Sixty-three Maryland students will receive Cardin Scholarships on June 5, 2017, at MANSEF’s annual awards luncheon. The students, who either currently attend or have graduated from a MANSEF member school, have met many challenges and will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments. Myrna Cardin, former executive director of MANSEF, will be on hand to award the scholarships along with Alan Kanter, Chair of the Michael Cardin Scholarship Fund.

Along with the scholarships, MANSEF will present two additional awards:

Jim Truscello, of Baltimore is receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award. Jim has been dedicated to special education for 43 years. Throughout his impressive career, he has served as a teacher, school principal, program supervisor, and for the past 9 years as Director of Day School Programs at Sheppard Pratt Health System, Inc. During his 30 years with Sheppard Pratt, there have been significant changes in special education, and Jim has guided the schools to respond as necessary to meet the needs of all students and their families.

As the number of Sheppard Pratt day school programs has increased dramatically during this time, Jim has led and directed the school leaders to provide comprehensive services and education options to support a broad range of students’ disabilities. The stellar reputation of the Sheppard Pratt programs throughout the State of Maryland – providing education and services to some of Maryland’s most challenging students - is a testimony to Jim’s leadership.

Danyell Griffin-Ayers is receiving the Inspiring Dreams, Changing Lives Award. Ms. Griffin-Ayers has been employed with the Forbush School for the past 19 years. During her tenure, Ms. Griffin-Ayers has held the positions of behavior support staff, educational assistant, and one-to-one assistant. She has worked tirelessly to enhance the quality of our school program by supporting our students and their families. Her focus is always on creating a strong sense of community among staff, students, families and visitors to our school.

Within our diverse school program, Ms. Griffin-Ayers’s various talents are evident. The students, staff, and families at Forbush School look forward to and greatly benefit from the annual activities that Ms. Griffin-Ayers organizes that include Survivor Forbush, Forbush Olympics, and our favorite event, the Talent Show. The talent show is an exceptional event that showcases individual and group performances (even a staff performance!) in music, dance, poetry, and other related arts. Ms. Griffin-Ayers functions as the director and emcee for this event every year and also choreographs many of the dance routines; she schedules rehearsals, sends out invitations and designs the event program. Parents and local school system representatives always enjoy seeing their “stars” shine outside of the academic setting. Former staff members often come back for the talent show to support the students. Ms. Griffin-Ayers also organizes the Black History Month Program, which highlights the contributions of African Americans in the areas of art, music, government, science and sports. Each class participates by performing skits, poems, songs and power point presentations. These activities, under Ms. Griffin-Ayers’s direction, bring the school community together to celebrate all our students have learned.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been an honor to serve as president of MANSEF this year. I could not have performed the responsibilities of the office without the dedication of the MANSEF Board of Directors, Dorie Flynn and Nancy Marsiglia, and the support of our members and the Friends of MANSEF (FOM). Together, we work collaboratively to support a strong organization that is committed to advocating for our students, families, and schools.

This is the time of year that we can reflect on our accomplishments and plan for the future. This year, MANSEF has continued to strengthen its relationship with the Maryland State Department of Education through participation in the budget workgroup, parental consent workgroup, and our attendance at technical assistance workshops. The board welcomed Marcella Franczkowski, Assistant State Superintendent, at the January board meeting. She confirmed her commitment to students with disabilities and nonpublics as part of the continuum of services. We continue to encourage Ms. Franczkowski to reconvene the Budget Committee to review the rate setting methodology.

It has been a busy legislative season with several bills that affect nonpublic schools. Senate Bill 786 – Restraint and Seclusion, which creates a task force to consider when restraint/seclusion should be prohibited, when it should be considered contraindicated, who may authorize restraint/seclusion, and review existing regulations. The task force is to make recommendations to the State Board and General Assembly by October 1, 2017. In addition, this bill includes new reporting requirements for each local school system and nonpublic school. This bill requires the individualized education program (IEP) team to obtain written consent from a parent if the team proposes to (1) enroll the child in an alternative education program that does not issue or provide credits toward a high school diploma; (2) identify the child for the alternate assessment aligned with the State’s alternate curriculum; (3) include restraint or seclusion in the IEP to address the child’s behavior; or (4) initiate a change in the child’s educational placement. House Bill 174 - Children with Disabilities – Individualized Education Program Process – Parental Consent passed. House Bill 1240 – Individualized Education Programs – Studies (formerly Burden of Proof), also passed, charges MSDE and LEAs to study the IEP process including allocation of staff and funds to support schools and families in the process. Finally, the Supreme Court issued its decision in the Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District. The court determined that minimal trivial progress from year to year is not acceptable; school systems must ensure that students make meaningful progress given the student’s circumstances. This was good news for students with disabilities receiving special education and related services.

