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I'M A STAR FOUNDATION AWARDS \$17,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOUR OF ITS COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., (August 16, 2021) – Four college-bound I'm A Star Foundation students will head to school with scholarship money donated by generous community partners.

Recipients Myia McLaughlin and Journey Butler were awarded \$5500 each. Robert Jones received \$3500 and Malachi White earned \$2500 in scholarships.

HES Facilities Management donated \$10,000. Education Management and Staffing Solution (ESS) donated \$5,000. And Tonisha Landry, Founder of the Obviously Jordan Scholarship, donated 2,000.

I'm A Star Executive Director Betty Seabrook Burney says she is grateful to the donors for investing in the lives of her STARS. She adds, "As a result of their generosity, I'm A Star was able to provide \$17,000 in scholarships to four deserving students. During the pandemic these servant leaders worked tirelessly to serve their community and their country. I have no doubt that the scholarship recipients will change the world!"

HES Facilities Senior Regional Manager Donald R. Clark says, "HES believes in the education of our students and as such, we are proud to continue our long partnership with Mrs. Burney and The I'm A Star Foundation! It is our privilege to once again show our commitment to I'm A Star, and our well deserving young ladies and gentlemen with a small donation to assist in their extraordinary futures. Congratulations and we can't wait to see what that future holds!"

ESS Regional Manager Anthony Chrzanowski says the company has a fundamental belief in the importance of education. He shares, "It is a true honor to award scholarships to these exceptional students. As evidenced through their incredible work, these individuals have a very bright future ahead of them, and a scholarship donation is our way of investing in that future."

Tonisha Landry, Founder of the *Obviously Jordan* Scholarship, says, "It is truly heartwarming to have been able to create and share Jordan's legacy with young men just like he was. I am excited about the future of these young men and the impact they leave on earth, especially having received amazing guidance from Betty Burney and the I'm A Star program."

Jordan Thorne was an I'm A Star student in college at FAMU when he passed away in a car accident in 2018. More info here: www.imastarfoundation.org/obviouslyjordan

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ABOUT I'M A STAR FOUNDATION

I'm A Star Foundation is a volunteer program that transforms middle and high school students into the next generation of servant leaders. An acronym for "Smart, Talented and Resilient" students, the Foundation draws kids ages 12-18 from schools across Duval County. Students meet on weekends to creatively co-work on solutions to problems affecting their peers. Since its establishment in 2010, the organization has maintained a 100% graduation rate. Founder and Executive Director Betty Seabrook Burney is a former Duval Co. School Board Chairwoman. I'm A Star Foundation students have been featured in various press outlets, including The Huffington Post, ABC7Chicago and The Grio. For more information, please visit www.imastarfoundation.org.