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5 seniors are recipients of scholarships

By The Times-Union Special to River City News,

Journey Into Womanhood, a component of the non-profit organization Empowerment Resources Inc., has awarded five scholarships to graduating seniors:

Faridah Abdullah of Sandalwood High School, attending Florida International University.

Iva Ballou of Terry Parker High School, attending Howard University.

Erica Mitchell of Paxon School for Advanced Studies, attending the University of North Florida.

Amanda Phillips of The Broach School, attending Florida Community College at Jacksonville for two years, then applying to Florida State University.

Nikki Young of the Southside, who attends Fletcher High School and was accepted into the University of Florida's pre-med program.

Journey Into Womanhood helps prepare teenage girls during the most challenging times of adolescence through etiquette, money management, abstinence and more, program officials said.

"The program is a benefit to the participants because they learn how to develop their leadership skills and general skills that will provide the tools that are needed for their transition into womanhood," Elexia Moss, Empowerment Resources Inc.'s executive director, said in a news release.

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