As we conclude the school year, I look forward to the June 5th MANSEF Awards Luncheon at which we celebrate our Cardin Scholarship awardees. In addition, we encourage members to continue to advocate in Annapolis and in their respective jurisdictions by inviting local and state representatives to visit their schools. Educating our legislators about nonpublic, special education schools remains a priority for MANSEF and the Friends of MANSEF. Once again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as MANSEF President this past year.

Kindest regards,
Amy Alvord

MANSEF President
The Children’s Guild Prince George’s Campus

Standard of Excellence
Johns Hopkins Hospital’s vision, “Together, we will deliver the promise of medicine,” is supported by its mission to improve the health of the community and the world by setting the standard of excellence in medical education, research and clinical care. Standard of excellence is RIGHT! The Children’s Guild Brooklyn Campus sets the standard of excellence each day. Our students continue to surprise us with how brilliant they are and can be. Through trials and triumphs, students Kieon McMillan and Kaylah Hilliard have not only been tasked with avoiding the many dangers that the normal teenager is faced with daily, but also excelled tremendously with aiming for the stars. These two students were provided with an internship opportunity with Johns Hopkins. They have been given jobs 2 days per week after school. During the summer, they will work 30 hours per week and be paid $9.25.

When you see these students, please express how proud you are. They are both excited about the limitless possibilities. Kaylah now reports that she would like to be a LPN and attend Johns Hopkins University. Given that she stays onboard, she will continue to work there after completion of high school and can take advantage of tuition reimbursement. Thank you Ms. Whiting for helping the Transition Department facilitate this effort.

The Children’s Guild
Brooklyn Campus

Transitioning to Greatness
There comes a time when our students must spread their wings, take the risk, and fly alone. Dominuque Edwards is one of our students making great strides towards excellence. Dominuque will be The Children’s Guild PG Campus’ first student to attend college. On January 26, 2017, he was accepted to Prince George’s Community College. With the help of Ms. Grinage, Vocational Specialist, and the influence of Ms. Nasr, Special Educator, Dominuque will live the dream he has wanted for so long.

Dominuque is such a bright student. He continues to work hard to absorb all he can at The Guild so that he is prepared for the long road ahead. Thanks Ms. Nasr for your dedication to our students’ success. Ms. Grinage, thanks for holding down the Transition Team and making our students feel good about contributing to society. High School Team, you guys are truly amazing! Thanks for your unwavering commitment to our students excellence.
The Harbour School

Rickey Gibbons, a student at The Harbour School at Annapolis, won the Outstanding Student Achiever award given by the Annapolis Gazette, a community paper in Annapolis. This award is given each year to students who have demonstrated good scholarship and community service.

Morgan Schwartz, a student at The Harbour School at Baltimore, had been doing his community service work at The Baltimore Hunger Project. The project helps feed children during those times when public schools are closed such as holidays and long vacation breaks. Morgan has been a volunteer at the Project. He got the idea to see if he could provide greater help. He has applied for grants from major grocery store chains to get support for the work the Project does. Through Morgan’s efforts Wegmans has agreed to provide $2000 in gift cards to the project. Morgan is not finished. He has already asked Giant and Safeway.

Jesse Vartain, a sophomore at The Harbour School at Annapolis, has been interning at the Maryland House of Delegates for Delegate Deborah C. Rey. He has been assisting the Delegate’s Chief of Staff, Stephanie Troxell, during the 2017 Legislative Session. His responsibilities were researching and filing House Committee Bills. Jesse was recognized on the House floor during the Maryland General Assembly on March 29, 2017. We are very proud of the wonderful job that Jesse has done for Delegate Rey.

The Ivymount School

Ivymount student, William, recently received the Peggy O’Brien Award for Humor for his portrayal of Caliban in Ivymount’s performance of scenes from The Tempest.

