

SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool

CLASS OF 2024

Commencement

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Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

First Baptist Church of Glenarden
Ministry Center – Sanctuary
3600 Brightseat Road
Landover, MD 20785

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Graduating Class of 2024

WELCOME

Yari Nariyah Desper

OCCASION

Joshua Warren Gordon

SCRIPTURE

Timothy Ray North Jr.

PRAYER

Pastor Ben Abdelrahman

CONGRATULATIONS

Nicole McNeil

Dr. Tejuana White

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Cynthia J. Terry

Anita Gibson

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Pastor Rodney L. Carter Jr.

BLESSING

Anita Gibson

DIPLOMA PRESENTATION

Anita Gibson / Edita Perkins

RECESSIONAL

Graduates

RECEPTION

"Summon your power, God; show us your strength, our God, as you have done before."

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Keynote *Speaker*

Pastor Rodney L. Carter, Jr. is a young, vibrant speaker preaching nationally and internationally across denominational lines. He has traveled all over the world preaching the Gospel dynamically and interactively - always making room for people of all ages, backgrounds, and demographics to encounter the power of God. He made a personal profession of faith in Christ as his Savior and Lord and was baptized at five. He was licensed as a minister at 14 and ordained at 27. Having a passion for academia and preparation, Pastor Carter has earned his Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Ministry and a Master of Arts in Ministry, both from Lancaster Bible College | Capital Seminary & Graduate School. Currently, he is pursuing his Doctor of Ministry degree in Strategic Leadership.



Pastor Rodney L. Carter, Jr.
SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool Alumni

After dutifully serving as Associate Pastor for two years at Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church in Washington, DC, under the guidance of Archbishop Alfred A. Owens, Jr. and Co-Pastor Susie Owens., Pastor Carter was appointed by Bishop Owens as his successor and Lead Pastor-Designate. Pastor Carter was officially installed as the next pastor of Greater Mt. Calvary Holy Church on February 24, 2024. On August 3, 2019, Pastor Carter married the love of his life Cherese Carter. Together they serve in ministry to help people find their purpose in Christ. Pastor Carter and Lady Carter are proud parents of Rodney L. Carter III and Charis Y. Carter. Pastor Carter aims to bring the scriptures alive with his contemporary signature of connecting the Gospel message and academia while attaining the vibrant preaching tradition of the church and culture in an atmosphere of celebration. Pastor Carter's God-given assignment is to Encourage, Equip, Empower, and Impact the people of God, thus creating World Changers. His life declares Isaiah 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach good tidings."



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Yari Nariyah Desper

When my parents chose the name Yari for me, it represented bold character and strength, and it best describes my personality and how I live. As I reflect on the past 12 years, I realize that I started my academic journey at SHABACH! Christian Academy at the age of 3. After graduating pre-K, I continued my education at Prince George's County Public Schools in Laurel, MD, and later at Archbishop Carroll High School. Now, as I graduate from SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool, I am excited to pursue my passion for playing basketball at the next level while seeking a higher education. I have been a student-athlete for 8 years and have learned new ways and skills to balance athletics and my education. I have always been an honor roll student, and I am excited to take my talents and education to college. I strive for excellence and my education is my top priority with vast examples throughout my educational career to demonstrate that fact.

My support system is very strong, and is centered around my family and friends. I dedicate this year in honor of my Aunt Sandy, whose passing in October has motivated me to go harder in sports and education. I would like to thank my parents, Doug and Sha, for loving me and making sure I fulfill my dreams despite

the costs or the sacrifice. I am grateful to my confidant and grandmother, Bernetta, for always believing in me. I also want to thank my grandmother, Helen, for her encouraging words and my biggest cheerleader, my brother Josiah, who I can always hear in the stands. I am thankful for my Aunts, Tra, Yolanda, Margaret, and Deb, for their love and guidance. Lastly, I am thankful to my great-grandfather, Willie, for our amazing relationship. My great-grandfather always shows abundant love and interest, no matter if it involves my life or my basketball journey. I'm thankful to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for dying for my sins so I can have eternal life and for making me the person I am. I rely on Proverbs 3:5-6 to remind me to trust God even when I don't understand it. When you walk with God, He always gives you direction. My relationship with God is an everlasting one, and I give Him all thanks and praise. My purpose on this Earth is to spread love and the gospel. He is the only God I serve, and I put Him first. Christ is the center of my life. Finally, I am thankful for this experience because it has brought me great coaches, teammates, and faculty. I am also grateful for every organization that has helped me throughout my life. Starting with the Nike Game Growers program, which provided me with business and organizational skills, and the Gold In Fight and Horizon Camp organizations for taking care of my brother while he battled cancer. The Gold In Fight and Horizon Camp organizations made my brother's experience better with the different activities and keeping us, his siblings engaged & involved. There are so many more people to thank but to sum it up, I wouldn't change my life for anything because I get to spend time with wonderful people every day throughout my life, and I wouldn't change that for the world.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Yari, we are proud of the young woman that you are becoming. "Train up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart." Although we are not ready for you to depart, remember what we taught you, keep GOD first. You have always been a natural-born leader. In your next chapter, hone your talents, develop your skills, and remember your teachings. Work hard, strive to be the best, and be kind and respectful. When you do good work, GOD will reward you.

Love Mom & Dad



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Khafre Garrett-Mills

I am a member of the SHABACH! Christian Academy National Basketball Team. I hail from Denver, Colorado, and have played varsity basketball with four teams. I want to express my gratitude towards Coach Shi for introducing me to the coaches in Maryland and providing me with accommodations while training with me every day. Additionally, I would like to thank my mother for her unwavering support throughout my life, especially during the recent move away from home. Words cannot express how grateful I am for you and your sacrifices.

I am a senior at SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool and I take most of my classes with online tutors and teachers. My interests are fashion, going out with friends and family, and playing video games. I have recently enjoyed participating in community service. The feeling of volunteering my time to help others in need and to better their community is an enriching feeling and one I won't soon forget.

Finally, I am grateful for my relationship with God, he influences everything I do. My favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 1:5 - "A wise man will hear and will increase learning, and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsel." This verse emphasizes the importance of being a person who actively listens to and learns from the wise counsel of others.

I credit my mom for inspiring me to never give up and to push toward accomplishing my dreams. I plan on paying it forward by attending college in the fall on a full athletic scholarship from the school of my choice. After high school, my goal is to attend a university where I can play basketball. Upon graduation from college, I hope to pursue my passion for playing professional basketball while simultaneously exploring entrepreneurial opportunities.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Khafre, it is with a heart overflowing with love, pride, and gratitude that we congratulate you on your graduation from high school! You have transformed over these last years from our miracle baby to a miraculous principled, disciplined, and brilliant young man. You are the fulfillment of our ancestors and a testament to the glory of God and we are so excited to see your journey unfold!

Loves Mom



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Joshua Warren Gordon

My name is Joshua Gordon, but most of my friends call me Josh. My name means "God Saves" and represents leadership. My parents are Jeff and Raquel Gordon, and I have one older sister named Janae. I was born on July 19, 2006, in Takoma Park, Maryland, and I grew up in Bowie, MD. During my elementary school years, I attended Bowie Montessori. In the 4th grade, I started Annapolis Area Christian School and stayed there through 9th grade. I briefly attended New Hope Academy before attending the SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool, choosing the Dual Enrollment program through Prince George's Community College. I have been enrolled in classes at Prince George's Community College during both my 11th and 12th grade years and was accepted into the college's honors program. As I look back at my high school experience, I am very proud of the fact that I have grown emotionally, socially, and intellectually.

I have been playing basketball since I was six years old and now I am a member of the varsity basketball team at SHABACH!. I would like to express my gratitude towards my coaches, Coach Taj and Coach Mike, who have helped me understand the importance of discipline and teamwork. I have achieved a lot in the field of basketball through the hard work and dedication of all my coaches over the years. I hold a deep appreciation for my relationship with God. Growing up, my parents instilled in me the teachings of the Lord and an understanding of how He works in our lives. Even before I was born, my mom would play proverbs in headphones and hold them to her stomach, so the word would be instilled in me from birth. One of my favorite verses is Proverbs 3:5-6 -

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths." I want to thank my parents Jeff and Raquel Gordon. My parents have supported me every step of the way, from making sure I got to my games across the country, to helping me do my best academically. They have been my biggest advocates and helped me become a better person even when I had challenges. They have been a blessing every step of the way, and they are the best parents I could ever ask for. In the future, I plan to study forensic psychology and business while playing basketball at a university. I will work towards obtaining an MBA and a Ph.D in forensic psychology.

PARENT *Congratulations*

As you stand on the brink of a new and exciting chapter in your life, we are filled with an overwhelming sense of pride and admiration for all that you have achieved. Congratulations on your remarkable graduation from high school with honors and your outstanding performance on the basketball team! Your journey through high school has been nothing short of extraordinary. Your dedication to academic excellence, as evidenced by your graduation with honors, is a testament to your hard work, discipline, and intellectual prowess. You have demonstrated time and again your ability to balance rigorous academics with the demands of athletics, and your achievements in both areas are truly remarkable. Your success on the basketball team reflects your passion, skill, and commitment to the sport. Your contributions to the team have not only been significant but also inspirational to your teammates and coaches alike. Your leadership on the court and your determination to succeed has set you apart as a true athlete and a role model for others to emulate. As you prepare to embark on the next phase of your journey, remember to carry with you the lessons you have learned both in the classroom and on the court. Your achievements in high school are a testament to your resilience, perseverance, and unwavering determination to pursue your goals. We have no doubt that you will continue to excel in all your future endeavors with the same level of dedication and passion that you have shown thus far. As you move forward, embrace new challenges with the same determination and enthusiasm that have brought you to this momentous milestone. Continue to pursue your dreams with passion, integrity, and a thirst for knowledge, knowing that your potential knows no bounds. Always remember that your family stands beside you, cheering you on every step of the way. We are immensely proud of the person you have become and the bright future that lies ahead of you. Congratulations once again on this incredible milestone. May your graduation be the beginning of many more successes, endless opportunities, fulfillment, and accomplishments in the years to come.

With all our love and support,

Mom and Dad



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Joshua Immanuel Graves

its experiences. Adulthood seems quite enjoyable, except for the responsibilities of paying bills and taxes, of course. After I graduate, I plan to attend Bowie State University to pursue a degree in Entrepreneurship and Art.

I have been homeschooled from kindergarten to 12th grade, and despite facing some challenges, I have greatly valued the experience. I have made some of my closest friends being homeschooled and learned more than I could have in a different environment.

I have accomplished several personal goals, graduated from high school, made some great friends, and most importantly made my mom proud of me. I want to become a successful young man who can repay my family for all the love and care they have given me, and keep moving forward. My favorite scripture is 1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it."

I am excited to explore life beyond high school. I have always been curious about adult life and all

PARENT Congratulations

Joshua, stay uniquely you and use your gifts to the Glory of God, as long as you aim to please God you will always be on the right track. You are such a blessing in our lives, your family loves you!!

Love Mommy and Daddy



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Josiah Jakim Graves

Hello, my name is Josiah Graves. I was born on February 22, 2006, in Washington DC. I attended SHABACH! Christian Academy and Extend Tutorial Ministries during my high school career. I enjoy many activities but I especially enjoy playing video games with my friends, spending quality time with my family, and playing multiple sports. I also like to help others in my community and try to do so whenever I have the opportunity.

I achieved several accomplishments. In the 11th grade, I secured the first position in three out of four academic courses. I maintained an overall grade point average of 3.7 throughout my high school tenure and was even considered for the National Honors Society.

Additionally, I undertook the project of building a food box to store non-perishable goods for those in need in my community.

In addition to academic accomplishments I have also achieved quite a few athletic achievements. In my 9th grade year, I helped my JV basketball team make it to the championship. However, the majority of my athletic accomplishments come from track and field.

In the 2022 track season, I placed 4th overall in the 100m dash and 3rd in the long jump at the Blue Coast nationals in North Carolina. Nevertheless, my most significant accomplishment was overcoming an injury that kept me out for the entire 2023 season and getting back to a place where I could run again for my senior year.

Philippians 4:13, my favorite scripture, played a vital role in helping me achieve my goals.

After I graduate from high school, my dream is to attend either Penn State or the University of Maryland to pursue a major in kinesiology or sports medicine. A lifetime surrounded by sports and having endured & overcome multiple injuries, has made me realize that I want to pursue a career in helping others avoid or recover from injuries as efficiently as possible.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Josiah, I believe your competitive spirit is a gift from God. It's what drives you and it's going to open many doors for you. Use it wisely Son. Run your race with purpose, setting your sites on the eternal prize. Your family loves you and we are so proud of you!!

