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GIRLS INC. OF DELAWARE HONORS WOMEN OF DELAWARE AND RECEIVES
FOUR FULL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GIRLS INC. OF DELAWARE



On Thursday, May 17, 2018 Girls Inc. of Delaware (GIDE) held the 29th Annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Luncheon. This luncheon honors three outstanding women from throughout the state of Delaware who exude the Girls Inc. mission: ***Inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, & bold.*** In addition to honoring the three awardees the 1st recipient of the Clarice Wolf Scholarship was presented. In keeping with GIDE's focus of supporting Girls now and in their future endeavors four scholarships were gifted to GIDE for (2) Delaware State University and (2) Wilmington University.

29th Annual Strong, Smart, and Bold Honorees

Dr. Laverne Harmon became President of Wilmington University in July of 2017 after being unanimously approved by its Board of Trustees. She is the first African-American woman to be named the president of a college or university in the state of Delaware. Dr. Harmon holds a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

Ms. Donna Covington is an accomplished executive with expertise in leadership, organizational development, strategic planning and change management. With over 30 years of experience as an executive she now serves as the Dean of the College of Business at Delaware State University.

Clarice Elaine Marshall Wolf was a wise and witty, compassionate and loving, generous and gentle woman. Clarice served on the boards of numerous non-profits in Delaware raising funds, challenging complacency and indifference, and inviting people to invest in the common good.

2018 CLARICE WOLF SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Lanahja Gordon is a senior at Howard High School of Technology in Wilmington, Delaware. Lanahja is in Howard's Pre-Nursing Program and is a Certified Nursing Assistant. Lanahja is active in Howard's Leading Ladies Club, National Honors Society, Student Council and served as an officer of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) and a Camp Counselor at Neighborhood House in New Castle, Delaware. Lanahja aspires to become a Registered Nurse and earn both a college and master's degree.

About Girls Inc. of Delaware the mission is to ***Inspire all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold***. As an affiliate of the national nonprofit organization Girls Inc., whose research-based programs and expertise on girls' issues date back to 1864, GIDE offers a variety of educational, enrichment and empowerment programs for girls' ages 6 to 18 who are mostly from high-risk, underserved areas. GIDE programs, grounded in research and tested in the field, address educational, societal, and economic barriers girls continue to face. These programs encourage girls to master challenges, build self-esteem, and achieve confident and responsible adulthood. GIDE served more than 680 girls in 2017 with life changing programs. For more information, please visit www.girlsincde.org.