William joined four other Ivymount students to perform at DC’s Folger Theater as part of the 2017 Secondary Schools Shakespeare Festival.

After the performance, William was praised for the physicality he injected into his role as well as his ability to evoke many emotions on stage.

“The thing I like most about acting is the fact that you can be a completely different person when you’re up on stage,” explains William. “The feeling you have afterwards is amazing.”
High Road Academy

Lucy F. has done a great job at High Road Academy in Laurel. Her accomplishments include making Director’s List (3.7 g.p.a.) taking certificate courses from Prince Georges Community College as part of her Workforce Development program at High Road, and beginning work at her first job. Lucy works at the Baltimore/Washington Medical Center two days a week and she loves it. She plans to attend Anne Arundel Community College and major in Animal Services in the fall. Everyone is so proud of Lucy and her successful senior year. Lucy stated her success comes from all the lessons learned at High Road and her part in the school’s transition program. She is looking forward to her next adventure.

Colby participated in the Workforce Development Program this year. He shared that this was “a chance for me and others to try new things and get credit for customer service skills”. He stated the best part of the program was learning to use the Microsoft programs and that it is a skill that will help him in his future academics and at any job. Colby admitted that his favorite part was learning the different techniques to speak to people and learning to understand their needs. He feels like those skills will help him greatly in his career.

Linwood School

Linwood School received a special visit from Maryland’s First Lady, Mrs. Yumi Hogan, this March. Our students (and staff!) were very excited for her visit and greeted her at the door with handshakes, flowers, and a welcome card. We are so proud of them!

Phillips School - Laurel

PHILLIPS Senior Success!

Davontae is a graduating senior from PHILLIPS — Laurel who has greatly benefited from our Growing Futures program! He has attended PHILLIPS since 7th grade and struggled with multiple challenges. In the fall of 2015 he joined the first group of students in the Career and Technical Education hydroponic farm program. Last year he wrote that participating in the micro greens farm “inspired me to work even harder in school and to try to go to college.” To date, Davontae has been accepted to Virginia State, Virginia Union, and St. Augustine. He has also received the following scholarships:

- Charles Schwab/Boys and Girls Club of America “Money Matters” scholarship ($2,500)
- Black Lives Matter Scholarship ($300)
- Elsie Wesley Burwell Scholarship ($1,000).

There are still a few applications out there, so this is a story that just gets better and better every day. Well done, Davontae. We couldn’t be more proud.
St. Elizabeth School

St. Elizabeth School student Darby Taylor has always been a huge golf fan, but recently, her enthusiasm has gained her a volunteer position at a Baltimore City Golf Course! Darby frequently joins her dad when he enjoys a game of golf at Mt. Pleasant Golf Course on Hillen Road, and she is also a dedicated fixture at the annual St. Elizabeth School Golf Tournaments. In the upcoming weeks, she will start working in Mt. Pleasant’s golf shop, café, and in various other capacities around the course. Way to go Darby – your enthusiasm for golf has gained you an exciting new adventure.

The Foundation School

The Foundation Schools’ annual benefit was held on Thursday, March 30 at The University of Maryland Riggs Alumni Center. The event raised vital funds and awareness of the impact The Foundation Schools has on students’ lives. This year’s program featured Rajon Jackson, an alumnus of The Foundation School of Montgomery County. Rajon thanked the staff for not letting him internalize the negativity that surrounded him. “I was labeled the bad kid, a troublemaker and not smart…So, since I heard those things all the time I believed all of it to be true. However, they knew I had the tools to make it, and they reminded me all of the time.” Rajon believes that The Foundation School gives kids a safe haven, and an outlet that is very much needed. Rajon is married and has three children. His wife, Measha is also grateful for The Foundation Schools, “If he hadn’t gone there, he would not be the person he is today.” Rajon is currently the sous chef at BlackFinn Ameripub in Washington, DC and is training to take on a larger role in the organization. To see more of Rajon’s story, visit our website at www.foundationschools.org.
Pathways opened its doors 35 years ago and almost since that moment the arts have been an important part of our students’ experience, a powerful tool to learn about themselves and their world. Fine arts, storytelling, drumming, dance, hip hop, and poetry have offered alternative means of self-expression, leading to self-understanding. At the same time, the arts provide creative motivation for academic learning. Many of the arts come to Pathways through the dedication of visiting artists who carry out residencies funded in part by the Maryland State Arts Council as well as local arts councils and the Prince George’s County Council discretionary grants program. The residencies are often facilitated by Young Audiences of Maryland, a non-profit committed to bringing the arts to schools.

