara J. Owens**

Graduate of Percy L. Julian High School  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Jada Brionna Palmer**

Graduate of Hinsdale South High School  
Attending Alabama A&M university



### **Tamyjah Prince**

Graduate of Michele Clark Magnet High School  
Attending Northern Illinois University



### **Cordell Nasir Puckett**

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School  
Attending Georgia State University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Jaquan Rayquan Redus**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Western Illinois University



### **Janyla A. Reese**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Illinois State University



### **Amya Reyes**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Parkland Community College



### **Daejana Danasha Ridgley**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending Western Illinois University



### **JaKyle Robertson**

Graduate of Hall STEAM Magnet High School  
Attending University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff





## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Daniella Sanchez**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Harry S. Truman College



### **Jeremiah Saunders**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Indiana State University



### **Tolulope Opemipo Shokoya**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending University of Arizona



### **Kenneth Edward Simpson**

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School  
Attending University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff



### **Deonte Deshaun Smith**

Graduate of Graduate of Dwight D. Eisenhower High School  
Attending Arizona State University



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Gabrielle Daniah Smith**

Graduate of Evergreen Park Community High School  
Attending Tuskegee University



### **Eniya Smith**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Malcom X College



### **Basirat Oyinkansola Solademi**

Graduate of Dunbar Vocational Career Academy  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



### **Terrence Kendall Stone**

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School  
Attending Tennessee State University



### **Kayla Monae Storbball**

Graduate of Chicago Bulls College Prep  
Attending Hobart and William Smith Colleges



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Olivia Marcia Truppa**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Eastern Illinois University



### **Madison Moss Vanderbilt**

Graduate of Latin School of Chicago  
Attending The University of Chicago



### **Cierra Mone't Washington**

Graduate of King College Preparatory High School  
Attending University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign



### **Shonni DeJanee' Kiara Watkins**

Graduate of Whitney M. Young Magnet High School  
Attending Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)



### **Kasiya Michelle Wells**

Graduate of Kenwood Academy High School  
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



## 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Awardees



### **Dwayne Tyree Williams**

Graduate of Wendell Phillips Academy High School  
Attending McKendree University



### **Vontonio Derell Wilson**

Graduate of Hyde Park Academy High School  
Attending Eastern Illinois University



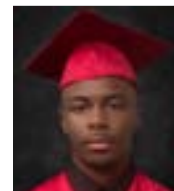
### **Qwazar Wood**

Graduate of Tilden High School  
Attending Southern Illinois University Carbondale



### **Arianna Wooley**

Graduate of Morgan Park Academy  
Attending National Louis University



### **Zaki Young-Howell**

Graduate of Bolingbrook High School  
Attending Illinois State University



# 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Letter from the Mayor



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago, Illinois  
60601

July 26, 2023

Dear Recipient:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I welcome all those gathered for the 10th Annual Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship ceremony.

Since its founding in 1919, the Ada S. McKinley Community Services has worked to educate, empower, and assist people through educational programs and services. Over the past 103 years, the Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship has provided college-bound students with financial support and learning resources that many students need to successfully realize their college dreams. In addition, Ada S. McKinley provides vital services including job training, mental health services, employment training and placement, and more.

This year's scholarship recipients have shown both determination and innovation and stellar skills that will help them stay on track on their path but give the ones that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. I commend and congratulate all of this year's graduates. I wish you the best as you take on your next steps, knowing that we are all proud of the work you have done and look forward to the good work you will do in the future.

I hope you have an enjoyable rest. Best wishes for continued success!

Sincerely,  
  
Mayor



# 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships Letter from the Governor



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
207 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

JB PRITZKER  
GOVERNOR

July 26, 2023

Dear 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Awardees:

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I would like to congratulate you on being selected as a recipient of the 2023 Ada S. McKinley Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship.

Founded by Ada S. McKinley in 1919, the mission of Ada S. McKinley Community Services is to strengthen our community through empowering, educating, and offering job opportunities. Your commitment to education and community makes you an excellent addition to this outstanding legacy. Let this achievement be a stepping stone to your willingness and dedication to excellence.

I appreciate your devotion to helping make Illinois a better state for all our residents. I am proud to be Governor of a state that celebrates so many dedicated members of the community. We are proud to call you one of our own.

Congratulations again on this remarkable achievement. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I offer my best wishes for continued success in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Governor JB Pritzker



July 26, 2023

Greetings Trunk Scholars and Friends:

On behalf of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., our Board of Directors and staff, I am proud to congratulate our 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients.

The Class of 2023 deserves a standing ovation! In March of 2020, COVID-19 became a safety risk that caused unprecedented adjustments to our daily living and the education process as we knew it. You were amid your freshman year in high school. In addition to all the challenges that come with high school and preparing for college and adulthood, you persevered during a challenging time in our world. You showed tremendous resolve, earned your high school diplomas, and are now headed to colleges and universities throughout the country this fall!

