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*Presents....*

**3rd Annual**

*Charlie Wilson*



*Scholarship Brunch*



**5331 Baltimore Avenue  
Hyattsville, MD 20781**

**Saturday, June 29, 2024  
11:00am-1:00pm**

**3rd Annual**

***Charlie Wilson Scholarship Brunch***

***Order of Program***

***Mistress of Ceremony***

***Ms. Tuwanda Jackson, Director of Operations***

**Welcome**

**Why We Are Here?**

**Energy Connector**

**Chat & Chew**

**Keynote Speaker Address**

**Scholarship Presentation**

**Closing Remarks**



# Persistence Award Recipient



Major: Nursing

Classification: Junior

Institution Selected: North Carolina A & T State University

Career Interest: Nurse

# Scholarship Recipients



*Nicari Godoy*

Friendship Tech Prep Academy '24

**Intended Major:** Nursing

**Institution Selected:** Fayetteville State University

**Career Interest:** Travel Nurse



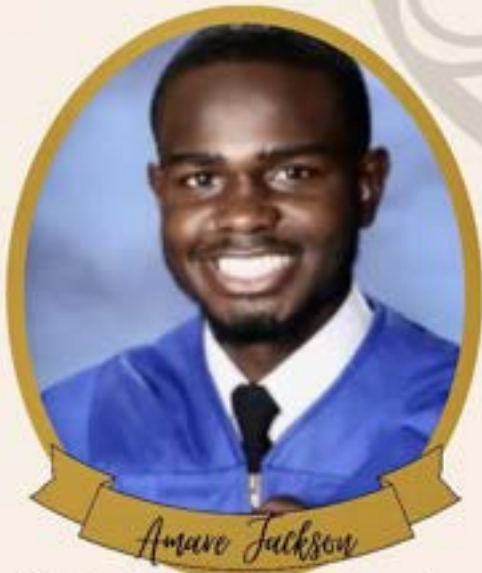
*Samuel Henderson*

Friendship Tech Prep Academy '24

**Intended Major:** Business

**Institution Selected:** Virginia State University

**Career Interest:** Photographer



*Amare Jackson*

Friendship Tech Prep Academy '24

**Intended Major:** Kinesiology

**Institution Selected:** McDaniel College

**Career Interest:** Athletic Trainer



*Taylor Johnson*

Girls Global Academy '24

**Intended Major:** Computer Science

**Institution Selected:** Texas Tech University

**Career Interest:** Software Engineer

## Keynote Speaker's Bio



### *Dr. Marcus Beard, Jr.*

Marcus Beard, Jr., Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Howard University in Washington D.C. and author of *Visible Weapons* (Oxford 2020). His research engages social movements, radical Black feminist theories of power, and public opinion.

Dr. Beard earned his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 2017 in Political Science. In his career, his academic research is about the same things as for his work in activism.

Dr. Beard would tell his kids he grew up in the belly of an imperial beast as an unloved citizen. He studied the way that the US was warring against multiple nations and determined on a scale that he would never exist. Somehow he made it out writing as it was not but showing us for what it might get him in more trouble. So he embraced the trouble. For that, there will always be a soft spot in his heart for people he loved young people the first question was if, emotional and he likes trying their way in a world that denies them at every turn. He has been willing to write his own ticket for college.

His community work has grown over the past twenty years, building publicly and personally connected communities while advocating for youth empowerment, abolition, and systemic accountability.