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Elizabeth Wesley winners recognized for achievement

High schools are celebrating the success this fall of 67 Puyallup School District students named Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award recipients.

“These student scholars exemplify hard work, dedication, and a commitment to their community,” said Chief Equity and Achievement Officer Gerald Denman.

The Puyallup students make up a third of the 201 student scholars throughout Pierce County recognized for the honor by the Tacoma Urban League.

Each of the merit winners will receive certificates of recognition during breakfast or lunch award ceremonies scheduled this month at Emerald Ridge, Puyallup, and Rogers high schools.

The students also received recognition and standing ovations during the annual Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program ceremony held in September at Clover Park Technical College in Lakewood.

The Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award Program recognizes and honors African-American youth in grades nine through 11 for academic excellence, community involvement, and good citizenship.

The awards program is named for Elizabeth Wesley, a civic leader active in the founding of the Tacoma Urban League.

The league awards each of the student winners \$350, and the Puyallup School District winners have their photos displayed each year at the South Hill Mall.

The number of Puyallup scholars recognized by the program has grown from 14 in 2006 to 67 students this year.

Principals, assistant principals, and other school district administrators support the program each year during a silent and dessert auction at an annual summer leadership conference. This year, leadership raised more than \$13,500 to support the annual Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award program.

This year's 67 Elizabeth Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award recipients are:

Emerald Ridge High School

Jeannine Brown
Dylan Burnley
Jada Calhoun
Audasia Davis
Madison Davis
Elijah DeJackson
Tatiana Drain
Shaban Gakere
Chloe Ghent
Alyssa Heslip
Taylor Jack
Leshawn Jones
Tiani Jones
Tyahna Legette
Porcha Muhammad
Adenike Omomukuyo
Evanni Roberson
Aaliyah Robinson
Shalaina Rollins
Gavin Sims
Jordan Taylor
Stephanie Warner
Matthew Wells
Shaidaja Wilson

Puyallup High School

Alexander Cornyn
Andre Earls
Gabrielle Gill
Savannah Jarrett
Anthony Johnson
Hannah Laurenzano
Danielle Locken
Kenzie McNeel
Hannah Musick
Ashley Owens
Breanna Schultz

Sarina Sharpe
Dominique Walker
Kendra Windham

Rogers High School

Aaron Allen
Aleah Appling
Aneyceia Brim
Jasmine Catchings
Nathan Conley
Kiss'Swanna Curtis
Hannah Davis
Stephanie Davis
Risako Dey
Johnnie Fuller
Hannah Gordon
Austin Harvey
Noah Howell
Brooke Jackson
Gabriella Jackson
Jaleesa Jones
Justin Jones
Tammy Kayongo
Tiffany Kayongo
Kizhane Massey
Daija Mayfield
Maya McCloud
Shaiyenne Monroe
Davian Oden
Sharice Sanders
Javonie Turner
Corney Urps, Jr.

Inactive

Nashesha Rowberg
Haley Smith