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### **CPS Student Awarded the 1<sup>st</sup> Alexander and Helen Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund**

Cincinnati, Ohio October 20, 2009 - Keyara McFadden, a 19 year old, University of Cincinnati criminal justice major from Mt. Auburn is the recipient of the first scholarship awarded by the Alexander and Helen Griffin Memorial Scholarship Fund. Marsha Spivey-Harris, daughter of Alexander and Helen Griffin, presented the first scholarship award at the recent Know How 2 Go College Fair.

"The scholarship will help me with school books and it means a lot to me that the Griffin's see my potential," said Keyara. The Griffin Family established the Scholarship Memorial Fund in loving memory of their parents who believed education was key but never attended college themselves.

The Griffin Memorial Fund is just one of the one hundred scholarship funds administered by the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation (CSF), a local non-profit organization that helps local businesses, individuals, and family members create a legacy through scholarships.

Ned Hertenberg, the CSF's President, said, "Alexander Griffin worked for the Cincinnati Board of Education for 34 years and although he and his wife were prevented from graduating from high school, they instilled in their 11 children the importance of education. The children established the scholarship fund in honor of their parents' devotion to the value of education."

The CSF helped the Griffin family establish the scholarship criteria, which consisted of high school affiliation, post-secondary institution requirements, high school GPA, application requirements, and the monitoring of minimum GPA once in college. After screening all of the applications, the CSF presented the Griffin family with its choice for the first scholarship recipient. The Griffins then reviewed the applicant's qualifications to make sure she met the established criteria and best reflected the scholarship's objectives.

"We partnered with CFS to utilize their experience in the administration, publication and application/selection process of our scholarship fund, the CSF made finding the student who fit easy," said Janice Robbins. "We look forward to meeting with the scholarship recipient every year. Our family sees it as a time to remember our parents and all they have given us."

#### **About the Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation**

Since 1918, the CSF has been assisting financially needy, yet academically worthy, Greater Cincinnati students in continuing their education and rewarding those students who show promise, dedication, and commitment. [The Cincinnati Scholarship Foundation's](#) mission is to continue to be the premier [scholarship](#)

foundation in Greater Cincinnati, administering college [scholarships](#) on behalf of local businesses, corporations, individuals and other area foundations.\* By reaching out to motivated and deserving students who have limited financial resources, the CSF helps provide the means to attend college and the opportunity to realize dreams.

\*[Scholarships](#) include the [Anthony Muñoz Scholarship Fund](#), the [Johnny Bench Scholarship Fund](#) and the [Marvin Lewis Scholarship Fund](#). To see other scholarships administered by the CSF visit [www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org](http://www.CincinnatiScholarshipFoundation.org). To learn more about beginning scholarships in your name, please call 513.345.6701.

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