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# Groups award \$30,000 in scholarships

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BLOOMINGTON -- Community organizations recognized the scholastic achievements of 18 recent high school graduates Saturday at Mount Pisgah Church in Bloomington.

130:Tiffany Thompson, 18, looked at items from a goody bag she received Saturday. Thompson was one of three recipients fo the Pamela d. Moore Young Writer's Contest through Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.

The third Annual Bloomington-Normal Joint **Scholarship** Celebration awarded \$30,000 to local graduating high school students.

The awards were about recognition of the students' academic prowess, said Tony Jones, a co-founder of the Mentoring and Providing **Scholarships** Program (**MAPS**).

"Generally speaking," Jones said, "all of the **scholarships** awarded were academic achievement **scholarships**."

The event included 11 area groups including Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and the Bloomington-Normal branch of the NAACP.

The Central Illinois Chapter of the 100 Black Men presented an additional **scholarship** to each high school student who received a **scholarship** totaling more than \$5,000.

The students were unaware of the additional **scholarship** provided by the 100 Black Men until announced at the program.

The Bloomington-Normal Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma, as part of a Heartland Community College's as Project Rise, awarded **scholarships** to two adult students pursuing degrees at Heartland Community College. The **scholarships** went to Terrance Brown and Virginia Boyd.

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### **Scholarship** recipients

Bloomington-Normal Alumnae chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority:

Hilary A. Thurmond, BHS

Jessica Ann Thornton, BHS

Bradon Gibs, U High

Bloomington-Normal Alumni chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

Brandon Gibs, U High

Hilary A. Thurmond, BHS

Bloomington-Normal Grambling State University Alumni Association

Demetrious Taborn, Normal West

Bloomington-Normal Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Hilary Thurmond, BHS

Jessica Thornton, BHS

Nicole Noel, NCHS

Tiffany Thompson, BHS

Bloomington-Normal Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity

Darein Burton, Normal West

Brandon Gibs, U High

Julian Giles, BHS

Tiara Randle, U High

Delano Robinson, BHS

Eric Tapley, BHS

Tiffany Thompson, BHS

Hilary Thurmond, BHS

The Bloomington-Normal Branch NAACP:

Darien Burton, Normal West

Brandon Gibs, U High

Julian Giles, BHS

Tiffany Thompson, BHS

Hilary Thurmond, BHS

M.A.P.S. (Mentoring And Providing **Scholarships**)

Brittany Bryant, BHS

Julian Giles, BHS

Vanessa Joda, NCHS

Victoria Joda, NCHS

Nicole Noel, NCHS

Medra Seals, BHS

Tiffany Thompson, BHS

Hilary A. Thurmond, BHS

Jessica Thornton, BHS

Virgie Young, BHS

Bloomington-Normal Alumni Chapter of Omega Psi Phi:

Nicole Neol, NCHS

Bloomington-Normal Alumnae Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta

Hilary Thurmond, BHS

Tiffany Thompson, BHS

Brandon Gibs, U High

Mario Davis, BHS

Marquita Hardy, NCHS

Sonja Reece, Town of Normal mayor pro tem, left, Meta Mickens-Baker, Unit 5 school board member, center left, and Jennifer-Hamilton, Normal Community High School associate principal, center right, talked with Julian Gile, 18, one of 20 **scholarship** recipients Saturday at the 2005 Bloomington-Normal Joint Scholarship Celebration at Mount Pisgah Baptist Church. Gile was the recipient of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Mentoring and Providing **Scholarships** Program, NAACP-Bloomington-Normal branch, and 100 Black Men of Central Illinois **scholarships**.

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