

Southland College Prep Charter High School Inducts 18 into National Honor Society



RIGHTON PARK, IL.—June 10, 2013—Dr. Blondean Davis, CEO, (lower left) and Brian Wales, moderator, (upper right) welcome 18 new members to the Southland College Prep Charter High School National Honor Society chapter at a recent induction ceremony in the school. (Posted By richard barry, Community Contributor)

RIGHTON PARK, IL—June 10, 2013—Eighteen sophomores and juniors have been inducted into Southland College Prep Charter High School's National Honor Society chapter.

The newly elected National Honor Society members are:

Sophmores Jasmine Artis, Park Forest; Jarrett Exum, Matteson; Coretta Franklin, Park Forest; Breon Henley, Matteson; Tiffany Hill, Matteson; Amy Kwarteng, Matteson; Carley Marberry, Matteson; Reyven Morrow, Park Forest; Courtney Parker, Richton Park; Jarel Robinson, Richton Park; Arielle Walker, Olympia Fields; Kaelyn Whiteside, Richton Park; and Deiarah Wright, Matteson.

Juniors inducted into Southland's National Honor Society chapter are: Taylor Allen, Matteson; Leah Mitchell, Park Forest; Mauranda Owens, Park Forest; Brianna Tate, Matteson; and Brittany Thompson, Richton Park.

Each of the inductees delivered brief remarks expressing appreciation to all who assisted them and their pledge to uphold the spirit and traditions of the National Honor Society.

"The founding principles that have guided some one million high school students who are members of the National Honor Society in the U.S and Canada are vitally important to the Southland College Prep family," said Dr. Blondean Davis, CEO.

"As NHS members, they share a common appreciation in the group's four principal purposes—to create enthusiasm for scholarship, to stimulate a desire to render service, to promote leadership and to develop character.

"Our pledge to these and all Southland College Prep students is that our faculty, administration and staff, working together with parents and guardians, will provide the opportunity for our graduates to earn a degree from an accredited four-year college degree program," Dr. Davis said.

"The Southland College Prep National Honor Society chapter, now numbering 36 students, is proud to be a member of an organization founded in 1921, many of whose members have distinguished themselves as actors, ambassadors, astronauts, authors, Cabinet members, Presidents of the U.S., inventors, medical specialists, members of [Congress](#), military leaders, network anchors, Olympians, Rhodes Scholars, professional athletes and many others who contribute to our country and the world," she added.

According to Brian Wales, moderator of Southland College Prep's National Honor Society chapter and an instructor in the school's mathematics department, "these newly inducted members each have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (out of 4.0) or above and have demonstrated to the Faculty Council who reviewed their applications

and interviewed them that their participation at Southland College Prep has been marked by scholarship, leadership, character and service.”

As candidates for the National Honor Society the newly inducted members have served as volunteer tutors of their peers and assisted at Southland College Prep open houses, special events and other functions, Wales said.

At the recent induction ceremonies, Ashley Jackson, president of the Southland College Prep National Honor Society chapter, addressed the audience of members, parents, friends and school administration and faculty. Fellow chapter members, Nadia Ferrer, Imani Thornton, Ian Katiku and Elijah Calloway delivered brief remarks focusing on the four founding principles of the Society—scholarship, leadership, service and character.

About Southland College Prep Charter High School

Southland College Prep opened in August, 2010. It is the only public charter high school in Chicago’s suburbs. When the freshman class arrives in August, 2013, Southland will have reached its total enrollment capacity of 500 students as set by the Illinois State Board of Education. The new school is designed to prepare all of its graduates for academic success in college.

Located at 4601 West Sauk Trail Road, Richton Park on eight acres in a three-story, 85,000 square foot, state-of-the art learning center, Southland has small class sizes, an extended nine-hour school day and a college prep curriculum which emphasizes foreign languages, math, science and the arts.

Southland’s students use 21st century classroom tools including an electronic portfolio of work and a blog for each subject area. Students engage in technology-based collaborative learning with other students, have access to video conferencing and technology assisted home-school communication to keep parents informed of progress.

Southland College Prep Charter High School selects students by public lottery who are graduates of an elementary school and who reside in: Country Club Hills, Flossmoor,

Hazel Crest, Homewood, Matteson, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park and
Tinley Park.

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