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2014 ACT-SO Scholars Announced

Memphis area high school students who participated in ACT-SO (*Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics*), a national program sponsored by the NAACP, are eligible for scholarship awards founded by the late Maxine A. Smith. Smith dedicated her life to education and civil rights as the executive director and National Board Member of the NAACP. She collaborated with the Hyde Foundation to ensure that students who met the challenge of participating in any one of the 26 categories of the ACT-SO talent competition can receive a scholarship to encourage their educational advancement.

The 2014 ACT-SO scholars were announced at a luncheon at the Community Foundation with their parents and the Smith family in attendance. The staff of the Community Foundation administers the scholarship program along with a committee of Smith's friends and church members. Applicants submitted their academic records, essays and community activities to the selection committee. The winners for 2014 are:

Tarrolyn Barras is an honors graduate from Houston High School and will attend McAlister College in Minnesota.

Phillip Bond is a graduate from of Overton High School and plans to attend Berkley College of Music in Boston, MA.

Thomas Burton is an honor graduate from Whitehaven High School and plans to attend Tennessee State University.

Orlando Dotson is a graduate from Germantown High School and plans to attend the University of Memphis

Krysten Harvey is an honor graduate from White Station High School and plans to attend the University of Alabama.

Arniecia Hinds is an honor graduate from Germantown High School and plans to attend the University of Memphis.

April Horner is a graduate from Whitehaven High School and plans to attend Wiley College in Marshall, TX

Eboni Johnson is an honor graduate from Middle College High School and plans to attend Rust College in Holly Springs, MS

Wynter Scott is the Salutatorian from Middle College High School and will attend Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO