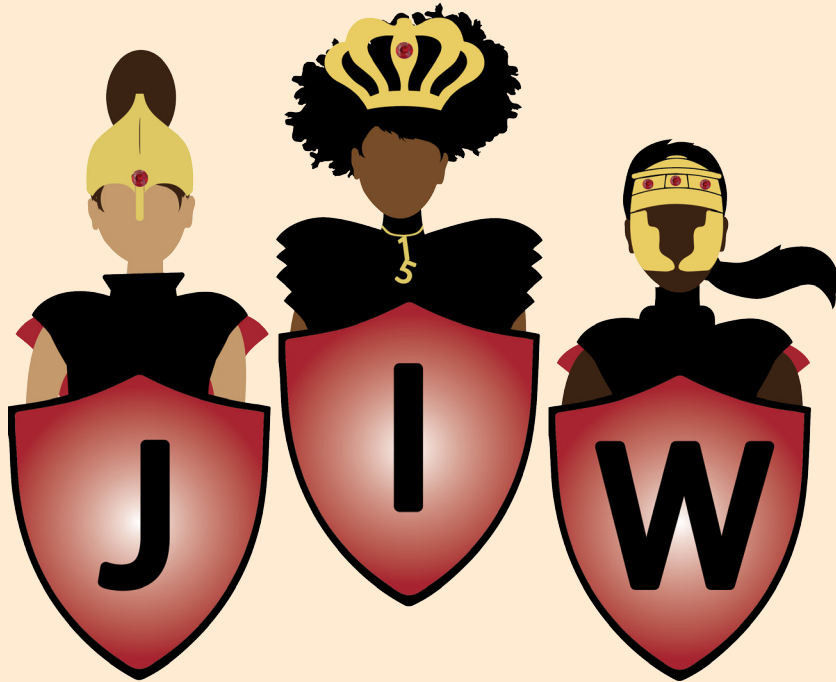


Empowerment Resources Inc.

15th Annual

Journey Into Womanhood Awards Celebration



Warrior Women and Girls: Worth More Than Rubies



Thursday, May 16, 2019

The River Club





5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Welcome Warriors to the 15th Annual Journey Into Womanhood (JIW) Awards Celebration. This evening, you'll meet our 2019 JIW program participants as well as our high school senior, who is graduating from the JIW program, with plans to attend college in the fall. We are also honoring nine warrior women who are inspired to make a difference in our community.

Last summer, I reflected on how remarkable it is that we were entering our 15th year for the Awards Celebration. It was also during that time that one of beloved core volunteers was putting on her warrior gear to fight an illness. For the first time, I met a real warrior who through it all, kept a big smile on her face and a sense of humor. I also reflected on women in our community who are everyday warriors, as well as women who have supported us throughout this journey. Thus, the theme for this year's Celebration, Warrior Women.

When JIW started 15 years ago, my short-term goal was to create a summer program to fill in a gap for teen girls. JIW has exceeded my expectations. A few program accomplishments include:

-  38 JIW graduates
-  Average time for a girl to participate in the program is six years
-  Awarded \$25,000 in scholarships
-  75% of JIW alumnae return to give their time or treasure

Because of the generosity of individuals and community organizations, Empowerment Resources and our family of programs are making an impact in the lives of youth and families. We appreciate our volunteers for making the JIW program what it is today and JIW parents and caregivers, who always step up to provide support. Thank you to our donors and corporate sponsors for supporting this critical work and sowing into the lives of youth in our community.

We appreciate your presence today. Enjoy the program.

With gratitude,

Elexia Coleman-Moss
Founder and Executive Director

In memory of our fallen warriors,
Carissa Flournoy, Kecia Love, Soloman Stanford,
Jacquelyn Lowe and Tamika S. Stewart.
"Those who touch our lives will stay in our hearts forever."



Our History

Empowerment Resources Inc. (ERI) is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, established in 2002. Our mission is to make children and their families stronger and empower them to become successful leaders in the community today, for a better tomorrow. We rely on volunteers to run the organization. Our signature programs include Journey Into Womanhood SM, Life Skills Workshops for teen boys and girls, and Parenting Education Seminars. ERI has served more than 1,200 youth and families with programs and services that positively impact the whole family.

Since 2003, the Journey Into Womanhood (JIW) SM program has impacted the lives of more than 175 young ladies and families and has awarded youth more than \$22,000 in scholarships. A unique and inspiring program, this 25-week “rites-of-passage” initiative for girls ages 9-17 focuses on their healthy transition from girl to young woman. It addresses the real issues youth are faced with today. JIW is facilitated by 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. The young ladies engage in journal writing, community service projects and enrichment trips. To date, 38 girls have graduated from the program and high school, with 94% of alumnae attending college and as of 2018, 18 have graduated with bachelor’s degree.

The Journey Into Womanhood program focuses on gaining the understanding of twelve vital aspects of life including:

The Value of SELF

Understanding the need to love oneself

Drugs and Alcohol

Preventing the effects of drug and alcohol abuse

Concepts of Beauty

Caring for self, defining beauty, and personal hygiene

A is for Academics

Learning proper study habits, college preparation, and public speaking

Health and Fitness

The importance of exercise and maintaining a healthy lifestyle

Relationships and Social Skills

Respecting elders, understanding friendships, and developing social skills

Our Society and Social Constructs

Understanding racism and prejudice, and learning to respect other cultures

Food and Nutrition

Learning healthy eating habits and selecting nutritious foods

Employment and Career Skills

Preparing a resume and learning how to get the career you want

Community Building

Hands-on learning is the importance of volunteering

Abstinence Plus and STD Prevention

Learning the pros of waiting, and how to avoid risky behavior

Investments and Savings

Understanding the difference and importance between the two

2018 - 2019 Leadership

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Jennie Oswald, MBiochem
Lakeisha Wells-Palmer, MEd
Veronica Ward, MBA

JIW Youth Advisory Council

Deyona Burton
Nikayla Byirt
Tamia Foston
Dahjia Hudson
Celena Walker



Program of Events

Welcome

Angela Spears

Entrance of Young Ladies

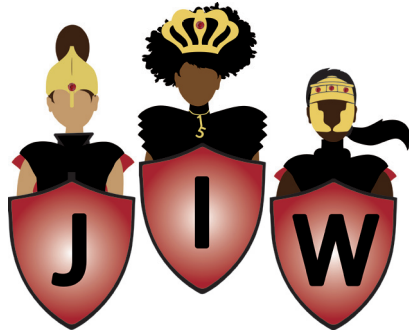
Dinner

Warrior Women Celebration

Talent Showcase

Awards and Scholarships

Elexia Coleman Moss



Emcee

Angela is president of Angela Spears Communication, a marketing, public relations and community engagement company. She is utilizing her more than 20 years of broadcasting and public relations experience to focus on "The Power of Your Voice."



She has previously served as public relations senior executive for the Clay County Sheriff's Office and community engagement officer and special assistant to former Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown.

She began her professional career in the television industry. Angela was an anchor/reporter for the NBC/ABC affiliate in Jacksonville. She reported for the morning show and anchored the noon show. She also worked for the CBS affiliate in Waco, Texas as an anchor/reporter.

In her spare time, Angela likes to read, exercise, listen to music and shop! She is a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Angela also hosts a weekly talk radio show, Jax Engage with Angela Spears, on The Victory Station AM 1360/FM 94.7.

Follow the conversation online and share your photos!

Use #EmpowermentJax and #JIW

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Warrior Women Honorees

Anna Lopez Bresche

Certified Public Accountant and Jacksonville City Council At-Large Group 1

"I've come to believe that each of us has a personal calling that's as unique as a fingerprint – and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service, working hard, and also allowing the energy of the universe to lead you." - Oprah Winfrey

Natasha Clayton

Non-Profit Leader and Educator

"If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present... gratefully." - Maya Angelou

Daphne Colbert

Project Manager Business Development, City of Jacksonville

"Your expression is the most important thing you wear."



Warrior Women Honorees

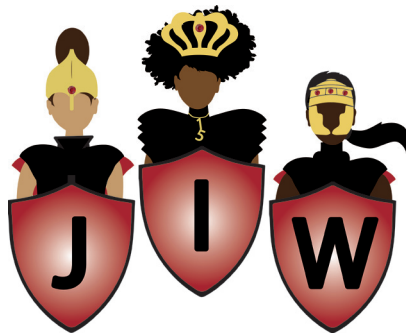


Audrey Gibson

*Florida State Senator - District 6 and
Senate Democratic Minority Leader*

"Nothing will ever happen, unless you do it."

- Audrey Gibson



Jasmine Johnson

*Personal Brand Strategist and
Founder of The J. Chanelle Group*

"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure... We are all meant to shine, as children do. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same."

- Marianne Williamson



*Arlene and Jerome McCoggle of
Studio Fear*

*Business Owners and Certified Zumba
Instructors*

"There is no exercise better for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up!"



*Jacqui Lowe (In Loving Memory)
Public Relations Professional*

Jacqui embodied the spirit of "Hakuna Matata", the Swahili phrase roughly translated to "no troubles"- The Lion King



*Debbie Moreland
Entrepreneur and Business Owner*

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

- Maya Angelou"



*Sylvia Woodberry
Social Services Manager*

"Don't settle for average. Bring your best to the moment. Then, whether it fails or succeeds, at least you know you gave all you had. We need to live the best that's in us." - Angela Bassett.



2018-2019 Highlights



September 2018: Jacksonville Jaguars Honor Rows Football Game
JW girls and parents cheered on the Jacksonville Jaguars with their 31-20 victory over the New England Patriots! In order to attend the game, the girls had to complete several tasks including, goal setting and being prepared for JW meetings. The Jacksonville Jaguars Honor Rows program is a nationally recognized program that uses seats at Jaguar home games as an incentive to encourage children and youth to set and achieve ambitious, but realistic goals. Youth must be between the ages of 9 and 17 to earn a seat to the game, and do not have to be an A-B honor roll student to participate. This is the JW program's 11th year participating in the program.

October 2018: Trip to Jacksonville Public Library

JW girls visited the Main Public Library where they explored and learned about the wonderful services and resources the Jax Library has to offer. They also participated in hands on learning at the Jax Makerspace where they learned 3D printing and had the opportunity to create art. The day ended with a tour of the art museum inside the library.

November 2018: Civic Engagement

The National Council of Negro Women taught JW about voting and how elections could change policies for years to come. They also participated in a mock election and discussed how they could influence decisions that directly affect them in their lives. NCNW also hosted a voter information seminar for the parents so they would be educated on candidates and local issues.

December 2018: Cardboard City and Volunteer Project

In the spirit of giving, JW volunteered with Family Promise, a nonprofit that assists homeless and displaced families find permanent housing. At Cardboard City, the girls learned what it's like with live without a home and experienced the challenges in seeking assistance in their social services maze. JW also shared holiday cheer to the youth of Oakland Terrace Apartments and families of Family Promise on the East Side. The community center was transformed with holiday decorations and the children enjoyed arts and crafts led by the JW girls. Holiday music filled the air as they also played games over smiles and laughter.



January 2019: Team Building

Promoting sisterhood and life skills, JW explored ways to problem-solve as a team and have good communication skills. JW girls went to Surge Adventure Park as a group mentor outing and participated in team-building exercises to foster camaraderie.

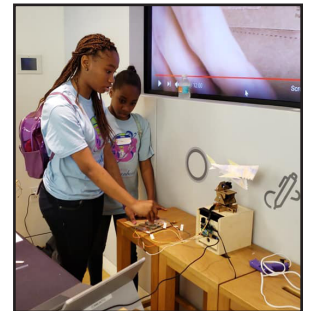
February 2019: Curls and Convo

By popular demand, JW in collaboration with Mygani, LLC, presented Curls and Convo, a workshop, exhibition, and discussion about hair care. Participants also heard from Camille Friend, the lead hair stylist from the movie "Black Panther." Curls and Convo instilled the value of self-confidence in women and girls of color, regardless of their hair texture or skin complexion.

March 2019: Careers and Visit to Microsoft Store

The Jax Chamber Professional Women's Council talked to the girls about their education and career paths. They offered advice and taught business etiquette. The girls were able to learn about possible careers and network with the PWC.

Also during the month of March, the JW girls had the chance to advance their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) skills, by building a shark robot at the Microsoft Store. They also learned how STEM careers can help make a difference. This trip was made possible by partnering with Junior Achievement of North Florida JAGirls.



April 2019: Crime Prevention Youth Summit

Spearheaded by the Youth Advisory Council and the Speak On It Committee, JW launched a nonviolent and crime prevention awareness social media campaign. Over the course of four months, JW toured the Duval County Courthouse and Teen Court, determined ways to diffuse conflict, and explored alternatives to wrongdoing. This culminated in a partnership with the Urban League to have a Youth Summit to share and learn more ways to prevent crime. The Youth Summit highlighted Sweet Christi's, a teen entrepreneur's company that sells bath products, and Ebony Payne-English who taught a workshop encouraging youth to express their emotions through poetry.



2018-2019 Year in Review

2018

- August 25 JIW Kick Off Game Day
- September 15 "A" is for Academics and Goal Setting
- September 16 Jacksonville Jaguars Honor Rows Football Game
- September 29 Value of Self and Self Esteem Building
- October 13 STEAM at Jax Public Library (Enrichment Trip)
- October 24 Drug and Alcohol Prevention and Awareness
- November 3 Civic Engagement
- November 16 Cardboard City (Group Community Service Project)
- November 17 Healthy Food and Nutrition
- December 1 Volunteer Project at Oakland Terrace Apartments



2019

- January 4 Surge Adventure Park (Mentor Outing)
- January 12 Communication and Problem Solving
- January 26 Healthy Relationships
- February 9 Mental Health
- February 23 Curls and Convo (Enrichment Trip)
- March 9 Careers and College Readiness
- March 30 STEM at Microsoft Store (Enrichment Trip)
- April 13 Conflict Resolution
- April 27 Crime Prevention Youth Summit
- May 11 Etiquette



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www.EmpowermentResourcesInc.org
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Wish List

- Monetary Donations
- Corporate Sponsorship
- Equipment (laptop and portable karaoke machine)
- Supplies (journals, pens, day-planners, arts and crafts supplies)
- Gift cards
- Postage Stamps
- Printer Ink Cartridges (HP 950XL/951)

Volunteer Opportunities

- Mentoring
- Tutorial in reading, writing, science, math, history
- Computer training and/or instruction
- Marketing and Communications
- The Arts: music, dance, drama, photography and filmmaking
- Guest speakers
- Advisory Council Member
- Administrative, mailings and phone calls



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Empowerment Resources Inc. would like to acknowledge and thank the following companies and people for their ongoing support. Without your support, our program would not be as successful.

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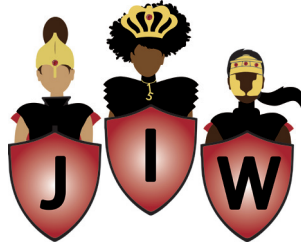
And to all other friends, volunteers and supporters ~ thank you!



Meet Our Girls

Class of 2018-2019

Empowerment
Resources, Inc.



We see the warrior in every woman and girl.

We asked each JIW girl, "What makes you a warrior?"



Makayla Artis

15 years old | 9th Grade
Douglas Anderson School of the Arts

Interests/Hobbies: Orchestra, Reading, Shopping and Hanging out with friends.

Motto: "I'm not here to be average. I'm here to be the best."

Goals: After graduating high school, I plan to attend a four-year college.

I work very hard to achieve my goals.



Deyona Burton

16 years old | 10th Grade
Robert E. Lee High School

Interests/Hobbies: Tennis, Public Speaking, Drawing, Journaling and Reading

Motto: "Let her rest for when she wakes she will move mountains."

Goals: Attend undergraduate school at Florida State University and go to graduate school at an Ivy league university, then settle down in Jacksonville as I work on my political platform.

I empower those who don't have a voice with my civic engagement.



Leila Adams

16 years old | 10th Grade
Paxon School for Advanced Studies

Interests/Hobbies: Swimming, Writing Poems and Songs and Shopping.

Motto: "Self love is the best love."

Goals: Attend college and become a traveling veterinarian.

Speaking up when something is wrong and becoming a better person in regards to my attitude.



Miracle Blanchard

12 years old | 7th Grade
Lake Shore Middle School

Interests/Hobbies: Basketball, Track and Field and Acting.

Motto: "Strive for what you want."

Goals: Pursue a career in either acting or writing.

I like to help and encourage others.



Leidah Damas

11 years old | 5th Grade
Resurrection Catholic School

Interests/Hobbies: Gymnastics, Soccer, Cheerleading, Writing, and Reading

Motto: "Step out of the history that is holding you back. Step into the new story you are willing to create." Oprah Winfrey

Goals: I plan to attend college and get a degree in technology.

My personality and that I won't let anyone stop me from reaching my goals.





Skylar Davis
12 years old | 6th Grade
LaVilla School of the Arts

Interests/Hobbies: Playing the violin and Reading books

Motto: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

Goals: I plan to go to medical school and practice as a cardiothoracic (heart and lung) surgeon.

I have learned that no matter how hard things may be, you still have to go through with it to finish the goal.



Tamia Foster
16 years old | 6th Grade
First Coast Christian

Interests/Hobbies: Dancing, Running, Drawing and a Love of shoes

Motto: "If you don't like something change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

Goals: I plan to attend a four-year college and become an interior designer.

I have strength, courage, and determination.



Shaniya Harris
15 years old | 9th Grade
First Coast High School

Interests/Hobbies: Cheer, Dance, Softball and Volleyball

Motto: "I need to see my own beauty and to continue to be reminded that I am enough, that I am worthy of love without effort, that I am beautiful..." Tracee Ellis Ross

Goals: I plan to attend a four-year college.

I am unique, strong, beautiful, and independent.



Kianna Holloway
15 years old | 9th Grade
Englewood High School

Interests/Hobbies: Writing, Planning, Helping others, Traveling and Fashion

Motto: The devil whispered in my ear, "You're not strong enough to withstand the storm." Today I whispered in the devil's ear, "I am a child of God, a woman of faith, a warrior of Christ. I AM THE STORM."

Goals: After high school, I plan on attending college to major in journalism. I also plan on doing lots of traveling.

I persevere through all of life's obstacles no matter what, and I am an empowered woman who has the ability to empower others.



Dakjia Hudson
15 years old | 10th Grade
Mandarin High School

Interests/Hobbies: Dance for school, Shopping with friends, Drawing and Practicing American Sign Language

Motto: "Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take your breath away." Maya Angelou

Goals: To enlist in the military or attend college to study nursing or pre-med.

The way I handle situations and how I engage and resolve problems.



Ke'Onie James
11 years old | 5th Grade
Sallye B. Mathis Elementary School

Interests/Hobbies: Dance and Cheer

Motto: "She believed she could, so she did."

Goals: I plan to own my own company after graduating from college.

I push myself to do hard things.





Raven Lanier

15 years old | 9th Grade
Robert E. Lee High School

Interests/Hobbies: Weight lifting, Softball, and Track and Field

Motto: "Violence often brings about momentary results; but in spite of temporary victories, violence never brings permanent peace. There is no life found in violence."
Raven Lanier

Goals: I plan to attend a university to study sports medicine or become a teen counselor.

Being able to help younger people achieve goals and be successful in life.



Rahniya Ransom

11 years old | 5th Grade
Tiger Academy

Interests/Hobbies: Dancing, Singing, Spending time with my friends and family, Watching YouTube videos and Learning how to make new things

Motto: "You can do anything you put your mind to."
Benjamin Franklin

Goals: I plan to attend a four-year college.

I stand up for myself. I continue to be the best that I can be everyday and give 100% in everything I do.



Oriel Rosier

12 years old | 7th Grade
River City Science Academy

Interests/Hobbies: Gymnastics, Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, Music

Motto: "You never know how strong you are, until being strong is your only choice." Bob Marley

Goals: I plan to attend college or join the Airforce.

I am brave and willing to try new things.



Jonai Sanders

17 years old | 11th Grade
Duval Charter School at Baymeadows

Interest/Hobbies: Hanging out with friends and Shopping

Motto: "If you can believe, you can achieve."

Goals: I plan to attend college and get a degree in nursing.

I speak up when someone else is getting bullied, and to never talk bad about others but to encourage them to do their best instead.



Angel Solomon

16 years old | 10th Grade
Terry Parker High School

Interests/Hobbies: NJROTC, Track and Field, Cheer and Spending time with my family and friends

Motto: "Don't ever let anyone dim your sparkle."

Goals: I plan to going into the Air Force after graduating from college.

Being a leader and being accountable for my actions.



Zion Stanford

12 years old | 6th Grade
James Weldon Johnson College Preparatory Middle School

Interests/Hobbies: Cheer and Singing

Motto: "You can do anything or everything you put your mind to."

Goals: I plan to attend college and get a career as a chemist.

I can do things even if it is hard.





Simone Stephens
 16 years old | 11th Grade
 Darnell Cookman High School
 for the Medical Arts

Interests/Hobbies: Cooking, Traveling, and Spending time with my family

Motto: "Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." Maya Angelou

Goals: I plan to attend Florida State University and complete the Gold Award project for Girl Scouts.

In spite of life's challenges, I do not quit. If I don't accomplish a goal, I don't change the goal, I change the date!



Jada Summers
 12 years old | 7th Grade
 Mayport Coastal Sciences
 Middle School

Interests/Hobbies: Drawing, Singing and Aviation/Airplanes

Motto: "I may be a girl but I can still fight like a warrior because every girl is a warrior. You don't have to be a man to be a warrior inside."

Goals: To attend college and become a pilot.

I am a girl filled with gratitude and appreciation for the great woman that God will help me to be.



Celena Walker
 16 years old | 11th Grade
 Darnell Cookman School
 of the Medical Arts

Interest/Hobbies: Acrylic painting, Shopping and Training my dog

Motto: "A lot of people are afraid to say what they want. That's why they don't get what they want." Madonna

Goals: I plan to attend the University of Central Florida and after graduation, get into a career in nursing or join the Navy.

I always try to make the right decisions and encourage others to do the same.



Mi Kiyah Walker
 15 years old | 9th Grade
 William M. Raines High School

Interests/Hobbies: Singing and Dancing

Motto: Failure will never overtake me if my determination to succeed is strong enough

Goals: I plan to attend college and become either a teacher or a cosmetologist

I am not afraid to stand up for what I believe in.



Joya Welch
 11 years old | 6th Grade
 Oakleaf Village Elementary

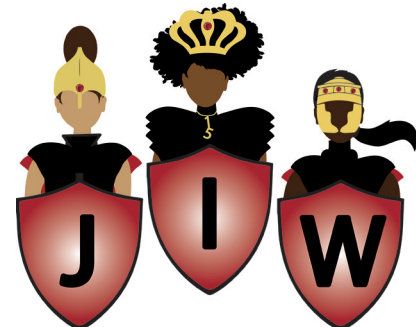
Interest/Hobbies: Swimming, Playing volleyball, Arts and Crafts and Cooking with my mother.

Motto: "Be the best me I can." Joya Welch

Goals: I plan to go to college and possibly major in a mathematical field.

I learned to be strong, empowered and help those who are in need.

Celebrate 15 years with us!
Share what makes you a warrior online.
#EmpowermentJax #JIW



Meet Our 2018-2019 Senior



Nikayla Byirt

17 years old | 12th Grade

Douglas Anderson
School of the Arts

Interests/Hobbies:

Playing instruments (Violin, Cello, Bass, Ukulele, Piano, Guitar, anything I can get my hands on), Listening to old school music, vinyl records, Vintage fashion, Thrifting, Performing, History, Watching old TV shows, Playing in Orchestra, Playing in Jazz Band

Colleges accepted to:

Florida State University, Jacksonville University, Georgia State University, Berklee College of Music

Scholarships awarded/offered:

Merit scholarship of \$27,500 from Jacksonville University, \$4,000 from Georgia State University School of Music, and \$10,000 from Berklee College of Music.

Motto: "Learning how to be content with your life's path makes life easier to understand."

Goals: My ultimate career that I want to pursue is being an entertainer. I will go to college for commercial music, music business, and production.

Activities/Honors: Orchestra, Jazz Band, Most Improved Musician LaVilla Chamber Orchestra 2014-2015, Most Improved Musician Douglas Anderson Repertory Orchestra 2015-2016, Outstanding Musician Douglas Anderson Repertory Orchestra 2017-2018. JIW Youth Advisory Council member.

Most enjoyable JIW experience: My most enjoyable experience was during the first year of coming to JIW when we did the lock-in. It forced me to be social (something that I wasn't comfortable with doing at that time). I ended up getting to know wonderful people. All of them became my family overnight.

