### NEWS FROM THE

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FALL/WINTER 2022

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**Founder** Rev. Hezekiah Brady, Jr. "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

MATTHEW 1:23

WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

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## C.R.A.F.T's Annual Awards Ceremony-2022

e were happy to be able to celebrate our 2022-2023 student scholars in person once again on Friday, July 22, at the Ralph J. Bailey Community Center in Sun River Terrace, Illinois. The 23 scholars, family, friends, and board members and staff were encouraged by the guest speaker, Tamela Young, Student Adoption Fund alumni.

# Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Student Assistance Fund Scholars

## **Seniors**

Tyshon King -Northern Michigan University (Marketing) De'Asia Love - Southern University- Baton Rouge (Chemistry) Joi Strickland --Illinois State University (International Business)

## <u>Juniors</u>

Giannah Boice - Kankakee Community College (Early Childhood Education) Caliece Gaines - Grand Canyon University (Forensic Psychology) LaNaeja Johnson - Kankakee Community College (Nursing) Aaliyah Magruder - Grand Canyon University (Psychology) Makayla Mondy - Savannah State University (Biology) Trenten Wills - University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff (Business Agriculture)

## **Sophmores**

Kendall Lake - Northern Illinois University (Engineering) Jalen Maddox - Governors State University (Physical Therapy/Business) Aaliyah McKnight - Clark Atlanta University (Business Administration) Anayah McKnight - Clark Atlanta University (Business Administration) Micah Thomas - Spelman College (Biology) Paul Williams III– Kankakee Community College (Electrical Engineering Technology)

## <u>Freshmen</u>

Marcus Armstrong, Jr. - University of Dubuque (Finance) Ke'Ayla Dunlap - Tennessee State University (Business Administration) Jairus Harris - Kankakee Community College (undeclared) Tia Johnson - Kankakee Community College (Psychology) Jace Lightfoot - Tennessee State University (Nursing) Justin Pendleton - Kankakee Community College (Computer Graphics) Tionna Pickens - Kankakee Community College (Psychology) Kamise Smith - Tennessee State University (Psychology/Criminology)



Tia Johnson, Jalen Maddox, Micah Thomas



LaNaeja Johnson, Makayla Mondy



Tamela Young , Myrna Brady



Jairus Harrus, Justin Pendleton, Marcus Armstrong, Tionna Pickens, Ke'Ayla Dunlap, Jace Lightfoot, Kamise Smith

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### Congratulations to Maurice Walker! Graduate of Central Methodist University Sports Management



Maurice Walker pictured with father, Carl D. Walker

### **Congratulations to Aaliyah Magruder!** 2022 Hezekiah Brady, Jr. Scholarship Recipient



Aaliyah Magruder Junior at Grand Canyon University

## C.R.A.F.T. at Pembroke Day



Darcel Y. Brady, Myrna Brady, Ardis Cross



Darcel Y. Brady, Kolette O'Donoghue, Teresa Mondy-Holley, Kim Pendleton



The C.R.A.F.T. Board of Directors Welcomes Phyllis F. Brady as Board Advisor





#### Please keep C.R.A.F.T. on your prayer list:

- Pray for emotional, physical, spiritual, financial needs of our scholars
- Additional funding as C.R.A.F.T. seeks to build a facility in Pembroke

#### Visit the C.R.A.F.T. website (www.craftinc.org)

- Donate electronically
- Share link with those in your network

## SAVE the DATE

## Spring Concert featuring N'Deep

## Saturday, March 25, 2023 | 1:00pm

I would like to help C.R.A.F.T. continue in its mission to
be a light and blessing to our youth."
Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift.
Name
Address
City State Zip Code
Please select one of the following: () \$25 () \$50 () \$75 () \$100 Other This is a (n): () One-time gift () Annual Gift () Quarterly Gift () Monthly Gift

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