

Meet RCM's 2016-17 Scholars

This spring, we received 125 very strong applications from Milwaukee high school seniors. After a round of interviews, the committee extended financial support and mentoring to four new scholars:



Guillermo Guerrero

High School: Riverside University High School

College: UW-Milwaukee

Anticipated Major: Microbiology

A volunteer at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital,

Guillermo is passionate about helping others and pursuing his career choice of Medical Microbiology Bacteriology with a double major in Foreign Linguistics and Literature.



Christine Little

High School: Casimir Pulaski High School

College: Northland College

Major: Environmental Science

Christine's goal is to become an environmental scientist and a traveling wildlife photographer. Christine is determined to use her college education to help her create a plan that will allow future generations to protect our environment.



Alvaro Rodriguez

High School: Milwaukee High School of the Arts

College: Carroll University

Major: Music Therapy

As an active volunteer at the UMOS Latino Resource Center and a talented musician, Alvaro is determined to help people the best way he knows how through music as a future music therapist.



Zoua Pa Yang

High School: Hmong American Peace Academy

College: Mount Mary University

Major: Art Therapy

After completing two internships in high school at the Milwaukee Art Museum, Zoua Pa found her passion in art. Zoua Pa hopes to create more peace in the world by soothing people and their emotions through art as an aspiring art therapist.

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Aaliyah Rodgers

UW-Madison, Nursing

Although she found her first year in the nursing program to be quite difficult, Aaliyah was determined to succeed. Instead of viewing this year as a stumbling block, she saw it as a stepping stone that helped her move closer to accomplishing her dreams.

The committee was also pleased to continue support for 17 other returning scholars. They are:



Mayra Alaniz

Georgetown University,

Social Welfare/Public Policy/Pre-Law

Mayra had the opportunity to study abroad in Seville, Spain and had the chance to travel to Madrid, Barcelona, Morocco, Italy, France, Greece and Portugal! This year she plans to devote her time to prepare for graduation and working in a social, governmental or business organization.



Daniela Cortes

Columbia College Chicago, Cinema Arts & Science

This year Dani created her first documentary, which was about immigration and Dreamers in Milwaukee. Dani is passionate for telling the stories of the voiceless through her filmmaking.



Armonie Dotson

UW-Madison, Biology

Armonie blossomed after facing several challenges last year. She is confident that her ability to start what she finished and work through adversities has made her a stronger individual and better Badger.



Brandon Holmes

UW-Oshkosh, Political Science/History

Brandon was a Model UN delegate again this year and is very interested in UN Peacekeeping efforts. Through the RCM Community Trust's AD Robertson Fund, Brandon was able to attend the United Nations Association-USA annual meeting in Washington, DC in June for the second time.



Deja' Hoskin

UW-Whitewater, Criminal Justice

Deja' had the great opportunity to intern with the Milwaukee Justice Center to help low-income people in the court system. Deja' is now looking into her next steps in pursuit to become a lawyer.

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Ronisha Howard

UW-Oshkosh, Sociology

This year Roni changed her major to social work and she couldn't be happier. She has learned a lot about dealing with others on an emotional, mental and physical level. After graduation Roni plans on pursuing her Masters Degree.



Amy Lavender

UW-Madison

Human Development and Family Studies

With her new declared major, Amy was able to explore different career options and became more involved with children through volunteer and employment experiences.



Marquise Mays

Marquise is busy on campus serving as the President of the Wisconsin Black Student Union. He had the opportunity to present his research on Black Males in Higher Education in Kingston, Jamaica.



Dah Dah Poe

Alverno College, Nursing

Dah Dah faced several challenges during her first year of college including time management, and focusing on her studies. She said that growing up in a refugee camp in Thailand for the first 8 years of her life has prepared for any challenge life gives her.



Jocelyn Rocha

Alverno College, Nursing

Jocelyn had a busy school year balancing her academics while working as a CNA. She used tutors on campus to help her in math and science as she continues on the path to be a future nurse.



Liliana Samudio

Alverno College, Music Therapy

Liliana had a busy first year of college between juggling tennis, music lessons, homework and a job. This year she is striving for more balance and to focus on her academics.



Aniyah Stubblefield

Mount Mary College, Psychology

With help from her RCM mentors, family and friends, Aniyah achieved a better balance between school, work and her personal life. She plans to start a new volunteer experience this year and devote herself to live a healthier and more organized life.



Destiny Thomas

UW-Whitewater,

Forensic Science, Criminal Justice

Last year Destiny had the great opportunity to travel to South Africa for a class. She came back with a positive outlook on the school year and was able to get an internship at the Whitewater Police Department.



Shawn Turner

Marquette University, Engineering

Shawn quickly became very active on campus his first year by becoming the Secretary of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council and a member of the National Society of Black Engineers. Shawn is excited to see what next year will bring.



Nhia Vang

UW-Madison, Accounting

Nhia adapted well to the fast-paced, big school environment of UW-Madison. This year Nhia hopes to build a network of study groups for his classmates.



Kelsey Wilkerson

UW-Madison, Textile & Fashion Design

This year Kelsey had an exciting opportunity to travel to China and that experience strengthened his passion for Textile & Fashion Design. Kelsey is very excited about this academic year and what garments and accessories he will produce.



Andrew Zuniga

Northern Michigan, Sociology

Andrew experienced many bumps in the road this year. He was able to get through them and ended up doing pretty well. With his new found knowledge on handling stress better, Andrew is optimistic that this semester will bring great accomplishments. 🌟

Special thanks to all of our outstanding RCM Scholarship Committee members and mentors for making this program possible!