One of these dedicated teaching artists is Carien Quiroga. A native of South Africa, Carien is a talented and successful mosaic artist and educator. She first came to Pathways in 2011 to help students create a mosaic mural in a project called “Many Cultures, One Planet”. She worked with the classroom teacher to connect lessons in South African native culture and history with instruction in metal embossing and mosaic techniques. The students practiced writing, reading, and communication skills as they studied and wrote short poems on which to base designs of individual pieces of the mural. The result was that students progressed in Language Arts and became acquainted with aspects of the culture and history of another country while creating a stunning mural that remains on display today.

Carien went on to carry out seven more residencies at nearly every Pathways site, leaving behind a wonderful array of mosaic pieces made by our students on themes such as Nelson Mandela’s legacy, “making the impossible possible”, and most recently, “wings” with the students of The Pathways School-Horizons. In 2015, Carien was given the Pathways Schools Community Partner of the Year Award at the Student Art Show held annually at Busboys and Poets in Hyattsville. Proceeds from the Art Show support residencies such as Carien’s and other programs at Pathways, including HoopEd and Therapeutic Horseback Riding.

Some of the students at The Mann School are delving into a project-based study. Through the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, ordinary people are able to grow oysters alongside their docks. They can raise oysters from “spat” to adult and return them to the sanctuary oyster reefs. Captain Jake, a local waterman, and the Lead Teacher from Mann School, attended a half-day workshop to learn about oyster gardening and delivered oyster spats in cages to docks in the Chesapeake Bay, all the while, taking pictures of the process to share with students. As the temperatures warm, students will have an opportunity to visit the cages, clean the cages, and share their experience with their classmates; comparing pictures to our original “spats” in early September. As the spats are growing, students are engaging in lessons about oysters and their role in bay waters, waterman of the Chesapeake Bay, water quality of the local streams and estuaries, and wildlife of the Chesapeake Bay. Some of our students even tasted their first raw oyster; others chose not to engage in this delicacy.
Phillips School - Laurel

PHILLIPS ~ Laurel school welcomed Chef J. Jackson, Mr. Foodtastic. Chef Jackson grew up in Washington DC where he discovered his love of cooking. His first culinary job was a line cook at Ben’s Chili Bowl. Today, he has his own catering company, travels nationally and internationally to cook for his clients, and has appeared as a competitor on Beat Bobby Flay and Cutthroat Kitchen airing on Food Network.

Chef J gave a cooking demonstration and spoke with both the high school and the lower school students about food, cooking and what it takes to be the best you can be. All had a superb time. When students and staff are eating cauliflower and loving it, you know he’s a great chef! FYI, he used one of his own special spice mixes that all loved. Check out his website at: www.chefjjackson.com

The Katherine Thomas School

Mystery and Learning at The Katherine Thomas High School
Students at The Katherine Thomas High School Program were active crime-solvers! They arrived at a crime scene and initiated an official, full-blown investigation. The crime-solvers did not spare any details in the exploration to see “who done it.”

All members of The Katherine Thomas School worked as a collaborative, dynamic, crime-solving team. When the students learned that a staff member lost her tablet, they felt excited and ready to tackle the investigation. Students reviewed the steps necessary in solving a crime. Government classes began pulling together clues. Publications class handled interrogations and interviews, and made a flyer about the crime. The Science class “Integrated Forensic Laboratories,” actually analyzing blood and hair for blood typing and DNA to create probable cause for the arrest.

The KTS crime-solvers did not spare any details in taking the right steps to solve the mystery. Through collaboration, technology, creativity, and hands-on learning, the sleuth was discovered, apprehended, and handcuffed, and the mission was considered a success.

Former NBA All-Star Visits Katherine Thomas School
The Katherine Thomas School had an all-school assembly, sponsored by our amazing Parents Association. Joe “The Trick Star” Odhiambo, a former NBA All-Star and a 12 time Guinness World Record Holder, performed a variety of dribbling and spinning tricks for our students. Joe also had the students engaged and involved. Almost all the students in the school had the opportunity to spin the basketball! A great time was had by all!
The Gateway School

Elizabeth Anne Brown has received an award from Baltimore Magazine for Excellence in Nursing. She was one of only two school nurses in the Baltimore region to be honored.

The job of a school nurse is always challenging; that job is even more complicated by the medical needs of Gateway’s students. This never stops Beth from actively engaging with her colleagues by volunteering to help Gateway’s educators and clinicians on field trips, special performances, and recreational activities.

Nurse Beth extends her care in nursing to the entire community, caring for both the children of Gateway School as well as families, community partners, and friends invested in the success of our students. Nurse Beth is a valuable asset to the HASA team, without which we could not do what we do.

Elizabeth was recognized at a ceremony on April 19 at The Belvedere and is featured in the May issue of the magazine in their salute to the secret stars of health care.

The Harbour School

Bryon Fracchia, Program Director, The Harbour School at Annapolis, Wendy Johnson, Community Assistant at The Harbour School at Baltimore and Amy J. Adams, Technology Coordinator, The Harbour School at Baltimore presented at the International Conference of the Learning Disabilities Association held in February, 2017 at the Convention Center in Baltimore. Their topic was “Learning to Fly”.

Ten students from The Harbour School at Baltimore and The Harbour School at Annapolis visited Senator Delores Kelley in Annapolis on March 27. They received a tour of the State legislature, visited Senator Kelley in her office and on the floor of the Senate. Their presence was announced from the Senate floor. The students had lunch in the State Senate Offices.

The Anne Arundel County Commission on Disability Issues, in partnership with The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County sponsors an annual art exhibit entitled, Artists Without Limits. The exhibit features artists who range in age and struggle with various disabilities, and gives these artists a chance to showcase their talents. Artwork is judged and chosen for display by The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. Only thirty-three artists were included in the 2017 exhibit, seven of whom were artists from The Harbour School at Annapolis. The exhibit will run from March 27th through June 7th at The Arundel Center in Annapolis.
Jim Truscello

After 43 years in the field of special education including 30 years of dedicated service to Sheppard Pratt nonpublic day schools, Jim Truscello will be retiring from his position as Director of Day School Programs at the end of June. Jim began his career as a special education teacher in Delaware, then in Michigan. He joined the Forbush School in the mid-80’s as supervisor of the middle school, then took on the role of Principal of the elementary and middle schools, and ultimately Director of Day School. After a short move to England, Jim returned to Forbush School as the Director of Education, and was soon promoted to Director of Day School Programs for Sheppard Pratt Health System. For the past 9 years in this role, he has led the dramatic growth in special education programs at Sheppard Pratt - now numbering 13 across the State of Maryland. Jim’s dedication to special education and the services that our schools provide has touched the lives of so many students and their families - as well as so many staff members through the years. Jim also served several terms on the MANSEF Board of Directors as its Vice President and Treasurer. His experience and expertise will be missed.

Mimi Wang

Delrey/Unified announces the retirement of Mimi Wang, Vice President for Children’s Services, at the end of the current school year. While we are delighted for Mimi and her family as she enters this new phase of her life, we are also quite saddened by her departure. To say that Mimi has “been an institution” at our agency is putting it mildly. Mimi began working for us on September 1, 1971 and has been a dedicated and steadfast leader and advocate for children with disabilities throughout her career. Her accomplishments are far too numerous to articulate, which include serving on the MANSEF board. Suffice it to say that her shoes will be very hard to fill.

Join us in wishing Mimi great happiness in her richly deserved retirement.
Christine Manlove

After 30 years at St. Elizabeth School, Dr. Christine Manlove is stepping down from her position as the school’s Executive Director. Dr. Manlove will be missed at SES where she has helped to create the excellent educational and therapeutic environment the students experience every day. She credits the school’s competent staff, leadership team, Board of Trustees, and the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi who sponsor the St. Elizabeth School with the school’s continued success over the years. Dr. Manlove—who has a Master in Speech Pathology from Loyola University, a CASE in Special Education and a Master of Science in Education Administration from Johns Hopkins University, and a Doctor of Education in Human Communication and Its Disorders from Johns Hopkins—became Principal of St. Elizabeth School in 1987 and Executive Director/Principal in 1995. In 2008, Dr. Manlove took on the sole role of Executive Director and a full-time principal was hired. For the better part of the past 30 years she has been actively involved in the special education and nonpublic school communities, taught graduate school at Johns Hopkins University, and was an active volunteer in the disability community and in her church as well. After leaving St. Elizabeth School at the end of June, Dr. Manlove plans to “pursue other service opportunities where she may be able to contribute.”

