



MEET THE GRADUATES

Besides ensuring our physical and emotional survival, the second most important contribution parents make to the lives of their children is to provide them with best education their means allow. With an education we are always in a position to turn luck into an opportunity for durable achievement of any kind. In a tribute to both parents and their remarkable children, we are happy to recognize the graduates for their academic and /or professional achievements.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ALEXANDRA BRUTUS



graduated from Avondale High School in May 2019. While in school, she was the co-founder of the Queens of Melanin, which was established to provide young girls of color with a safe space to fellowship and to be mentored by other professional women. She also played on the Girls Basketball team, volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club of Southeast Michigan, and served on her church's praise and worship

team as a lead vocalist. In her spare time, Alexandra likes to sing and perfect her manicuring skills. Alexandra had the honor of serving as Ms. Haiti in the 2018 CCCO pageant and was crowned Ms. Carnival. She was also selected by her fellow pageant participants as Ms. Congeniality for her welcoming personality and willingness to help others. Alexandra will attend Oakland Community College, starting this fall. Afterwards, she plans to attend Michigan State University and major in Biology. She hopes to become a Surgeon, a nurse, or a Physician's Assistant, but she is still undecided. All that she knows for sure is that she desires a career that will allow her to help and heal others. . ■

Congratulations to CASYANA SIMÉON



on graduating from Novi High School. In the fall she will be starting the Pre-Med program at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. This young woman kept very busy during her High School years; her latest accomplishment is her participation this past week in HOSA's 42nd annual inter-

national competitive conference which included events focused on leadership, professional and technical skills. HOSA is an organization whose mission is to promote career opportunities in the health care industry and enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. Casyana placed 6th in the Secondary Division of her event which included hundreds of competitors. Way to go Casy! Kudos to her mother and biggest fan, Cathy! ■

AIXA DAPHNE MARCHAND



received a doctoral degree in the combined program in education and psychology at the University of Michigan this past May. In July, She will start teaching at Rhodes College in Memphis Tennessee in the Department of Psychology as an Assistant Professor. Her dissertation title was Black Parent Critical Consciousness: Conceptualization, Measurement, and Links to Parent School Engagement.

Aixa is a member of the Haitian Network Group of Detroit. She volunteered at the 2017 Bel Bagay Lakay Festival and is always a frequent participant in the activities of the group. Aixa will be missed in the community. We wish her success in her new endeavor. ■

SABRINA CHARLES,



daughter of Jocelyne and Michel Charles, graduated recently from Howard University. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and is currently studying for the MCAT. Sabrina is applying for medical school and working at a psychiatric clinic in the Washington D.C. area. Sabrina has hopes of obtaining a Doctor of Medicine degree as well as a master's degree in Public Health, with an ultimate goal of becoming a surgical oncologist. ■