

Hello! I am Amare Jackson, a graduated senior in the Class of 2024 from Friendship Technology Preparatory Academy High School. I must say that crossing the finish line of my high school journey has been challenging but the feeling of accomplishment that I felt as I walked onto Audi Field to receive my graduate diploma was amazing. I DID IT!!! I had silenced those weary, doubtful thoughts that were trying to stop me from accomplishing the very thing that I knew was a stepping block to me having a bigger and brighter future.

So, what is next? In the Fall 2024, I will be attending McDaniel College in Westminster, Md to pursue my bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. Receiving the “Spread Your Wings” scholarship from the William O. Lockridge Community Foundation, is assisting me in continuing my education at one of the brightest institutions in the DMV area. As a recipient of this award, I will be closer to fulfilling a large part of my tuition. Some may say it is not much but to me it is needed and appreciated. For without this scholarship, I would have had to rely on parent loans to meet my financial need. This scholarship helps to remove some financial burden from my parents so that they can focus their efforts in other areas to assist me with having a successful first year of college and so forth.

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