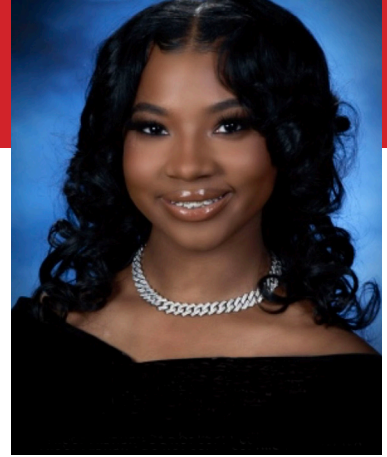


SirNira Davis-Burke



SirNira Davis-Burke is a Senior graduating from a challenging curriculum that requires dual enrollment in college and high school simultaneously through the Parkway Center City Middle College. She is graduating with both a high school diploma and an associate degree. She is also graduating with a GPA of 3.49 and a plethora of honors and awards. One of those awards include a Book Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 from the R.W. Sorrell Scholarship Fund.

SirNira has been accepted to **Morgan State University** where she will pursue a degree in nursing. Her career choice was inspired by her grandfather's illness. She views nursing as a career that will allow her to impact the well-being of her family and community. SirNira has a big personality, is warm and spontaneous, sociable and communicates with ease. She is described by her references as a student with a unique combination of academic prowess, leadership skills and dedication to community services. She is further described as a resilient student with the ability to face challenges with grace, a determined individual with a thirst for knowledge and an unwavering commitment to making a positive impact. Taken from the essay submitted to the scholarship fund, SirNira stated "volunteering and community service have always held a special place in my heart, driving me to make a positive impact in the world around me. From my past experiences to my present commitments and future aspirations, my journey in volunteering has been a transformative and enriching one." SirNira has an impressive record of community service and extracurricular activities with Cradles2Crayons, and Youth United for Change. Both of these organizations allowed her to address social issues and support under-served populations, whether it was advocating for educational equity, or providing essential resources to children in need. Initially some of her volunteer and community service activities were short term, but after the Covid 19 pandemic hit just as she was entering high school, her focus changed to volunteering on long term initiatives. At her school, she a member of the Volley Ball Team, the Aspire Nursing Program and Student Government, lending her voice to the Student Voice Advisory Board, advocating for student interests and addressing issues within her school community. Serving on the board allowed her to amplify student voices, but empowered her to develop leadership skills and foster positive change within her school environment. Serving in this role also gave her an opportunity to voice her opinion on the Supreme Court's Ruling banning colleges from using race as admission criteria. SirNira was one of several students across the country featured in a Wall Street Journal article where students voices were uplifted regarding the Supreme Court's Ruling ending affirmative action in college admissions and leaving college students with a dilemma or asking the question: "Can I mention my race, or not on my college application?"

SirNira is excited to see where her passion for service will take her and the impact she can make in the lives of others.! ■