



RICHMOND HEIGHTS ADVOCATE

Fall 2023

2023 Scholarships Recipients

The Richmond Heights Community Development Corporation (RHDC) was once again privileged to grant scholarships to graduating seniors at a luncheon in June. The RHDC scholarship program, established in 2003, awarded five praiseworthy students \$1,000 each to help defray college expenses. In addition to excelling scholastically, all of the awardees volunteered after school in civic, charitable and leadership activities. The scholarship program is an integral part of the RHDC's mission which includes expanding economic development opportunities, increasing housing opportunities and promoting comprehensive neighborhood revitalization.

Congratulations to Jhania Askew, Iry Martin, Jr., Tije' Scott, Jada Walter and Jaden Walter



Jhania Askew has been accepted to Clark Atlanta University (CAU) and plans to earn a degree in Criminal Justice. Her goal is to enter into Law Enforcement. She is a graduate of Miami Palmetto Senior High and was a member of the Photography Club, Top Teens of America, and No Place for Hate.



Iry Martin, Jr. will attend Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University (FAMU) and plans to earn a degree in Civil Engineering. He desires to "work for a corporation or firm to improve society." He is a graduate of Coral Reef Senior High School and was a member of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence Project, Key Club, Black Student Union, Technology Student Association and The Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering (SECME).



Tije' Scott plans to pursue a degree in Nursing at Keiser University. She is a graduate of Robert Morgan Educational Center and was a member of Jack & Jill of America, Inc., and The Pearl Essence of Pi Delta Omega.



Jaden Walter has been accepted to Florida Atlantic University (FAU), and plans to earn a degree in Sports Medicine & Psychology. He desires to "help athletes pursue their dreams in their best mental and physical state." He is a graduate of Robert Morgan Educational Center and was a member of the Digital Metal Club, and Mark Black Academy.



Jada Walter has been accepted to Clark Atlanta University (CAU) and plans to earn a degree in Biology. She aspires to "assist in the prevention & treatment of disproportionately high diseases such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, sickle cell and colon cancer." She is a graduate of Robert Morgan Educational Center and was a member of the Culinary Club, National Achievers Society, Student African American Club, and Student Body Government.



Apostle Carlos L. Malone Sr. Is Set to Retire After More Than Thirty Years Leading The Dynamic Ministry At The Bethel Church

After more than thirty years leading the dynamic ministry at The Bethel Church, Apostle Carlos L. Malone, Sr. has announced his retirement for February 2024. Shortly after coming to Bethel Malone's leadership was tested with the destruction of the church by the devastating winds of Hurricane Andrew. The young pastor, with the support of the church and the guidance of the Lord, led the rebuilding effort resulting in the iconic church that stands as a majestic landmark in Richmond Heights.

Apostle Malone, with the unwavering support of Elder Pamela Malone, has served this community with dedication and commitment second to none. He is known as an anointed pastor who leads with compassion and discerning wisdom.

Apostle Malone is the Founder / CEO of RHEMA Apostolic International Network (RAIN), an apostolic training network for those who desire to walk

in spiritual authority through wholeness, training, transformation and triumphing through God's kingdom agenda. He is a published author, motivational speaker and entrepreneur. His local eatery, Mr. Jack's Soul On The Go is a favorite for many seeking good quality meal solutions.

Under Apostle Malone's leadership The Bethel Church has grown to national prominence as a ministry for those seeking a better way of life in God for their families, communities, professions, finances and health. For information on retirement activities call the church at 305-235-7423 or visit TBCMiami.org. We wish Apostle Malone and his family much love and continued blessings during this next chapter in his life. Malone is also the founder of The Richmond Heights Community Development Corporation.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: *Julie Robison*



Julie Robison served in the United States Army from October 1980 until her honorable discharge in May 1983. For Robison service to her community did not end with her military service.

Since her enlistment, Julie has dedicated her work to enhancing the lives of veterans, particularly women, their families and caregivers.

For Julie Robison a significant dream was realized with the opening of offices for the South Dade Women's Veteran's Alliance, Inc. Her work with veterans led to Julie's "life's work" with women veterans. Julie Robison founded the South Dade Women's Veterans Alliance (SDWVA) to address the urgent need for coordinated service and resources. In June 2021, SDWVA collaborated with organizations for "Planting Resilience in the Lives of Women Veterans." Now, Julie has created the first and only Women Veteran Center in the history of South Florida, "A Place for Me," A Community Care Facility for Women Veterans providing individual, social, therapeutic, and mental health resources in more than 22,000 square feet. They provide a magnitude of services under one roof to help women veterans heal and grow in a safe and secure environment.

Robison launched the "Women in the Community Supporting Women in Uniform Initiative" during COVID-19 via Zoom. Julie also created a "Hope for Heroes Campaign" to provide food distribution, free mask giveaways, COVID-19 education, and vaccine initiatives. She also enlisted a team of staff and volunteers to serve veterans each year in the "Never Will Forget, Honoring Veterans of War," which recognizes men and women who have fought for our country's freedom. Under Julie's leadership, SDWVA established its 501(c)(3) non-profit organization supporting and providing resources to veterans in the Southern Region of Miami-Dade County, becoming the first Women Veterans Organization in the history of Miami-Dade County. In May 2022, SDWVA led 19 organizations in Miami-Dade County for the Inaugural Women's Veterans Conference. "Common Threads of Military Women."

Julie has lived her commitment to lifelong learning and earned AA and BAS degrees from Miami Dade College, Florida. She graduated with a Master's in Public Administration from Barry University in May 2022. She is currently pursuing a Master's in Leadership at Grand Canyon University with a future passion for a Public Policy doctorate.

The Richmond Heights CDC salutes Julie Robison for her tireless work with women veterans.

South Dade Black History Center to Feature the Art of D'Sean Perry



D'Sean Perry was an amazing athlete, an accomplished artist, a product of Richmond Heights and a fine young man. D'Sean, the son of Happy Perry and Sean D'Frazio Perry was taken away all too soon, less than one year ago, by a senseless act of violence while attending college in Virginia. The loss to this community is enormous. D'Sean Perry's life was influenced by his many connections and affiliations throughout the Richmond Heights and Perrine communities. The South Dade Black History Center located in Bullard Plaza will honor his legacy by featuring a special exhibit of D'Sean's artwork October 28th - November 18th.

D'Sean loved football from his early days with the Richmond-Perrine Giants to his stellar performance at Gulliver Prep, which would take him on to the University of Virginia. He was equally gifted in various forms of art and took great pride in his work. With intense focus and dedication D'Sean enjoyed painting, poetry and rapping as well as playing the piano and guitar. His ability to take abstract ceramic and turn it into a work of art was mesmerizing. The community is encouraged to come out and appreciate the art of D'Sean Emir Perry.



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Our churches make our community strong. The churches of Richmond Heights play a vital role in helping our families and strengthening our faith.

Churches contribute to the stability of a community. We are blessed to have the following churches in and around Richmond Heights:

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Church of the Ascension
Community Bible Baptist
Family Worship Center
Glendale Missionary Baptist
Macedonia C.O.G.I.C.
Martin Memorial A.M.E.
Second Baptist Church
The Bethel Church

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