After a lengthy search process initiated by St. Elizabeth School’s Board of Trustees, its new Executive Director was recently announced. Mr. Michael G. Thorne will be joining SES starting July 1, 2017 after spending 15 years working for the Baltimore County School system as a teacher, Assistant Principal, and Principal. Dr. Manlove and Mr. Thorne will collaborate to create a smooth leadership transition. Dr. Manlove is confident that “SES Principal Mr. Andrew Parsley, the leadership team of Coordinators, and the SES staff along with Michael Thorne will move SES forward to a new and bright future.” Dr. Manlove also served on the MANSEF Board of Directors and for a term as its President.

MANSEF extends our warmest wishes to Jim, Mimi and Christine for their tireless efforts on behalf of MANSEF.
Devin Aliff, an Anne Arundel County Public Schools student attending The Pathways School, will use his scholarship for a driver’s education course at Alfredo’s Driving School.

William Allen, a previous Cardin Scholar from Montgomery County Public Schools who attended High Road Academy, will use his scholarship for tuition at Montgomery College.

Davion Baker, a Montgomery County Public Schools student attending The Foundation School, will use his scholarship to attend Montgomery College where he will pursue a degree in Network Engineering.

Perry Belt, a Prince George’s County Public Schools student attending The Pathways School - Edgewood, will use his scholarship to attend Project Access at Howard Community College.

Micah Breeden, a previous Cardin Scholar from Prince George’s County Public Schools who attended High Road Academy, will use his scholarship to attend Howard Community College where he will pursue a degree in psychology.

Adrian Brown, a Baltimore City Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger High School, will use his scholarship to attend the Baltimore City Community College Electrical Engineering program.

Morgan Butler, a Charles County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger School - LEAP Program, will use her scholarship to attend Camp Accomplish at Melrose Recreation Center, a summer aquatics and equestrian camp.

Kayla Buttner, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore County Public Schools who attended The Forbush School at Glyndon, will use her scholarship for tuition to attend the Community College of Baltimore County to pursue a degree in psychology.

Diego Cayabyab, a Baltimore County Public Schools student attending The Strawbridge School, will use his scholarship to attend the iD Tech Camp this summer for game programming.

Davontae Conner, a District of Columbia student attending Phillips School - Laurel and will use his scholarship to attend Virginia State College.

Justin Ferrell, a previous Cardin Scholar from the District of Columbia Public Schools who attended Chelsea School, will continue to use his scholarship for tuition to attend Montgomery College.

Evan Franciosi, a Fairfax County Public Schools student attending The Lourie Center School, will use his scholarship for piano and voice lessons at the Music and Arts Center.

Rivka Fuld, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore City Public School student who attends Baltimore Lab School, will use her scholarship to take swimming lessons.

Jackson Funderburk, a Baltimore County Public Schools student attending the Baltimore Lab Schools, will use his scholarship to attend Camp Summit, a therapeutic summer camp.

John Good, a previous Cardin Scholar from Anne Arundel County Public Schools who attends Kennedy Krieger High School, will use his scholarship to attend Anne Arundel Community College.

Deshawn Gray, a Baltimore City Public Schools student attending Villa Maria School, will use his scholarship to attend classes at Baltimore Clayworks this summer.

Spencer Green, a Carroll County Public Schools student attending St. Elizabeth School, will use his scholarship to attend River Valley Ranch, a recreation summer camp.

The scholarship fund was established in memory of Michael Cardin, son of U.S. Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland and his wife Myrna, a former MANSEF executive director. The scholarship fund has grown annually since its inception in 1999 and has awarded more than $300,000 to nearly 400 special education scholars. Mrs. Cardin will be on hand at the luncheon to present the awards.