Love Mommy and Daddy



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Daniel Nicholas Grissom

My name is Daniel Nicholas Grissom. I was born on June 7, 2004, in Washington, DC, to LuChiea Hinnant and Andre Grissom. I have seven older siblings: Antwan, Jamal, Andre, Joshua, Anaiah, and Jeremiah. I grew up in NE Washington, DC, and attended DC public schools from Pre-K to 11th grade. I am currently finishing my senior year online at SHABACH! While attending DC Public Schools, I played football as a quarterback and safety, and basketball as a point guard. My goal after I graduate high school is to attend college, play college basketball, and major in Sports Management. I desire to play professional basketball and then become a scout for other underprivileged youth. My hope is that my brothers and I will have the opportunity to collaborate on future business ventures to help the youth in our community to be active, fit, and have a successful healthy future.

Growing up in the inner city, life has been tough, but I've learned the importance of strength and making the right choices. I realized early on that I had to be a leader, especially as I watched my peers succumb to peer pressure and face difficult situations. My coaches played a significant role in my development, teaching

me to stand up for myself and control my emotions both on and off the basketball court. They also exposed me to different cultures by ensuring I traveled all over the United States to places like Las Vegas, Miami, Orlando, North Carolina, and others for basketball tournaments. These experiences have been incredibly enriching.

From an early age, my mother and siblings instilled independence in me and encouraged open communication when things became overwhelming. My dad, Andre, has been a constant support as I pursued my sports dreams, attending most practices and all my games. His presence means a lot to me on the court. My mother, LuChiea, has been my rock. Despite being a single mother of six, she's raised us all with love and fought for our rights, ensuring we finished school and providing for us at all times to the best of her abilities, and for that I am so grateful. My connection to my family and bond with my siblings and nephews has always been a source of strength for me during tough times. Through discussion with my mother I would like to focus on strengthening my relationship with God through baptism and walking in faith as I enter adulthood. I aspire to be a leader and my best self, so I'm taking steps towards being a successful citizen, player, and coach.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Congratulations D-Boy, I'm so proud of you. I've watched how you've grown and overcome so many obstacles. You've passed the test of life, when things don't go how we think things should in life you've shown that you can stay in the game and create another plan despite how you may feel. Continue to be resilient, show up, and fight for what you want. You've learned how to navigate through tough times and that builds character. Your next goal is college and you will put all that you've had to endure to work to complete that journey as well. Know that you are loved and I'm here for you no matter what you have to face in life. I am your mother AND your #1 fan!!! I Love you, Daniel!

Love Mommy



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Dorian Michael Hall

Being an active member of the KAPPA League, an organization dedicated to serving the community, has motivated me to initiate positive changes, not just for myself but for others as well.

Participating in community service has ignited a strong passion within me to help others. After graduating, I plan to attend college to major in sports medicine and further both my academic and athletic journeys.

Since I started attending SHABACH!, I have gained a better understanding of what it truly means to be a Christian and my relationship with God has and is growing stronger each day. With God by my side, I am capable of achieving anything I set my mind to. I am constantly grateful to God for everything He has allowed me to accomplish. One of my favorite Bible verses that I often apply to my daily life is John 3:16, which says: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

PARENT *Congratulations*

We are very proud of the compassionate, giving, and respectful young man you have become. Your gentle and caring spirit is felt by all who encounter you. We are grateful God chose us as your parents. From a SHABACH! Preschool Dolphin to a SHABACH! High School graduate, we are proud of you and eager to see what the future holds for you.

Mom & Dad



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Christopher Casmair Henderson Jr.

I am Christopher Henderson Jr. and I have been a proud member of The Hyattsville Landover Kappa League for a total of five years & have served as the Vice President of the league for the past two years. Kappa League has played a crucial role in shaping my personal and professional development. It has been instrumental in boosting my confidence in public speaking, understanding financial literacy, teaching parliamentary procedures, fostering business networking skills, and exposing me to remarkable examples of black excellence in our community. Throughout my journey as a Kappa Leaguer, I have obtained values such as commitment, dedication, prayer, hard work, perseverance, and teamwork. Serving as an example to others in a positive manner is something I strive for consistently. It is an honor to think that one day I might also inspire young people in my community to pursue their passion without giving up.

On the basketball court, I am a member of the national team at SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool. I have played the sport since the age of two. Basketball has not only given me lasting relationships and friendships but has also opened doors to unexpected opportunities. As the oldest

sibling to a younger brother and sister, their support has been invaluable, pushing me to greatness. I extend my gratitude to the SHABACH! coaching staff, other coaches, and trainers who believed in me and contributed to my development on the court. The lessons and skills I have acquired through basketball will resonate far beyond the confines of the court. Academically, I maintain an excellent academic record with a cumulative

GPA of 3.6 and I take great pride in maintaining good grades. I am enthusiastic about pursuing a career in dentistry & biology as well because they combine my interests in healthcare, science, and artistry and also to further my athletic career.

