



## NJDOE News

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### DOE Announces 2008 NJ Rising Scholars Recognition Recipients

Seventy-five New Jersey high school seniors have been recognized as recipients of the 2008 New Jersey Rising Scholars Award, Education Commissioner Lucille E. Davy has announced.

The New Jersey Rising Scholars recognition program honors the academic achievement of high school seniors from diverse backgrounds who are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and who are leaders in their schools and communities.

A list of the 2008 Rising Scholars is attached. The awards ceremony was held on Sunday, November 16, at the Trenton War Memorial.

More than 250 students applied for the recognition awards. Selections were based on the applicants' desire to pursue a post secondary education at an HBCU, their grade point averages and SAT/ACT scores, school and community service activities, leadership abilities, and an essay. New Jersey high school seniors being home schooled, as well as those attending public and private schools, were eligible to apply.

"These 75 recognized students are among our state's best and brightest, and I am proud that they will be representing New Jersey next fall at HBCUs across the country," Commissioner Davy said. "Through self-discipline and determination, they have proven to themselves, their families and their teachers that they have the qualities necessary to achieve success in school and in life."

The honorees received a certificate as well as an opportunity to meet recruiters from colleges and universities participating in the HBCU College Fair. They may also be eligible to receive on-site admissions and scholarship opportunities from selected institutions, have application fees waived and may be eligible to receive one of five \$1,000 HBCU Rising Scholars Fund Scholarships.

The recognition program was created by DOE, the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey (HBCU-CFNJ) and the New Jersey Amistad Commission. The scholarships are made available by HBUC-CFNJ in partnership with the Johnson and Johnson African American Leadership Council and Helping Our Neighbors with Our Resources (H.O.N.O.R.).

### 2008 New Jersey Rising Scholars

#### All NJ Rising Scholars selected are current seniors who meet the following criteria:

1. Attend a New Jersey public school (including Charter Schools) or private school;
2. Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale or a 3.37 or higher on a 4.5 scale.; and,
3. Have obtained a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 900 or above (based on 1600 maximum) or 1350 or above (based on 2400 maximum) OR ACT score of 20 or above.
4. Participate in school activities, community service, and/or employment; and may have received other awards or honors

2008 NJ Rising Scholars (75)			
Last Name	First Name	Student Residence	High School
Acolatse	Esinam	Colonia	Colonia H.S.
Abiye	Heran	West Orange	West Orange H.S.
Alvarez	Stacie	Newark	University H.S. (Newark)
Amendi	Ganiji	Anenel	Colonia H.S.

