

Malachi Neal



“Giving back and being of service are the backbones of the African-American community. The importance of service to God and the community has been instilled in me since I was a small boy,” stated Malachi Neal who will be attending Purdue University this Fall, majoring in Aviation Management. Malachi is a recipient of the 2020 R.W. Sorrell \$3,000 four-year renewable scholarship.

Malachi graduated from Upper Darby High School in June with a 3.9 GPA. While attending Upper Darby High School, Malachi exhibited good leadership and creative abilities. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Distinguished Honor Roll Student, Captain of the Tennis Team and a member of the Superintendent’s Student Advisory Committee.

Some of Malachi’s major achievements include: private pilot and drone operator certificates earned through a scholarship program – Tuskegee Next in 2019, received the Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Award, earned Eagle Scout award with Troop # 144 in Havertown, PA, Founder and President of Upper Darby High School Aviation Club which he started with school board approval to share his passion for all things related to aviation, invited guest speakers to weekly held meetings to speak about current events in aviation.

Malachi has been involved with Boy Scouts since 2016 completing service to his community through clean-ups, food bag pick-ups and drop-offs, and the Eagle Scout Service project in which he built a dog agility course for the Upper Darby Police Department K-9 unit. He also volunteers with the Patient Airlift Services with pilots and other volunteers who use their planes to fly people in need of transportation to locations they cannot afford to go. Malachi currently works at Swiss Farms where he is an essential grocery worker with multiple responsibilities such as inventory, cashier and janitor. ■