sat., OCTOBER 25, 1980 Achievement Durham Has 9 Semifinalists

EVANSTON, ILL. -Nine high school students of Durham are listed the 1,500 among Semifinalists in the seventeenth annual (1981) National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. More than 70,000 black students enrolled in about 7,000 U.S. secondary schools entered the scholarship competition as high school Semifinalists juniors. the highest represent scorers among black students who took the PSAT/NMSQT in 1979 and requested consideration in the Achievement Program. They were selected on a regional allocation basis, in numbers that are proportional to the Negro population of the states assigned to each region.

"The Achievement Program's ongoing efforts are focused upon identifying and honoring motivated and able black youth from all parts of the nation. The most outstanding of the Semifinalists named will compete for about \$2 million in college undergraduate scholarships to be awarded next spring," said L.C. McMillan, who manages the Achievement Program.

The Durham nine are: • Hillside High School — Lester B. Bass, Miss Kimberly J. Battle (who is also a National Merit Semifinalist), Lawrence H. Thompson, and Kevin Washington; • Durham Academy

• Durham Academy – Nathan T. Garrett, Miss Valerie F. Kennedy, and Mark A. Sanders;

•Northern High School: Miss Valarie D. Brewington and Edward E. Lee. To be considered for

To be considered for one of about 600 Achievement Scholarships to be offered in 1981, these students man meet a THE CAROLINA TIMES -11



number of additional requirements and advance to Finalist standing in the competition. The awards for which Finalists will compete are financed by grants from over 175 Achievement Program sponsors (businesses, corporations, company foundations, and colleges and universities), and by contributions from a sizable group of donors.

Every Pinalist will be considered for one of approximately 325 National \$1000 Achievement Scholarships, allocated by geographic region to ensure that winners will be representative of outstanding black students nationwide. Winners of "National" awards will be chosen by a Selection Committee of educators who will meet, for this specific purpose; recipients will be Finalists judged by the committee to have the best combination of personal attributes and abilities that are considered to be important in college work.

In addition, about 275 renewable Achievement Scholarships worth between \$1,000 and \$8,000 (or more) over the four of college years undergraduate study will be offered. Those Achievement Scholarships are awarded to Finalists who meet preferential criteria specified by the organizations providing support. About 135 corporate sponsors and some forty colleges and universities are expected to four-year underwrite scholarships for black students in 1981.

Winners of both National Achievement \$1000 and Scholarships corporate-sponsored four-Achievement vear Scholarships will be announced publicly on March 19, 1981. Recicollegepients of four-year sponsored Achievement Scholarships will be announced individually between mid-May and mid-June in 1981.

In sixteen annual Achievement Programs completed between 1965 and 1980, some 6,900 black students have received awards that have a total value of about \$20 million.

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