I would like to give special thanks to every sponsor and contributor to this program. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide first-year college students with the support they need to successfully pursue a post-secondary education. Our focus at Ada S. McKinley is to empower, educate and employ people. Tonight's ceremony is exemplary of how that process takes place. Our students are empowered by the village of community support such as that represented this evening. They can move forward confidently knowing they have the essentials required to focus on furthering their education. We truly appreciate your generosity and leadership in making that possible.

We are extremely proud of the achievements of our scholarship recipients and the role our community has played in helping them reach their full potential. Our future leaders are in this room tonight and we are excited to be a stop on their path to success.

Onward and upward, and congratulations to the Class of 2023!

**Best wishes,**  
**Jamal Malone, Chief Executive Officer**  
**Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.**

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Congratulations are in order for the 2023 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship recipients and their parents on this memorable occasion! With every passing year, it becomes more apparent that this endeavor continues to impact the lives of countless numbers of determined young scholars. This has been an exciting yet challenging school year, and this year's graduates are preparing for the next phase of a bright future. A heartfelt thank you to Revie Sorey for his vision, to our generous donors for their continuing support in making the scholarships possible, and to the faithful supporters who helped make this event a success. As always, thanks to the many loyal Education Services staff and committee members whose efforts make a difference and secure a bright future for our young people on a daily basis, year after year! Kudos for helping to make the 2023 celebration a tremendous success! Best wishes,

**Joseph C. Banks**  
**Chair of the Educational Services Committee**  
**Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc.**

The Educational Services staff and I extend heartfelt congratulations to Ada S. McKinley's Class of 2023, future college graduates! Our team and others who supported, uplifted, encouraged, and nurtured you are in awe of you at this unprecedented moment. We are in awe at the resilience, courage, and pure strength you've shown as you willed yourselves to finish what you started and not give up.

You began the year with apprehension and anxiety about what the future holds. Many of you questioned if doing your best would be good enough. You wondered if the academic gaps caused by the preceding two years of the pandemic would prohibit you from earning admission to a college of choice. Despite these challenges, you persevered and showed tremendous resolve, strength, grit, and undeniable courage. You declared victory and emitted greatness as you stood at the doorstep of achievement, embraced your dreams, defied the odds, and reclaimed your future. You decided "not to allow your circumstances to define you but instead chose to define your circumstance." The team and I witnessed you emerge as visionaries and become aspirational leaders.

We thank you for the honor of serving you. As you progress throughout your lives, I challenge you not to be content with where you are today but to continue pursuing your dreams. I challenge you to continue to lead, continue to be transformative, and not allow anything to stifle your growth. I challenge you to walk in your greatness, to own it and let it serve as a guiding light in times of uncertainty. Remember that "you are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."  
 — A.A. Milne

Congratulations, Class of 2023! May you embrace your dreams, reclaim your future, and succeed throughout your post-secondary education.

**Venise Hardy, Vice President of Ada S. McKinley Educational Services**

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**Revie Sorey the Trailblazer**

Former Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Director  
Former Professional American Football Player  
(Chicago Bears, 1975-1983)

Ada S. McKinley is proud to carry out the vision of Revie Sorey through Trunk Scholarships. Building community partnerships to assist students in pursuing a college education proved to be one of the biggest plays of the former Chicago Bear.

Revie Sorey trailblazed our Trunk Scholarship program 15 years ago in 2008 after learning our college-bound students were burdened by the expenses of dorm room and school supplies not covered by grants and scholarships. With the help of his long-time family and friend Anita Efron, he went into action and formed the Ada S. McKinley Education Committee and began his quest to support college-bound students through Trunk Scholarships. Thanks to his vision and action-driven approach, hundreds of students have been awarded the living and learning essentials they need to focus on their education and adjust to their first year in college. We are grateful for his leadership and commitment to making a significant impact during a critical turning point in the lives of the students we serve.

*Thank You to our  
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Your generosity has truly made a difference. The college-bound students featured in this Memento will begin their college journey with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment.

**Thank you for believing in  
and supporting our students!**



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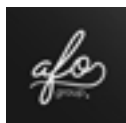


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We know that helping first-generation college students succeed requires support that may begin long before it's time to fill out applications. For information about Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation and Placement Program, contact the Ada S. McKinley Educational Services Team at 312-808-5910.





*A special thank you!*

Ada S. McKinley Community Services  
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**Charles and M. R. Shapiro Foundation**

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The mission of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. is to empower, educate, and employ people to change lives and strengthen communities.

Ada S. McKinley's founder and namesake was a schoolteacher and social reformer who started the agency in 1919 amid the Spanish Flu pandemic (January 1918 to December 1920) and the Chicago Race Riot of 1919. The agency was founded as a settlement house to assist Black World War I veterans and their families migrating from the South.



The agency recently celebrated its 100-year milestone, and currently serves more than 7,000 people annually at over 70 program sites throughout the Chicago metropolitan area, Wisconsin and Indiana. Its wide range of services include: Child Development & Youth; Employment & Community Support; and Behavioral Health & Clinical. Services rendered daily include tutoring, mentoring and college placement, foster care, housing opportunities, youth and family counseling, employment training and placement, and head start programs.

The vision of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc. is for all people to have the opportunity for education and employment.

