

CHARTING CAREERS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS NIGHT CELEBRATED IN-PERSON

Dr. Mamie Parker highlights the event as Keynote Speaker

Charting Careers held its annual scholarships and awards dinner at Quiet Waters Park on May 19, 2021 in an outside celebration just as COVID restrictions were lifted. The organization honored scholars and families who are centered in the Charting Careers Community of mentoring, college & career readiness, and family partnership along with their Charting Careers mentors, tutors, staff, board members, and the Annapolis community.

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“This past year has been challenging for parents, caregivers, teachers, and most impacted our students/scholars. This underscores the importance of this evening. We have scholars who have excelled and persevered despite circumstances and challenges,” said Leon Thomas, III, Director of College and Career Readiness.

During the dinner event (photos included below):

- Over \$6,000 given in college scholarships! Three seniors and one current college student were each awarded \$1,500
- Over 30 scholars and two mentors received distinguished awards
- The City of Annapolis presented citations to scholars and mentors

Dr. Mamie Parker captivated the audience as the Keynote Speaker. Dr. Parker is an international public speaker; success coach; author; and a professional fish and wildlife biologist, who served as **the first African American regional director for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**. Dr. Parker used a nursery rhyme favorite, “Row Row Row Your Boat” to highlight the importance of teamwork. She presented an analogy of why geese fly in formation to express how crucial it is for the community to work together to make change. Dr. Parker concluded her motivating keynote speech with challenging attendees to think of how vigilant a spider is at building its web no matter where it lands and how as individuals they have to do the same.

(Read more about Dr. Parker: <https://mamieparker.com/about/>)

Dr. Erin Snell, Executive Director of Charting Careers said at the event, “We are so proud of scholars and their families, and grateful for our staff, volunteers, donors, and Board for all they do for this community.”

Note: Charting Careers is currently recruiting mentors - BIPOC male mentors / Spanish-speaking mentors are especially needed! Potential mentors can apply here: <https://ChartingCareers.org/mentor>

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One of four scholars, Annapolis High Senior, Malcolm Leigh, receives Annapolis City Citation presented by Lyn Farrow, City of Annapolis, and a \$1,500 Career/College Scholarship presented by Richard Van Dyke, Charting Careers Board President.

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