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Press Release

MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation Students Awarded College Scholarships

Jacksonville, Fla., June 23, 2011- The MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation recently awarded 18 students scholarships for college, totaling $60,000. Individual scholarship amounts ranged from $1,000 - $8,000. Since its inception in 1997, MWKF (in partnership with other organizations including Take Stock in Children) has awarded over $500,000 of scholarship money to MWKF students.

Three Foundation scholarships of $5,000 each were awarded to the following students:

- **Benzell Lang** (10th Grade, Paxon School of Advanced Studies): **George M. Sopher Student Athlete of the Year**
- **Deshawn "Scotty" Brown** (2011 graduate, Robert E. Lee High School, attending Tallahassee Community College): **Rick Murray "Don't Quit" Scholarship**
- **Keanna Bell** (2011 graduate, Stanton College Preparatory High School, attending Florida Atlantic University): **Charlie Rice "Fire Up" Scholarship**

Keanna Bell and Scotty Brown also received $8,000 scholarships from the **Zoe Gaudet Scholarship Fund** at the Community Foundation.

Take Stock in Children Scholarships: Esperanza Jointer (8th Grade, James Weldon Johnson) and Devon James (8th grade Kirby Smith).

Extra Effort Scholarship winners received $1000 in scholarship money. They are: Ashton Scott (11th grade, Robert E. Lee), Bernard Thomas (7th grade, John E. Ford K-8) , Tatiyana Roberts (8th grade, John E. Ford K-8), Trevonti Scott (8th grade, Kirby Smith), Shavonna Davis (6th grade, John E. Ford K-8), Sylver White (6th grade, Kirby Smith), Miskiya Donovan(7th grade, John E. Ford K-8), Jervonnie Moody (9th grade, Robert E. Lee), Devon James (8th grade, Kirby Smith), Marquise Brown (9th grade, Paxon School for Advanced Studies), Rudolph McSwain (8th grade, John E. Ford K-8), Keyondra Merritt (7th grade, Mathew Gilbert), Fred Radford (9th grade, Wolfson) Mervin Nicholas (8th grade, Kirby Smith), Savoux Alexander (7th grade, John E. Ford K-8). Extra Effort scholarship winners were nominated for putting forth extra effort in their scholastic achievements, community involvement and athletic endeavors.

All scholarship award winners will be recognized during the 15th Annual MaliVai Washington Golf & Tennis Gala with Merrill Lynch and Bank of America serving as title sponsors. The Merrill Lynch /Bank of America Golf & Tennis Gala will be held September 12th & 13th in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

The mission of the MaliVai Washington Kids Foundation is to develop champions in classrooms, on tennis courts and throughout communities.

For more information about MWKF, its signature gala and the awarded scholarships, please visit
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