Anderson	Jesse	East Brunswick	East Brunswick H.S.
Baker	Jolisa	Neptune	Neptune H.S.
Baldwin	Tamika	New Brunswick	New Brunswick H.S.
Barron	Tiffany	Howell	Colts Neck H.S.
Barrow	Jordon	Flanders	Mount Olive H.S. (Flanders)
Berry	Leah	Eatontown	Monmouth Regional H.S. (Tinton Falls)
Butler	Jennifer	Summit	Summit H.S.
Cerat	Robinson	Paterson	International H.S. (Paterson)
Clark	Steven	Bedminster	Bernards H.S. (Bernardsville)
Coleman	Jasmine	Camden	Dr. Charles E. Brimm Medical Arts H.S. (Camden)
Coley	Sinead	Paterson	Passaic Co. Technical Institute (Paterson)
Cowherd	Michael A. Jr.	North Plainfield	Union Catholic Regional H.S. (Scotch Plains)
Cruse	Amber	Mays Landing	Oakcrest H.S. (Mays Landing)
Cummings	Alexander	Camden	Creative Arts H.S. (Camden)
Cummins	Jennifer	Piscataway	Piscataway H.S.
Davis	Sharice	Elizabeth	Elizabeth H.S.
Edwards	Imari	Camden	Dr. Charles E. Brimm Medical Arts H.S. (Camden)
Emore	Ulili	Mickleton	Kingsway Regional H.S. (Woolwich)
Esomonu	Chiamaka	Union	Mount Saint Mary Academy (Watchung)
Evans	Kirstin	Marlton	Cherokee H.S. (Marlton)
Farrar	Lisa	Paterson	Passaic Co. Technical Institute (Paterson)
Freeman	Adam	Union	Union Catholic Regional H.S. (Scotch Plains)
Galimore	Destiny	Eatontown	Monmouth Regional H.S. (Tinton Falls)
Gamero	Franco	Kearny	Kearny H.S.
Golden	Monique	Elizabeth	Elizabeth H.S. Upper Academy
Gorham	Samantha	Irvington	Irvington H.S.
Green	Brian	Neptune	Neptune H.S.
Gunter	Shalisa	Pleasantville	Pleasantville H.S.
Ibeka	Adaeze	Columbus	Northern Burlington Co. Regional H.S. (Columbus)
Jackson	James	Paterson	International H.S. (Paterson)
Joell	Amber	Voorhees	Eastern Regional H.S. (Voorhees)
King	Ciara	Lakewood	Lakewood H.S.
Knowles	Kendra	Neptune	Neptune H.S.
Ladson	Imani	Morristown	Morristown H.S.
Lattimer	Nijhier	Neptune	Neptune H.S.
Lattimore	Noelle	Morristown	Morristown H.S.
Laws	Deirdre	Sicklerville	Winslow Twp H.S. (Atco)

Lewars	Imani	Elizabeth	Elizabeth H.S.
Lopes	Kashon	Irvington	Irvington H.S.
Loran	Talaya	Bordentown	Florence Twp Memorial H.S. (Florence)
Mayers	Clarice	East Orange	East Orange Campus H.S.
McKenzie	Ronisha	Irvington	Irvington H.S.
Meggett	Rashida	Jersey City	Liberty H.S. (Jersey City)
Molson	Jazzmyn	Somerset	Franklin H.S. (Somerset)
Pandya	Shashank	Clifton	Clifton H.S.
Parasher	Sukanya	Hamilton	Trenton Catholic Academy (Hamilton)
Payton	Melanie	Burlington Twp	Burlington Twp H.S.
Pheribo	Lindsey	Galloway	Absegami H.S.
Price	Brandon	Woodbine	Cape May Co. Technical H.S.
Provost	Antonia	Voorhees	Eastern Regional H.S. (Voorhees)
Purvis	Saufeeyah	Asbury Park	Asbury Park H.S.
Reed	Tamika	Hamilton	Steinert H.S. (Hamilton)
Romero	Ruby	Newark	Technology H.S. (Newark)
Samuels	Tahajah	Carteret	Carteret H.S.
Santiago	Melvin	Jersey City	CREATE Charter H.S. (Jersey City)
Scott	Melissa	Summit	Summit H.S.
Scretchen	Ashley	Rahway	Rahway H.S.
Seay	Alexandra	Voorhees	Eastern Regional H.S. (Voorhees)
Staton	Michael	Bordentown	Florence Twp Memorial H.S. (Florence)
Stewart	Michael	Paterson	Rosa Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts (Paterson)
Summerlin	Rahmed	Asbury Park	Asbury Park H.S.
Tacore	Kelly-Ann	Pennsauken	Camden Co. Technical School (Pennsauken)
Thomas	Al-Raheem	Carteret	Carteret H.S.
Venerable	Dana	Brick	Brick Twp H.S.
Ward	Charnaye	Irvington	Irvington H.S.
Washington	Briana	Bayville	Central Regional H.S. (Bayville)
Westbrooks	Nicholas	Neptune	Neptune
Wilcox	Twanesha	New Brunswick	New Brunswick Health Science Technical H.S.
Williams	Akia	Lumberton	Rancocas Valley Regional H.S. (Mt Holly)
Wilson	Chante	Irvington	Irvington H.S.
Young	Asia	Camden	Creative Arts H.S. (Camden)