Scholarships are awarded to students enrolled in or graduating from a MANSEF school. Funds are available to assist students enrolling in special training programs or for pursuit of vocational, trade or college education. Such programs include art, recreational and music programs, college or university courses, trade schools and sports programs.

“These students exemplify the achievement that is possible when students receive the proper supports,” said Myrna Cardin. “We are proud to reward and showcase the successes of these young people, each of whom stands out in his or her own way.”
Aidan Hadley, a District of Columbia Public Schools student attending Ivymount School, will use his scholarship for art instruction at the Creative Arts Center this summer.

Rodney Hampton, a Baltimore County Public Schools student attending The Baltimore Lab School, will use his scholarship for dance lessons at B.Funk Dance Company.

Jabari Harris, a Prince George’s County Public Schools student who attends the High Road School – PG County, will use his scholarship to attend Qadry Ismail & Pierre Garcon Football Camp, an overnight summer football camp.

Omaree Hillary, an Anne Arundel County Public Schools student attending The Pathways School, will use his scholarship for a driver’s education course at Alfredo’s Driving School.

Alex Hinrichsen, a Baltimore City Public Schools student who attends the Gateway School, will use his scholarship to attend Maccabi Sports Camp at the JCC this summer.

Austin Houston, a Baltimore County Public Schools student who attends the Arrow Center for Education, will use his scholarship to pursue a HVAC & Energy Technician certificate from Community College of Baltimore County - Essex.

Madison Hunt, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore County Public Schools who attended the Baltimore Lab School, will use her scholarship for tuition to attend Marshall University’s H.E.L.P Program.

Ellis Jackson, a Prince George’s County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger School - Fairmount, will use his scholarship to attend Prince George’s County Department of Parks and Recreation therapeutic Splash/Dash Camp and horseback riding lessons.

Austin Jarrett, a Baltimore County Public Schools student attending the Baltimore Lab School, will use his scholarship for tuition at York College of PA to pursue his four year degree.

Aaron Johnson, a Carroll County Public Schools student attending The Harbour School, will use his scholarship to attend the Community College of Baltimore County.

Travon Johnson, a previous Cardin Scholar a Baltimore County Public Schools student attending the Baltimore Lab School, will use his scholarship to attend Morgan State College.

Armand Kates-Offord, a previous Cardin Scholar a Howard County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger School, will use his scholarship to attend Summit Camp.

Chana Kramer, a previous Cardin Scholar from Prince George’s County Public Schools who attended the Chelsea School, will use her scholarship to pursue a bachelor’s degree in mass communications at Frostburg State University.

Amanda Loranger, a Howard County Public Schools student attending The Jefferson School, will use her scholarship to attend Howard Community College to pursue an Early Childhood Development and Sign Language certificate.

Zyon Magruder, a Prince George’s County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger at Central H.S., will use his scholarship to attend Edutainment Learning Center for summer field trips and reading and math enrichment.

Nathan Matheson, a previous Cardin Scholar from Montgomery County Public Schools who attended The Frost School, will continue to use his scholarship to pursue an associate of arts degree in automotive technology from Montgomery College.
Brenna McBride, a previous Cardin Scholar from Anne Arundel County Public Schools who attended Pathways Anne Arundel, will use her scholarship to pursue an associate of arts degree at Anne Arundel County Community College.

Joe McFadden, a previous Cardin Scholar a Montgomery County Public Schools student who attends the Katherine Thomas School, will use his scholarship for piano lessons at Bach to Rock.

Shane McGuire, an Allegany County Public Schools student who attends The Jefferson School at Finan Center, will use his scholarship for a driver’s education course at Allegany Driving School.

Aaron McKenzie, a District of Columbia Public Schools student who attends the Foundation School of Prince George’s County, will use his scholarship to for the iD Tech: Game Design & Development camp this summer.

Curt Moore, Jr, a previous Cardin Scholar from Prince George’s County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger High School, will use his scholarship for tuition at Prince George’s Community College to obtain a Digital Photography Certificate.

Alexander Muschlitz, a Calvert County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger School – LEAP Program, will use his scholarship to attend Camp Accomplish at Melwood Recreation Center.

