



## Annual Up Rising Stars Inc. Newsletter 2017

### MEDIA APPEARANCES

January 2017 – Interview with Sandra Bookman,  
host of Here & Now on ABC



**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 11 scholarships totaling approximately \$9,250.
- ❖ 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.



February 2017 – RADIO INTERVIEW WITH  
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## MEDIA APPEARANCES (CONT.)

March 2017 – Interviewed for the We the Village Show by Sharonda Allen on Channel 10



September 2017 – Featured in the September issue of Black Enterprise

### **BE Editor Honored By Local Community Org Helping Students Go to College**

September 4, 2017 • By Selena Hill



Read the article [here!](#)

## UP RISING STARS IN THE COMMUNITY

- ❖ 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.



- ❖ On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Up Rising Stars Inc. visited the Manhattan Business Academy Career and Entrepreneurship Fair.



- ❖ This gives us a personal experience with every student and allows them to ask questions about our scholarship or the college 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.

## UP RISING STARS IN THE COMMUNITY (CONT.)



- ❖ In December, Up Rising Stars Inc. partnered with Panera for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Toy & Clothing Drive at the Hope House Shelter in Jersey City, NJ.



- ❖ This amazing event included donated toys, clothing and food.



- ❖ All of the adults received, clothes and refreshments! We were so happy to put smiles on the families' faces through the donated items to bring holiday cheer.



- ❖ Meet our College Specialist, Ania Nicole! She is a graduating senior at Hampton University, and gives tips on everything college related from time management tips to FASFA applications. Check out some of her videos [here!](#)

## KEEPING UP WITH OUR SCHOLARS



- ❖ Our first Scholarship Recipient Nigel Thompson graduated from Morgan State University in December 2017 with a degree in Physical Therapy. We are so proud of him!



- ❖ Our 2nd Scholarship Recipient, Eric Pridgen, is from Jersey City, NJ and he went to Lincoln High School. Eric graduated from Winston Salem State University in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics. He is currently pursuing a Masters in Applied Analytics at Columbia University on a HBCU Fellowship. We are beyond proud of him!

## OUR SIXTH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS GALA



**Pictured Above: 2017 Philip Dorsey Scholarship Award Recipients Imani K. McCachern & Jada S. Williams**

We had our Sixth Annual Scholarship Awards Gala on July 29, 2017 at the Hilton Newark Airport in Elizabeth, NJ. Up Rising Stars Inc. has given out 9 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 had over 100 guests as we celebrated our sixth anniversary. We received an overwhelming amount of glowing reviews!



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