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Record Number of Seniors to Receive Scholarship for College

Jacksonville, FL— Empowerment Resources, Inc. will celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of seven graduating seniors at the 9th Annual Journey Into Womanhood (JIW) Celebration and Scholarship Banquet. The event will take place on Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m., at the Jacksonville Marriott. Tickets are \$40 each.

The theme of this year's banquet, *Our Diamonds Sparkle A Cut Above the Rest* will feature talent performances by JIW honorees, a keynote presentation from Jennifer Chapman, Director of Public Affairs for Fidelity Investments and CEO of Mystical Basket, LLC, and special recognition for the seven JIW graduates. The students will also present their social media campaign around healthy living with the Healthy E-*Apprentice* project. The goal of this project was to promote the importance of eating healthy and incorporating physical activity into your daily lives with the use of a video hosted on social media outlets. Melanie Lawson, Anchor/Reporter for Channel 4 "The Morning Show", will serve as mistress of ceremonies.

"This has been a historical year for the JIW Program, said Elexia Coleman-Moss, executive director of Empowerment Resources. "I am honored to recognize seven extraordinary young ladies who are continuing their journey to college."

JIW alumna Jasmine Harris will return to the organization to present a special scholarship to a deserving student. The scholarship, funded by Jasmine will honor an individual who has a strong belief and dedication to being a servant first and then making a cognizant decision to lead others.

For tickets or more information about the JIW program, please call 904-268-8287 or log onto empowermentresourcesinc.org.

About Empowerment Resources

Since 2002, Empowerment Resources, Inc., a private 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, has empowered more than 500 youth and adults in Duval and surrounding counties through its signature programs, Journey Into Womanhood, Life Skills Workshops and Parenting Education Seminars and Coaching. Our programs help meet the needs of the community by exposing families to valuable community resources.

Journey Into Womanhood™ is a rites of passage program for girls ages 9-17, that focuses on their healthy transition from girl to young woman. It is facilitated by a dedicated team of experienced leaders and volunteers who help participants cultivate their self-awareness, develop leadership skills and put them on the path to positively impact the communities in which they live. Throughout the program year, participants engage in enrichment field trips, interactive workshops and community service projects.

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