Maria Nicole Parks, a Carroll County Public Schools student attending The Jefferson School, will use her scholarship for tuition at Carroll Community College to pursue the Veterinary Assistant Program.

James Lee Patterson, Jr, a previous Cardin Scholar from Allegany County Public Schools who attended The Jefferson School at Finan, will use his scholarship to pursue an associate of arts degree in automotive technology from Allegany College of Maryland.

John Pease, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore County Public Schools who attended the Baltimore Lab School, will continue to use his scholarship for tuition at the University of Maryland – Baltimore County to pursue a degree in Visual Arts.

Shyann Peterson, a Baltimore City Public Schools student attending the Villa Maria School, will use her scholarship to attend The Painting Workshop for painting classes this summer.

William Schott, a Montgomery County Public Schools student who attends The Ivymount School, will use his scholarship to attend Camp Atlantic, a therapeutic camp this summer.

Benjamin Shuman, a previous Cardin Scholar from Montgomery County Public Schools who attends the Benedictine School, will use his scholarship to attend Camp Greentop, a therapeutic recreation program.

Leah Shuman, a previous Cardin Scholar from Montgomery County Public Schools who attends The Katherine Thomas School, will use her scholarship to attend, The Attachment Place, a therapeutic summer program.

Angelrose Serry, a previous Cardin Scholar from Prince George’s County Public Schools who attended The Harbour School, will use her scholarship to attend Baltimore City Community College to pursue a degree in Fashion Design.

Aaron Simon, a previous Cardin Scholar and Montgomery County Public Schools student who attends The Frost School, will use his scholarship to attend Camp Soar, an adventure camp in Wyoming.

Brandon Swanner, an Allegany County Public Schools student attending The Jefferson School at Finan Center, will use his scholarship for tuition at Allegany College of Maryland to pursue a degree in the Computer Technology Career Program.

Quiries Tyson, a Baltimore City Public School student attending New Visions Academy, will use his scholarship to attend iD Tech Camps, a technology camp.
Myles Walker, an Anne Arundel County Public Schools student attending Severna Park Senior High School—Hannah More, will be using his scholarship to attend Bruce Baumgartner’s Heavyweight Wrestling Training Camp.

Ryan Ward, a Prince George’s County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger High School, will be using his scholarship to attend Melwood Summer Camp.

Isaiah Waters, a previous Cardin Scholar from the Prince Georges County Public Schools who attended the Chelsea School, will be using his scholarship for tuition at Marshall University.

Bruce Watson, a previous Cardin Scholar and Baltimore City Public Schools student who attends the Baltimore Lab School, will be using his scholarship for tuition to attend Howard Community College.

Dylan Watson, an Anne Arundel County Public Schools student attending Kennedy Krieger—Fairmount, will be using his scholarship to attend the Mayo Beach Day Camp, an adaptive recreation summer camp.

Miranda Webb, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore County Public Schools who attended The Strawbridge School, will be using her scholarship for college tuition at the Community College of Baltimore.

Scott (Sandy) Wilbur, a previous Cardin Scholar from Baltimore County Public Schools who attended the Baltimore Lab School, will be using his scholarship for college tuition at Goucher College in Towson.

Nicholas Wilkerson, a previous Cardin Scholar from Anne Arundel County Public Schools who attended the High Road Academy, will be using his scholarship to pursue a degree in health and human services at Anne Arundel Community College.

Keyrel Javon Williams, a District of Columbia Public Schools student attending High Road Academy of Prince George’s County, will be using his scholarship for tuition to attend the University of the District of Columbia to pursue a degree in law enforcement.

Elizabeth Wiser, a Montgomery County Public Schools student attending the Frost School, will use her scholarship for tuition to attend St. Mary’s College of Maryland to pursue her undergraduate degree.

Ainsley Witmer, a Baltimore City Public Schools student attending St. Elizabeth School, will use her scholarship to attend Camp Greentop, a therapeutic summer camp.

Kristin Wollenweber, a previous Cardin Scholar from Harford County Public Schools who attended the Hannah More School, will be using her scholarship to study psychology at Harford Community College.

Erin Young, a previous Cardin Scholar from Anne Arundel County Public Schools who attended the High Road Academy, will use her scholarship for tuition at Anne Arundel Community College to pursue an associate’s degree in science.
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