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NNRHA Awards \$37,000 in Scholarships

On May 24, 2016, the Newport News Redevelopment and Housing Authority held its 36th annual Scholarship Banquet at the Downing Gross Cultural Arts Center in Newport News. The keynote speaker was Newport News Sheriff Gabe Morgan, who pledged a donation in honor of his Mother for 2017.

The Authority's Scholarship Program began in 1980 with a \$1,000 Authority funded scholarship. This year 39 corporate and individual sponsors contributed over \$37,000 to the scholarship fund. The event recognized the 14 Authority high school seniors and adults receiving academic scholarships.

Scholarship recipients must be residents of public housing or participants in the Housing Choice Voucher program. While the majority of those receiving scholarships are graduating high school seniors, students already enrolled in a post secondary education program and some adults choosing to further their educations also received scholarships.

Karen Wilds, Executive Director of the Authority said, "We are very indebted to all the individuals and businesses supporting our residents; the banquet gave us all an opportunity to show how proud we are of these students who have worked so hard."