My deep-rooted relationship with God is a cornerstone of my life, instilled in me early on by my grandmother, who took me to church often. **My favorite verse, John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life,"** continues to inspire and guide me. I owe a debt of gratitude to my mother, WaKeisha Stephens, for fostering my love for academics, and my father, Darnell Stephens, for always believing in my basketball dreams. Their unwavering support, attendance at every game and ceremony, and their commitment to taking me to every practice have been pivotal in my journey. As I continue my journey I carry with me the values, skills, and support system that have shaped who I am thus far.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Chris,

Words can't express how proud we are of you. Your hard work and dedication are what have led you to this point. As you embark on this new journey, please know you are not alone. Thank you for allowing us to witness you grow into your greatness. Keep thriving. Keep striving. The best is yet to come!



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Rony Max Hogarth, Jr.

basketball player. When I am not playing basketball, I like to spend quality time with my loved ones. I have a passion for cooking, watching football, and playing video games. I am a smart, funny, and authentic individual who loves living life to the fullest.

Nothing in my life would be possible without putting God first. As I reflect, I realize that he made everything happen for a reason. I live my life by Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. God gave me the strength to keep going, and because of that, I am where I am today. I am grateful to my mother for shaping me into the person I am today. Her love and support has been instrumental in my growth and as I look forward I know it is just the beginning of an exciting journey.

PARENT *Congratulations*

It's hard to believe we are here. Seems like only yesterday when you couldn't wait to join your older brother on the bus to Clarksburg Elementary School to start kindergarten. Seems like just yesterday that you walked across the field to Rocky Hill Middle School and Clarksburg High School and now here you are walking across the stage as a graduate of SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool! You have come so far and have grown into this intelligent, independent, confident, strong, handsome, and very loving young man. As you embark on the next phase of your journey, my prayer is that you hold fast to the word of GOD, which says: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and learn not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Remember that I am your biggest fan and your first cheerleader and so like the Eagle mascot of the SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool basketball team, continue to spread those wings, fly and soar high for the sky is your limit. Congratulations baby!

You did it!!!

Love you so much!!!

Loves Mom



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Comari Michaela Mitchell

My name is Comari Mitchell, and I was born on February 1st, 2006 in Richmond, VA. I have three older brothers and two sisters. I started playing basketball when I was six years old. The first team I played on was at the Powhatan Recreation Center. I joined an AAU basketball team called Cap City Ballerz when I was 10. I played with them until I was in the tenth grade. For my final AAU season, I switched to a different organization called Boo Williams.

I grew up surrounded by sports and played basketball at a public school for three years. I decided to go to SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool for the excellent opportunities it offered. I am grateful to my parents for supporting my decision. At SHABACH! I play basketball on the varsity team and have learned the value of leadership and teamwork from Coach Sam Caldwell and other coaches and trainers. I appreciate their guidance and support in helping me develop my skills. I have made great strides in basketball, leading to exciting opportunities. One of these opportunities is playing for SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool, where I compete at a national level alongside Division One players who are known for their incredible on-court highlights on both television and social media. Playing for SHABACH! has resulted in multiple awards, college offers, and unforgettable travel memories. So far, I've been to New York, Canada, Florida, and Texas, and that was just the beginning of the season. There's more to come, and I'm thrilled about it. I am looking forward to playing at a Division One collegiate level and have received scholarship inquiries from several schools including Coppin State University, Jacksonville University, and Presbyterian College. During the first year of my college career, I hope to achieve the title of Freshman of the Year and to major in Sports Entertainment. This ensures that even if I am not playing basketball for a team in the future, I will always be surrounded by the sport I love.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Comari, I am so proud of you and your accomplishments. God has blessed you richly, and I will continue to pray that you fulfill the purpose for which you were created. I am glad to have you as my daughter. My love and support will always be with you.

Loves Mom



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Christopher Jaden Monasingh

to attend Prince George's Community College and study cybersecurity. My mother has sacrificed everything to make sure I have the best education. I want to ensure I capitalize on her sacrifices and live up to everything she believes I can be.

