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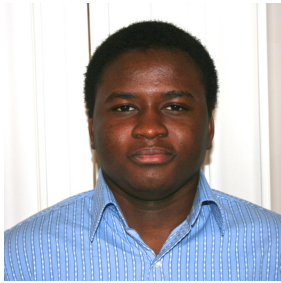
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## **Five Area High School Students and One Collegian Named as 2014 Area Kenneth L. Howard Scholars**

**Columbus, OH** -- The Columbus Kappa Foundation, the philanthropic arm of The Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. is pleased to announce the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund (KLHESF) awardees. The five high school division recipients are: 1.) Mohamed Turay, Whetstone High School; 2.) Kyle Eudell, Dublin Jerome High School; 3.) Alex Fisher, Westerville Central High School; 4.) Jaevon J. Gillispie, Brookhaven High School; and 5.) Vincent Johns Jr. of the Charles School at Ohio Dominican College. The only collegian awardee is Charles Gordon from The Ohio State University.

All scholarship recipients will be honored at the annual Kenneth L. Howard scholarship brunch that will be held on **Saturday, May 10, 2014** in the Cardinal Health Ballroom of the Lincoln Theater. The brunch will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. OSU Assistant Head Coach for Offense/running backs coach Stan Drayton will deliver the keynote address. Drayton himself is a 1992 initiate of the Nu Zeta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Allegheny University (PA). This year's awards bring the total for all scholarships awarded to area high school and college students by the KLHESF and Columbus Kappa Foundation to **\$112,500.00** since 1987.

**Scholarship Awardee Profiles**



Mohamed Turay has applied locally to both Otterbein College and Ohio State University. He will attend Otterbein College in the Fall and Mohamed plans to major in nursing. While at Whetstone H.S., Mohamed compiled a 3.979 accumulative GPA and scored a 23 on the ACT. Mr. Turay has taken three advanced placement classes: AP Calculus, AP Chemistry and AP US Government in addition to studying four years of French. Volunteer activities include serving as a student volunteer at the Wexner Medical Center (OSU) from 3/2012 - 8/2012 and 12/2013 - 7/2013 where he worked approximately 25 hours a week during the summer breaks. He served over 40 hours with the Columbus City Schools Summer program for children with multiple disabilities at Colerain Elementary school. He is a member of the National Honor Society and his interest and hobbies includes playing soccer.



Kyle J. Eudell has applied to Miami University, Howard University, The Ohio State University, the University of Kentucky and Florida State University. He will attend either the University of Kentucky or Florida State University in the Fall and will major in business finance. Locally, Mr. Eudell attends Dublin Jerome High School and carries a 3.639 accumulative grade point average in addition to playing football and being a team captain and class leader on the varsity team. He is a member of the Dublin Jerome National Honor Society, and was the Ironman award winner during his 10th grade year and he has been a four year letterman. His academic transcript boast a wide array of both AP (U.S. Gov.t and U.S. History) and IB (Psychology and Spanish) courses. He scored a 23 on his ACT.



Jaevon J. Gillispie has applied to The University of Akron, The Ohio State University, Cleveland State University, Ohio University and the University of Dayton. Four of the five schools have accepted him as of press time. He will attend the University of Akron and he will major in

mechanical engineering. Mr. Gillispie attends Brookhaven High School and while there he played lacrosse and served as a captain for the club sport during the past two seasons. He is a member of the National Honor Society, STEM club, and chess club. Like many of his KLHESF peers, Mr. Gillispie applied himself in several AP classes, having taken AP Biology, AP Calculus and AP English Literature and Composition. He currently maintains a 3.239 accumulative grade point average and he scored a 23 on his ACT exam.



Alexander Fisher has applied to Ohio University, Bowling Green State University, East Stroudsburg University, and the University of Akron. He will attend college in the fall at East Stroudsburg University and Alex will major in political science with a goal to ultimately attend and study law in law school. Locally, Mr. Fisher attends Westerville Central High School. He was an all district football player and all conference during his last two seasons. Academically, Alexander has maintained a 2.678 grade point average. His sole participation in his school's AP program was thru AP US Govt. Mr. Fisher scored a 21 on the ACT and he was selected for inclusion in the Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc.'s Guide Right Program.



Vincent Johns Jr. is a dually enrolled student at The Charles School early college program and a student at Ohio Dominican University. In May of 2014, he will secure a high school diploma and an associates degree in cross disciplinary studies for pre-engineering. Mr. Johns has maintained a 3.5 accumulative grade point average and has had both internships (Tech Corps Ohio, Elford Construction) and leadership roles in extra-curricular organizations (National Society of Black Engineers: Region IV Junior Executive Board member and the Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity's Guide Right program). Vincent has applied and been accepted to The Ohio State University, were he will enroll in the Fall of 2014 and study to become an engineer. Vincent scored a 22 on the ACT.



Charles E. Gordon, Jr. is a mechanical engineering student at The Ohio State University. He is a native of Akron, OH and has been actively involved with the National Society of Black Engineers as a mentor while on campus. Other activities include being a project lead for the OSU Entrepreneurship. Additionally, Gordon is a 2011 initiate of the Zeta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity Inc. on campus and served as the Polemarch (president) during the 2012-13 academic year. Community service activities include volunteering for the Columbus Public Schools Special Olympics competition and serving for the annual National Kidney Foundation kidney walk during each of the past three years. Gordon also works part-time (approximately 25 hours a week at an AT&T store) to put himself through school and has maintained a 2.91 grade point average despite his heavy academic load, activities, community engagement and fraternal life.

The Annual KLHESF Brunch is open to the public. Tickets for the Saturday, May 10, 2014 event are \$25.00 in advance, and can be secured by contacting KLHESF Brunch ticket chair Nate Jordan by calling 515-0329.

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