

***Life's Hardships Yield Special Scholarships  
For 29 Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia High School Seniors***

April 27, 2006/Washington, D.C. – **Poverty, disability, foster care, parental substance abuse, and physical abuse are some of the adversities that could not prevent twenty nine outstanding high school seniors from throughout Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia from wanting to live out their American dream and have more for themselves. Each is now the recipient of a 2006 Horatio Alger Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia Scholarship of two thousand five hundred dollars for their college education.** (A complete list of the 2006 Horatio Alger Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia Scholars immediately follows this release).

The 2006 Horatio Alger Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia Scholars provide an inspiring example of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia's youth, having already demonstrated a drive to accomplish their goals, even in the face of adversity. These students have utilized initiative, perseverance and hard work to overcome the adversity they have faced in their lives.

This accomplished group of young people has demonstrated success in academics, co-curricular activities and community service while taking on some of life's most difficult challenges. Each of these young people possess the aspirations and potential to make important contributions in Washington metro area Maryland and Virginia and around the world. The scholarship may be used to pursue a bachelor's degree at any accredited college or university within the United States.

The Horatio Alger Washington, DC, Maryland and Virginia Scholars Program is funded through the generosity of Anthony Welters and his wife Beatrice. Mr. Welters is a Member of the Horatio Alger Association, an organization comprised of Americans who have overcome adversity and humble beginnings to achieve success. He currently serves on the Association's Board of Directors.

"Access to a college education should not be determined by how much money a young person has but how much they want a degree. This program will provide the incredible young people here in Washington, D.C. metropolitan area with the opportunity to achieve their goals by making a college education attainable for them", states Anthony Welters. Since 1984 the Horatio Alger Association's need based scholarship programs have helped hundreds of deserving students across the nation pursue their dreams of a post secondary education through their unique scholarships that recognize the circumstances and hardships of students as well as their achievements. Mr. Welters continues, "The Horatio Alger Association's experience working with students of limited financial means who want to obtain a college education is unmatched."

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is a nonprofit education association. Through the generosity of its members, more than \$8.5 million in need-based college scholarships are awarded annually to young people nationwide. For more information about the Association's scholarships and programs please visit [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org).

Applications for consideration as a 2007 Horatio Alger Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia Scholar are available June 1 through October 15, 2006 at [www.horatioalger.org/scholarships](http://www.horatioalger.org/scholarships).

## 2006 Horatio Alger Washington, D. C., Maryland and Virginia Scholars

<i>Shafkat Ali</i> South Lakes High School Reston, Virginia	<i>Esteban Fuentes</i> Lake Braddock Secondary School Springfield, Virginia	<i>Bennisha Lucas</i> Archbishop Carroll High School Washington, District Of Columbia	<i>Kathryn Parker</i> South River High School Edgewater, Maryland
<i>Anna Bernedo</i> T.C. Williams High School Alexandria, Virginia	<i>Kimberly Ho</i> Robert E Lee High School Springfield, Virginia	<i>Rebekah McCallum</i> Brunswick High School Brunswick, Maryland	<i>Darrel Philpott</i> Benjamin-Banneker High School Washington, District Of Columbia
<i>Susan Boa-guehe</i> Watkins Mill High School Gaithersburg, Maryland	<i>Yue (Lucy) Hou</i> Centennial High School Ellicott City, Maryland	<i>Alicia McKenzie</i> Oakland Mills High School Columbia, Maryland	<i>Amada Saravia</i> Gar-Field High School Woodbridge, Virginia
<i>Ashley Boalch</i> Sherwood High School Sandy Spring, Maryland	<i>Megha Jacob</i> Old Mill Senior High School Randallstown, Maryland	<i>Tameka McKenzie</i> Oakland Mills High School Columbia, Maryland	<i>Jennifer Sevarino</i> Oakland Mills High School Columbia, Maryland
<i>Jenena Brissett</i> Springbrook High School Silver Spring , Maryland	<i>Dominique Jeffery</i> Thomas A Edison High School Alexandria, Virginia	<i>Gladys Mendoza</i> Sherwood High School Olney, Maryland	<i>Jae Sin</i> Potomac Senior High School Woodbridge, Virginia
<i>Jessica Brown</i> Friendship Edison Academy Washington, District Of Columbia	<i>Monquisa Johnson</i> C.D. Hylton Senior High School Woodbridge, Virginia	<i>Bipin Neupane</i> Woodbridge Senior High School Woodbridge, Virginia	<i>William Tortolano</i> Bishop Ireton High School Alexandria, Virginia
<i>Norma Chamma</i> Yorktown High School Arlington, Virginia	<i>Rosa Kariminaser</i> Osbourn Park Sr High School Manassas, Virginia	<i>Thuan Nguyen</i> Wheaton High School Silver Spring , Maryland	<i>Myranda Weir</i> Mount Vernon High School Fort Belvoir, Virginia
			<i>Immanuel Williams</i> Sherwood High School Silver Spring , Maryland

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