Lastly, thanks to both of my parents, my Dad Oriley, and my mom, Karen. My mother has been way more to me than a mother. She has been my backbone, motivation, superhero, and protector. I envy my mother in so many ways. She is a constant reminder that no matter how hard life gets, you should keep striving. My mom is also why I have such an amazing relationship with Jesus Christ. Since I was born she has always instructed me to call out to God when life seems unbearable. My favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." So when I walk across the stage to accept my diploma it's not just for me it's for her as well.

Homeschooling is familiar in my family. Both of my siblings graduated from SHABACH!

Christian Academy Homeschool and homeschooling in itself is a unique experience.

My name is Christopher Monasingh, and my journey as a homeschooler began in 5th grade.

I've had the privilege of forming friendships with remarkable individuals I consider lifelong friends and family. Despite my positive experiences, I thought I needed more, so I persuaded my mom to enroll me in public school. Let me be the first to say that public school was a short-

lived experience and my goodness I experienced it all, good and bad. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to return home to where it all began, at SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool.

Over the past couple of years, I've stressed about what I wanted to pursue after graduation. My biggest fear is that I won't use the hard work both my mom and I have put in to be successful. After a conversation with my mother, I decided

PARENT *Congratulations*

When you embarked on this homeschooling adventure, envisioning the end might have seemed distant. Yet, here you are, Christopher! Congratulations on reaching this milestone. Remember, the journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step, and it's not about speed but the progress made one step at a time.

With love, Mom and Dad



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Timothy Ray North Jr.

reading books, washing cars, taking my grandmother shopping, and helping the homeless and people in need. I have inherited my mother's strong faith and learned to discover my calling from God. During this journey, I found a Bible verse that resonated with me - Ephesians 3:16-17. It speaks about being strengthened by the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, and we may be rooted and grounded in love. I have a bright future ahead of me, with plans to attend an HBCU and major in journalism. I believe in learning something new every day and following God's path in the process. The keys to my success - **Repetition, Faith, and Honesty** - have brought me this far and will continue to guide me wherever God leads me in life.

Mom, I cannot express how grateful I am to you for the gift of life and education. You have not just provided me with any education, but have blessed me with the opportunity to attend private Christian schools my entire life. I am thankful for your courage and the love you have for God and how I've learned those lessons through you.

My name is Timothy North Jr, and I am a senior at SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool.

I am proud to be a son, grandson, brother, nephew, and child of God. My family includes two amazing sisters and a strong, independent mother. I grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland, where I was an active child who played several sports, including basketball, football, soccer, Kuk-sool-Won (Martial Arts), golf, and swimming. Although I enjoyed playing different sports, basketball captured my heart. I have been fortunate enough to play on multiple AAU teams, travel across the country for games and tournaments, and visit several states beyond the D.C. Metropolitan Area.

I love spending quality time at home with my family and my dog. Being with them means more to me than words can express. They are the reason why I am who I am. In my free time, I enjoy fishing, cutting grass, making music,

PARENT *Congratulations*

Timothy, I am so proud of the young man you are becoming. When life has gotten tough for you, I always knew God had you (even when others didn't believe in you). It has been a joy watching you accomplish your goals and dreams (you are halfway there baby) as your number-one fan. You continue to keep God in your life and close to your heart. I am very proud of you and can't wait to see what's next.

Loves Mom



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Marcus Horace Devon Peterson-Broadus

through the University of Maryland I completed the nutritional program. The program helped me to educate others on how to prepare low-cost nutritious meals and also where to find food resources. I am more motivated to choose healthier food options and exercise daily to reduce chronic disease.

Next year, my goal is to be accepted into the Maryland Apprenticeship program to learn Information Technology or Culinary Arts. My interest in internships will allow me to earn while I learn. I hope to have a career in either IT or Culinary Arts. Being in an apprenticeship will help increase my earning potential and build professional connections. My future is bright if I am not afraid and just believe!

I want to thank my mom, grandmother, and grandfather for constantly encouraging and believing in me.

My name is Marcus Peterson-Broadus. I am an only child. I have attended SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool from fourth through twelfth grade. Attending a Christian academy helped me to grow in my faith, and gave me moral standards. My favorite scripture: Mark 5:36, Don't be afraid, just believe.

