MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Subject: Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators Scholarship Recipients

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators recognizes deserving students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to understanding the needs of the African American community; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators has as its goal to promote, facilitate, and improve the academic performance and achievement of all students, especially those of African American descent; and

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators values the academic, leadership, and community service achievements of some of Montgomery County Public Schools’ most talented African American high school seniors; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County recognizes and honors the outstanding service and contributions of our African American students in our county and our state; now therefore be it

Resolved, That on behalf of the superintendent of schools, staff members, students, and parents/guardians of Montgomery County Public Schools, the members of the Montgomery County Board of Education recognize the winners of this year’s Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators’ Distinguished Scholar, Community Leader Service, Leadership, Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Scholarship, and 2019 Distinguished African American Scholar awards.

The Dr. Frieda K. Lacey Distinguished Scholar Scholarship Award
Racheal Ssentongo, Poolesville High School

The Dr. Judith Docca Community Leader Service Award
Andre Tulloch, Watkins Mill High School
The Mr. Wayne Whigham Leadership Award
Tinsae Deresse, Montgomery Blair High School

The Dr. Christine Handy and Dr. Genevieve Floyd Historically Black Colleges and Universities Award
Nyla Jones, Quince Orchard High School

The Ms. Maisha O. Brown Scholarship Award
Sydney Johnson, Walt Whitman High School

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Attachment
Montgomery County Alliance of Black School Educators
2019 Distinguished African American Scholar Awards

Kevin Awoufack, Wheaton High School
Bijou Barry, Col. Zadok Magruder High School
Zoe Berry, Richard Montgomery High School
Tinsae Deresse, Montgomery Blair High School
Brinda de Tchappi, Seneca Valley High School
Ines Donfack, Rockville High School
Christine Dzikunu, Gaithersburg High School
Sydney Johnson, Walt Whitman High School
Nyla Jones, Quince Orchard High School
Fatima Koroma, Sherwood High School
Nadia Kuffar, The John L. Gildner Regional Institute for Children
   and Adolescents
Alice Kukapa, Damascus High School
Haja Kumalah, John F. Kennedy High School
Denise Kyeremeh, Northwest High School
Tiruu Leyew, Paint Branch High School
Kayla Malone, Montgomery Blair High School
Naa'Oli Mamie, Springbrook High School
Yonathan Mesfin, Walter Johnson High School
Kuburat Oladiran, Northwood High School
Josephine Oshagbemi, Watkins Mill High School
Sophia Saidi, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School
Joanne Sienche, James Hubert Blake High School
Racheal Ssentongo, Poolesville High School
Andre Tulloch, Watkins Mill High School
Benoni Vainqueur, Thomas Edison High School of Technology/Wheaton High School
Gabrielle Whitehurst, Albert Einstein High School
Sienna Williams, Clarksburg High School
Hannah Wodajo, Winston Churchill High School
Gelila Yimam, Thomas S. Wootton High School