



**Up Rising Stars Founders from Left to Right: Darcell Johnson, Keiana Worth, and Danielle Worth**

- ❖ *Up Rising Stars Inc. is a family run, 501c3 non-profit organization operated by Danielle Worth, Darcell Johnson, and Keiana Worth. This organization was founded in September of 2011 and since inception we have given out 7 scholarships totaling approximately \$6,000.*
- ❖ *As a family, we believe that everyone is a rising star. Up Rising Stars Inc. motivates and financially assist deserving high school students to reach their full potential by giving scholarships to help fund their college education. We want our youth to know that we care and are willing to provide resources so their dreams can become a reality.*
- ❖ *The name of our scholarship is called "The Phillip Dorsey Scholarship Award" and it is in loving memory of Phillip Dorsey, who was Keiana Worth's father and Danielle Worth's step-father. Phillip Dorsey was a natural born humanitarian who had a passion for helping others, and particularly opening closed doors for our youth.*
- ❖ *His generosity and commitment to helping those in need was his life-long legacy, and Up Rising Stars Inc. is honored to carry on that tradition by helping young people reach their star potential and attain their future success as they pursue a higher education.*

## MEDIA APPEARANCES



In January, Up Rising Stars Inc. started off the year with a **radio interview** with Tony Hinton from One More One Less Mentoring Program.

Tony Hinton acknowledged the importance of education and how our scholarship is making an impact on our youth of today. The founders focus is on helping as many students as they can attend college to get a higher education.



From left to right, Darcell Johnson (founder), with Erin M. Swann, a scholarship recipient 2014; Keiana Worth (founder) with Alison K. Fierst, a scholarship recipient 2014, and Danielle Worth (founder) (*Up Rising Stars*)

In July, Berry Carter, Star ledger Columnist wrote a feature on us in the Around Town section of NJ.com. He highlighted our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Gala and our commitment to education, the student we have helped and our mission.

**Please click link below for the full feature**

[http://www.nj.com/.../around\\_town\\_scholarship\\_awards\\_dinner\\_s](http://www.nj.com/.../around_town_scholarship_awards_dinner_s)

In September, Ese Ofurhie attended our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Gala and she wrote a feature on our organization in the Enspire Magazine.

**Please click link below for feature.**

<http://enspireusall.com/2015/08/17/up-rising-stars-inc-4th-annual-scholarship-gala/>

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS



**Pictured above The founders of Up Rising Stars Inc. with the 1<sup>ST</sup> recipient Nigel Thompson in the Harlem Times. August 2014.**



*In March, Up Rising Stars Inc. was featured as The Business Spotlight presented by Sisters United Enterprise (SUE) for our commitment and dedication to the youth. It was an honor to have Up Rising Stars, Inc. featured as the Business Spotlight.*

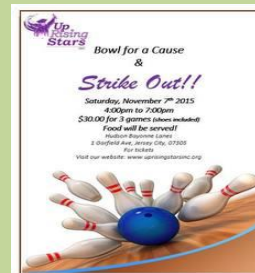
## UP RISING STARS IN THE COMMUNITY



In the Summer & Fall Up Rising Stars Inc. presented college workshops to the Family Successes Center Hillside, NJ, the Elizabeth Main Public Library in Elisabeth, NJ, and The Boys & Girls Club of Hudson County in Jersey City, NJ.

We participate in Career days, College Fair's and College Workshops. We also give workshops to students and adults about entrepreneurship and how to successfully navigate through college and enjoy the experience.

- ❖ *We want as many students as possible to be aware of our scholarship program so they can apply and have the opportunity to be selected as a recipient.*
- ❖ *This gives us a personal experience with every student and allows them to ask questions about our scholarship or the college experience.*



- ❖ *In November, we hosted our 1<sup>ST</sup> Bowl for a Cause Fundraiser at Hudson Lanes in Bayonne, NJ. We had a great turnout with vendors, food, prizes and lots of fun.*



- ❖ *In December, Up Rising Stars Inc. partnered with Applebee's for our 1<sup>ST</sup> Toy & Clothing Drive at the Jersey City Medical Center, in Jersey City, NJ.*
- ❖ *This amazing event included donated toys, clothing and food. All of the adults received, clothes and dinner!!! We were so happy to put smiles on the families' faces through the donated items to bring holiday cheer.*

## OUR FOURTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS GALA



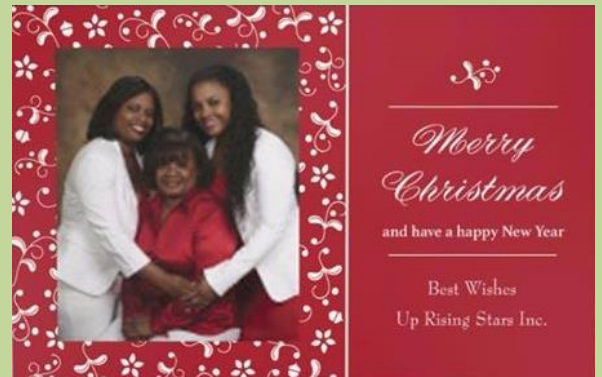
- ❖ We had our Fourth Annual Scholarship Awards Gala on July 25, 2015 at the Hilton Hotel by Newark Airport in Elizabeth. Up Rising Stars Inc. has given out 7 scholarships to assist students achieve their dreams of pursuing a higher education.
- ❖ The gala was held to recognize these two young ladies in their achievement in getting accepted into the college of their choice. The entire event was a success, from the professional panel discussion to the dinner and entertainment. We received an overwhelming amount of glowing reviews and landed a feature in the Harlem Times.



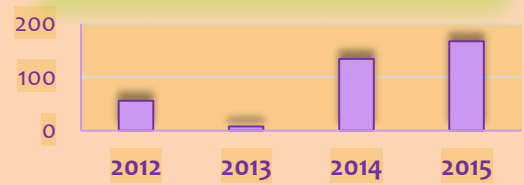
**Pictured Above: 2015 Philip Dorsey Scholarship Award Gabriela Francisco & Tatiana Garrison.**

They were awarded \$1,000 scholarship each to Rutgers University (New Brunswick) and Howard University (Washington DC)

## The Founders



## Scholarships Received Annually



## Our Staff



*Thank you for your Support!*

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