I enjoy DIY projects and arts and crafts. Through YouTube, I find craft ideas from household items and make some interesting treasures. I have taken art therapy and cooking classes since the pandemic began. Although the classes were virtual, cooking with the instructors was fun and I found a passion for cooking. Though I am not currently playing in any organized sports, I previously played soccer and love sports and watching all sporting events.

While completing community service hours in my sophomore year. I learned that many families in Maryland experience food insecurity. This knowledge inspired me to want to help so

PARENT *Congratulations*

Marcus, congratulations on this major accomplishment. I couldn't be more excited about what the future holds for you!

Loves Mom



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Aiden Price

Hello there! My name is Aiden Price and I am a member of the National Basketball Team at SHABACH! Christian Academy. I am the youngest of two siblings. I have spent the last four years of my high school career playing basketball at a high level, and my dream school is Florida University. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my parents, brother, family, friends, and coaches for their support in helping me become the best version of myself. Their guidance has taught me the importance of being a successful young man, which I believe will help me in the future both on and off the court.

Off the court, I enjoy giving back to my community in various ways such as volunteering at my local church, distributing food to the homeless, and spending time with kids. I also spend my free time training young athletes, helping them to understand the game of basketball. For fun, I like to play video games,

travel, and spend time with my friends and family. I value my relationship with God, and my favorite verse is John 13:7, which states: "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." These words touch me because they remind me that even when we question what we're going through, we must trust that God has a plan for us and eventually, everything will make sense.

I credit my mom and dad for inspiring my love for learning and sports. I plan to pay it forward by attending school on a scholarship and making millions. If it wasn't for my parents I do not know where I would be in life.

PARENT
Congratulations

TO MY SON

Never forget that I love you. Life is filled with hard times and good times.
Learn from everything you can. Be the man I know you can be.

Loves Mom & Dad



Laila Ayana Suggs

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As a student of SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool, a basketball player, a daughter, and the sibling of two sisters, I have come a long way. I started playing AAU basketball for Coach Leslie Daley and later played high school basketball for my senior year with Coach Sam Caldwell. However, my original opponent on the court was my older sister, Mia, since I was little. I am grateful for my sisters, mother, family, coaches, school staff, and friends for their unwavering support and helping hands along my journey to greatness. I also appreciate all the people who have helped me along the way in my previous schools as well. I want to give special thanks to my sister, Mia, for pushing and being so hard on me. Despite getting on my nerves at times, I loved the intention behind every word.

When I am not on the court, I am working with students at a Montessori school near my home. Guiding the development of a child's growth is so amazing in my eyes. Knowing that you could

be the helping hand to success is an awesome feeling.

My relationship with God is an important factor for me. My family has instilled in me an understanding about who God is and we know that God has helped us succeed. My favorite scripture is Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

My mother, Nikki Moore, has been my rock and biggest supporter, she has made countless sacrifices to ensure that I am always taken care of. I am forever grateful for her guidance and hard work, and I want to show her that it has paid off. That's why I plan to attend college and major in both mathematics and engineering. This is my way of demonstrating the values she has instilled in me.

PARENT
Congratulations

Laila, these last four years have been extremely challenging. No matter what life has thrown your way you have stayed the course, and you never gave up. You are an inspiration to everyone around you and I am so very proud of everything you have accomplished. Here's to the start of a bright and successful future! Wishing you all the best as you embark on your next journey.

Congratulations on your graduation!!!

Loves Mom



Amira Taharka

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Greetings, parents and fellow graduates! My name is Amira Taharka, and I am 17 years old. I am thrilled to be a part of the graduating class of 2024. I started homeschooling in 9th grade during the pandemic, and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time being homeschooled. It has allowed me to discover myself and activities that I truly love. Additionally, homeschooling has allowed me to gain valuable work experience. I started working at the age of 14 and was able to learn about my interests and what I would like to do in the future.

In my free time, I like to read and write poems. Additionally, I enjoy cooking and doing hair. I also find volunteering at the preschool fulfilling and have realized that I would like to pursue a career in pediatrics. Recently, I obtained my IT certificate which enables me to start an entry-level job in IT after graduation. I have completed high school in three years while learning sign language. My favorite scripture is 1 Timothy

4:12, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity."

After completing high school, I plan to attend a community college to major in biology. Following which, I will enroll in a dental hygienist program that will enable me to pursue a career in orthodontics. Once I obtain my bachelor's degree in biology, I will enroll in dental school & after completing that, I will attend an orthodontics program to specialize in the field. I hope to travel and explore new things and ideas before I open my own dental office.

