

2016 HIGH BRIDGE SCHOLARS SELECTED



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Ten outstanding graduates from the Washington, DC area, selected on the basis of their tenacity despite personal hardship, notable academic achievement, meaningful community service, and demonstrated leadership were chosen to be this year's High Bridge Foundation, Inc. scholarship awardees. The following students will receive the High Bridge Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each: **Stephen Aguirre**, John F. Kennedy High School; **Genet Bezabih**, Montgomery Blair High School; **Maguerite Djossou**, West Potomac High School; **Callie Randall**, Washington-Lee High School; and **Brenda Rivera**, Mountain View Alternative High School.

In addition, the following students will receive Book Awards in the amount of \$500 each: **Abey Alemayehu**, Wakefield High School; **Jacinda Djossou**, West Potomac High School; **Savonn Lanier**, Forestville High School; **Jannell Quint**, Lake Braddock Secondary School; and **Sara Wong**, School Without Walls.

The scholarship winners will be recognized at an Awards Brunch on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 in the morning at the Peikoff Alumni House ("Ole Jim") at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. According to Mayumi H. Escalante, Foundation president, this year's awardees were chosen from among 148 applicants.

High Bridge Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization established by Ernest and Mencie Hairston in 2012. Dr. and Mrs. Hairston are life-long supporters of programs that benefit underserved populations of young people, especially those overcoming life challenges and who are in need of financial help to pursue higher education.