What makes you a warrior? **My life experience and me learning how to overcome them through my confidence.**

Shout Outs

Shout out to
Nikayla Byirt

Shout out to Nikayla and the JIW family, Love the Harmon's

JIW girls are worth more than rubies!
Continues to shine, Renika Ross

Congratulations to one of the most extraordinary young women I know. Continue to shine! Love Auntie Shenitra

To my beautiful granddaughter, whom I am very proud of, Grandma Long

Always Be Your Own Great,
Love Auntie Meka

To Our bright shining star KK. We love you and will always be here for you,
Love KB and Grace

You are the bomb don't change who you are for anyone or anything. Let your BG magic shine, Love Niecey

Congrats Nikayla! God bless you on your Journey Into Womanhood,
Love Yalonda and Brianna

To my Goddaughter Nikayla. I have watch you grow into this Beautiful Talented young Lady. So proud of you. Read daily Prov 12:26, Ps 16, 27,91, 100, 138, 143 and 150.
Love always Barnes Family



Shout Outs

We celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Journey Into Womanhood program from:

Shontell Willingham	Ana Santiago
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Shout out to *Makayla Artis*

Best Wishes from the OH SO LIVE
- Monica Richardson

We give you love and support, Makayla
- Nancy Grant

Best Wishes!
Jamilla Green-Davis
Elaine Mitchum

Keep giving your very best at all times
-Angela Freeman

You are forever loved, Makayla.
Give your best and never give up!
Love, Gram

Keep Striving, Moonbeam!!!
- Uncle Roderick

Keep Shining, Makayla!!! - Aunt Stacey

Go head, Makayla! - Uncle Russell

Best Wishes. - Miss Darlene Dudley
Continue to strive for greatness.
- Adria Palmer

Makayla, this is your journey. Your light shines.
Continue being amazing.
- Aunt Effie

Great job. I'm so proud of you! Love, Dad

Shout out to *Skylar Davis*

I could not be prouder of you. Stay faithful to God.
Love you, God Momma Victoria

So very proud of you! Love and prayers always,
your Godmother Kathy

Congratulations Skylar! We celebrate your Journey
Info Womanhood. We love you! - Michael and
Tiphannie Mattis

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Skylar, I am amazed of YOU!
- Love Auntie Lakeitha

We love you.
Kimberly Davis
Uncle Kelven

Continue to be a lovely lady! - Pierre Edwards

Wishing you much success of your journey into
womanhood. - Mark Davis, Lenoa Rainey, Two
Saints Restaurant and Grille, Lena Hicks, Scottie
Moore, and Davis Enterprises

Congratulations to one of the most awesome
violinists at Lavilla School of the Arts -Ricard Cuff

"You are fearfully and wonderfully made!"
- Fratina, Harmony and Romeo Emanuel

Great job on your journey - Pamela Lott

Keep Shining- Dana Lewis

Shout out to *Rahniya Ransom*

Congratulations on all of your achievements.
- Paulette Hardy

Wishing you the best in all you do.
- Sasha Green

I'm proud of you! - Geraldine Vereen

I know you'll be successful. - Pamela Neal

Great Job! - Sheila Allen

Wishing you the best - NaQuan Walker

So proud of you! - Ebony Easterling

Good Luck! - Felecia Botley

Always do your best - Patricia Lewis

Much Success. - Shakira Faisori

Keep Shining! - Waynette Brooks

Best Wishes! -Veronica Jennings

Congrats! - Shirley Harris

I'm proud of you. Love, Mommy
- Roneisha JoQuin

You're a winner. - Laderius Lang

Shout out to *Oriel Rosier*

God Mommy is proud of you. Keep up the good
work. - Connie Miller

Congratulations! The family is so proud. Continue
to do great things. - Ebony Rosier