I would like to thank my parents for supporting me, and my mom for always being there anytime I need her.

PARENT *Congratulations*

My daughter Amira, you are a gem in disguise. You have always been a positive soul and the highlight of my day. When you put your mind to something, without a doubt, the task will be done. You are very smart and very kind-hearted and I admire your determination to be successful as you model the positive role models in your life.

With all this said, I would like to congratulate you on a successful school year & graduation!

Loves Mom



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Andre' Malachi Thomas III

My name is Andre Thomas III, and I was born on August 28, 2006, at Prince George's County Hospital. I grew up in Upper Marlboro, Maryland with my parents and two siblings, my older sister Jayna and an older brother Mark. As the youngest in the family, I am driven by my parents and siblings, as they want me to reach my full potential.

I began playing basketball at the age of two. In the second grade, I joined the New World Basketball Team and played with them from second grade until my senior year of high school. Under the guidance of Coach Taj and Coach D, I learned valuable basketball skills but also important life lessons. I had the opportunity to travel to various places and compete against some of the best players in the world, showcasing my talents on behalf of New World Basketball.

I am currently attending SHABACH! Christian Academy as a homeschooled student.

Additionally, I am a part of the national basketball team at the academy and have the opportunity to travel to various locations for games against top teams across the country. I am concurrently enrolled in SHABACH! Christian Academy and Prince George's Community College. I am proud to say I ended the previous school year with a 4.0 GPA. Throughout my academic journey, I have always excelled in my studies and have performed exceptionally well on the basketball court.

God has always been important in my household and my life. The scripture I like the most is Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths." I know if you trust in God He won't ever lead you in the wrong direction, He will always make sure you are on the right path. After high school, I plan to attend college on a scholarship, while also taking my basketball skills to the next level.

I want to express my gratitude to my parents for everything they do. Taking me to practice, attending my games, and being my biggest support. Whenever I face a problem, I can go to you for help. They are always there for me and sometimes push me hard because they want me to excel.

Additionally, I am thankful for the sacrifices made to ensure that I can pursue my passions.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Andre', we are so proud of all of your academic accomplishments over the years. You have done exceptionally great work in every aspect of your academic journey. Continue to put GOD first and all of your desires will be fulfilled.

Love Mommy and Dad



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Walking in Strength

Rickey Williamson III

My interest outside of sports is creative writing. At 15, I began to write short fictional stories with different perspectives in my writing style. Creative writing does not have boundaries and allows me to use my creativity with narrative craft and character development. Going to college and playing basketball has always been my goal. It can offer significant life-changing opportunities and prepare me for my transition from a student to my career. In the future, I plan to continue my academic and athletic career at a university and obtain a degree in business management with a minor in journalism. Additionally, I plan to finish writing my fictional stories and publish them. My favorite scripture is Matthew 19:26, Jesus looked at them and said "With man this is impossible but with God all things are possible."

Mom and Dad, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for everything you have done for me all my life. Nothing can ever replace the love and support you have given me. Your sacrifices have made me successful both on and off the court. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

PARENT *Congratulations*

Our amusing, caring, and loyal son, Rickey "Tre" Williamson III.

Tre, you can light up any room you enter, and we have been blessed to watch you grow into the young man you are. You make a friend wherever you go, always eager to help someone and you see the good in all things. As you move into this new and exciting chapter in your life, always remember to keep God at the center of your world and stay true to yourself as you have an unmatched spirit. May your graduation be the beginning of many more wonderful achievements in your life and know that we will always celebrate you no matter how big or small your accomplishments are. All your hard work in this chapter has paid off but know your story has just begun. Congratulations to our graduate, continue to strive for greatness. We love you!

Love Mom & Dad



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The students of SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool are awesome. Your potential is absolutely limitless. The gifts and talents our students demonstrated this year were amazing. If we had one desire for you it would be for you to walk fully in who God has made you to be right now, please don't wait!

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**“Summon your power, God;
show us your strength, our God,
as you have done before.”**



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IN LOVING
MEMORY

of

CHRISTIAN JAMIER MONDY

Sunrise
2009



Sunset
2024

We dedicate this page to the memory of our student and fellow classmate, Christian Jamier Mondy, who passed this spring during his freshman year. We will never forget his kindness, gentle spirit, and his loyalty to his family. We are grateful for the time we got to spend with him.

Love,

The Student's Faculty & Staff

of SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool

