



THE PRINCETON PRIZE IN RACE RELATIONS

- WHO** Cleveland-area high school student Courtney Reed (Hawken School) receives Princeton Prize in Race Relations award. Seth DeValve, Tight End for the Cleveland Browns (also Princeton graduate, class of 2016), Princeton Prize founder Henry von Kohorn (Princeton, class of 1966), and Prize finalists Oseremhen Arheghan (Shaker Heights High School), Camya Smith (John Hay Early College High School), parents, educators, and community leaders will attend recognition ceremony in Cleveland.
- WHAT** \$1,000 prize given to Reed, plus trip to Princeton University for race-relations symposium, for her impact in focusing her school's administration on equity and inclusion solutions. Arheghan and Smith will also be honored for their work.
- WHERE** The Union Club, 1211 Euclid, Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44115.
- WHEN** Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 6:00pm (reception), 7:00pm (awards program).
- WHY** The Princeton Prize is a national service program recognizing outstanding high school students who show leadership by improving race relations in their communities.

Senior Courtney Monet Reed catalyzed the creation at Hawken School of a set of initiatives aimed at integrating equity and inclusion into the school's execution of its mission. Based on her research and surveying students, she compiled a presentation that she and two other students presented to the Student Senate, the school's senior leadership, and the Board of Trustees. Spurred by her work, the administration added a new diversity statement to the school website, committed to starting affinity groups, and announced a diversity-and-inclusion strand in its strategic plan. Her work has also influenced the Student Senate to push for a diversity council, a cultural-competency graduation requirement, and diversity training. As chair of Hawken's Multicultural Club, Reed also sparked conversation among the student body during school assemblies focused on racial equality. Reed will travel to Princeton at the end of April to join around 25 other high school students from around the nation in a symposium on race relations.

Ose Arheghan, a Shaker Heights High School senior, will receive a certificate of accomplishment at the April 11 ceremony. An outspoken activist challenging the school's commitment to minority students, Arheghan has spearheaded the creation of Northeast Ohio's first NAACP high school chapter. The group has been the go-to entity at Shaker for those seeking guidance on and wanting to express views on matters of racial equality.

Camya Smith, a senior at John Hay Early College High School, will also receive a certificate of accomplishment at the April 11 ceremony. She conceptualized and initiated #BetheBeautifulU, a movement to combat "colorism" and enhance self-confidence among African American students, especially young women. Smith's efforts include both school-wide and classroom-specific presentations, reaching scores of students to change their perceptions and actions.

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