**To learn more about our work, visit [www.adasmckinley.org](http://www.adasmckinley.org) or follow us on social media.**



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## **2024 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarships**

**Living and Learning Essentials for First-Year College Students**

# **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



Learn how you can Sponsor-A-Trunk and make an even greater impact by supporting our College Preparation & Placement Program that serves more than 1,600 Chicago Public School students annually through critical services that guide them exploring careers and preparing them for college as early as elementary school.

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# 2024 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS

## Why Sponsor A Trunk?

When students begin their college journey prepared, confident, and focused on their goal of obtaining a post-secondary education, their chances for success increase exponentially.

With the help of sponsors, our students will begin their college career with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment. Each trunk is filled with school supplies and necessities for dorm living, along with the technology tools necessary to take full advantage of all education formats and platforms available for learning (laptops, etc).



## Make An Even Greater Impact

Ada S. McKinley covers every aspect of the needs of young people who want to attend college. We begin guiding them in exploring careers and preparing them for college as early as middle school. Our College Preparation & Placement Program serves more than 1,600 Chicago Public School students annually. This includes first-generation college students and those in need of financial assistance to afford college. Critical services we provide that encourage and support their educational pursuits include:

- Tutoring and mentoring
- Academic and career counseling
- College tours
- College placement
- Assistance in obtaining financial aid and scholarships

Trailblazed by the late Silas Purnell in the 1960s, Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation & Placement Program has placed more than 75,000 youth in more than 400 colleges and universities throughout the United States. This includes assisting graduating seniors in securing billions of dollars in financial aid and scholarships over the last six decades, representing \$14 million in 2023 alone.



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## HIGHLIGHTS & FACTS

Ada S. McKinley has guided graduating seniors in securing billions of dollars in financial aid and scholarships over the last six decades, representing **\$14 MILLION IN 2023 ALONE.**

We have placed more than **75,000 YOUTH** in more than **400 COLLEGES** and universities throughout the United States.

Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation & Placement Program was **FOUNDED BY THE LATE SILAS PURNELL IN THE 1960S.**

**THOUSANDS OF LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS** locally and throughout the country credit Mr. Purnell and our College Preparation & Placement Program for giving them the support they needed to pursue a post-secondary education.

Media stories about this project have covered millions of people and continues to be of strong interest to the press.

[Click Here to View Media Coverage](#) on the Trunk Scholarships and Ada S. McKinley's College Preparation & Placement Program.

### RECENT OUTCOMES OF OUR COLLEGE PREPARATION & PLACEMENT PROGRAM

**100%**  
of our graduating seniors  
have earned admission  
into college

**90%**  
of elementary school  
students improved  
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**91%**  
of elementary school  
students improved  
their grades

**98%**  
of elementary & high school  
students were promoted to  
the next grade

**100%**  
of high school seniors  
graduated from high  
school

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# 2024 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## PREMIER SPONSOR / \$20,000

In addition to providing trunks to college-bound students, this sponsorship level supports our acclaimed College Preparation & Placement Program. The program covers every aspect of the needs of young people who want to attend college (tutoring and mentoring, academic and career counseling, college tours, college placement, and assistance in obtaining financial aid and scholarships).

- Invite and speaking opportunity for The Gathering: A VIP Reception (see description of exclusive event at right)
- Full page ad in Program Booklet
- Prominent placement on promotional materials and on social media
- Acknowledgment in all event-related press outreach (media stories about this project has covered nearly a half million people and continues to be of strong interest to the press).

## PLATINUM SPONSOR / \$15,000

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## THE GATHERING: A VIP Reception

As a Trunk Sponsor, we invite you to mark your calendar and **join us for The Gathering: A VIP Reception to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024** at the South Shore Cultural Center. This exclusive gathering is attended by Chicago business, civic and philanthropic leaders, along with our Trunk Scholarship Sponsors.

The reception takes place immediately following our Trunk Scholarship Ceremony and “trunk pick-up day” when our college-bound students receive their trunks filled with the living and learning essentials first-year students need to adjust and achieve success in their new environment. You will see many of them hauling away their items with excitement as they prepare to begin their college journey.

## PROGRAM BOOKLET

Each sponsor will receive a Program Booklet that includes photos and names of each Trunk Scholarship recipient, the college/university they will attend, along with logos and names of sponsors and sponsor advertisements. The booklet will also feature the winning student essays submitted during the application process. It's a great keepsake!



# AD SPECIFICATIONS

## 2024 Revie Sorey Trunk Scholarship Program Booklet

**FILE TYPES** High-resolution color PDF preferred.  
Also accepted: Vector files (AI) with outlined fonts or 300 dpi JPG or TIF files.

**WHERE TO SEND YOUR AD** Email to [tbattle@adasmckinley.org](mailto:tbattle@adasmckinley.org)

**DEADLINE** Friday, June 28, 2024

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Please complete this form and email it along with a .jpeg of your company logo to Lauren Youngblood. Email or call Lauren at [lyoungblood@adasmckinley.org](mailto:lyoungblood@adasmckinley.org) or 312-221-9303 for questions or additional information regarding sponsorships.

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# 2024 TRUNK SCHOLARSHIPS



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