God Bless You. Love You! - Aunt Beverly

Aunt Dee is proud of you. - Dr. Dedra Walker

Congratulations! We are proud of you!
- Valorie and Tony Jordan

So proud of my Godsister. Keep up the good work.
- Denee McIntosh

Congratulations to our little sister. So proud of you.
- The Sibley's

Aunt Tracy is so proud of you! You are doing great!
- Tracy Harrel

Aunt Jackie is proud of you. Congratulations!
-Jackie Graper

Congratulations! - Vicki Fluker

We love you and are proud of you.
- Vincent and Sue Rosier

We are proud of you and you are on a great
journey! - Audrey and Michael Rosier

To my cousin, congratulations.
- Kaya and AJ Porter

Uncle Drew is proud of you. Continue to be great.
- Andrew Porter

To my niece, congratulations! - Sharron Porter

Shout out to *Jenai Sanders*

We are so proud of your Journey into Womanhood
Tailor Made Events
Leesa Askew and Family
Waynetta Brooks and Family
Patricia Lewis
Grandma Veronica Jennings
Shirley Harris
Expressions by Ebony Monique

Shout out to *Joya Welch*

Love you from Mom

My princess, you rock. Love, Dad

Beautiful, black, and proud. - Nana Flow

Aim high and be proud you are a young black
woman - From Grandma

Yo!!! Work hard and Play Hard - From Jaiya



Our Alumna

Name	JJW Alumna	Alma Mater	Currently Working
Katrice Jones (Oglesby)	2005	Florida State College of Jacksonville	Director of Nursing at a Health Center in Macon
Iva Ballou	2006	Graduate, Howard University	Program Manager at a Pharmaceutical Company and Motivational Speaker
Amanda Phillips	2006	Livingstone College	Entrepreneur and Owner of Eglam Studios
Faridah Abdullah	2006	University of North Florida	Access Consultant for Disability Resource Center and student at The University of Arizona school of Social Work (2020)
Shawntavia "Nikki" Young	2006	Graduate, Kaplan University	Social Services
Erica Mitchell	2006	University of North Florida and Master of Science, Nurse Practitioner	Nurse Practitioner
Sanitra Fain (Livingston)	2007	Florida State University, MSW	Dialysis Social Worker
Janay Badger	2007	University of Central Florida	Recruiter and Hiring Manager
Jasmine Johnson	2008	University of Florida and University of Central Florida, Masters in Nonprofit Management	Entrepreneur and Founder of The J. Chanelle Group, LLC
Courtney Hammond	2009	University of North Florida	Graduate
Taila McClain	2009	Bethune-Cookman University	Medical Insurance Services
Charla Hamilton	2010	University of North Florida	Registered Nurse
Jessica Polote	2010	University of Central Florida and Howard University	Speech and Language Pathology
Kaila White	2010	University of Central Florida and University of Florida	Registered Nurse
Jasmine Flournoy	2010	College Graduate	Business Management
Monique Young	2010	Florida State University*	College Student
Ashley Iruen	2011	University of North Florida	Hospitality Consultant
Monet Yarborough	2011	Valdosta State University*	Psychology Student
Sierra Jones	2012	Florida A&M University and University of North Florida*	College Student
Tia Clark	2013	University of Central Florida*	Hospitality & Tourism Student
Mia Flowers	2013	University of South Florida*	Fourth Year Pharmacy Student (2020)
Amber Harrell	2013	Florida State University and Jacksonville University	Athletic Trainer at High School
Teshara Laster	2013	Florida State College of Jacksonville*	Athletic Trainer Student
Brianna Major	2013	Tallahassee State College	Nursing Assistant
Jazmine Russ	2013	Norfolk State University	Government Customer Service Agent
Danielle Thomas	2013	University of North Florida*	College Student
Janae Byrd	2014	Savannah State University	Business Management
Akilah Sadiq	2014	Florida State College at Jacksonville*	College Student
Johnquelle Allen	2015	Terry Parker High School Graduate	Customer Service Representative
Tijana Rogers	2015	The University of Central Florida and University of North Florida*	Graphic Design and Animation Student
Nyla Stanford	2015	Florida A&M University*	Research Assistant and Retail Manager
Arden Ward	2016	Savannah State University*	Criminal Justice Student
Marha Rolle	2016	Florida State College at Jacksonville*	Exercise Physiology Student
Samaria Little	2017	United States Army	Military
Tierra Walker	2017	Florida State College at Jacksonville*	Business Administration Student
Morgan Ford	2018	Florida State College of Jacksonville*	College Student
M'Kayla Carter	2018	Tennessee State University*	Allied Health Student

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