Washington University in St. Louis

Washington University announces local College Prep scholars

Scholars get into top-choice schools, earn millions in scholarships

Washington University in St. Louis has admitted 49 rising high school sophomores to its innovative <u>College Prep Program</u>, a multiyear initiative that prepares high-achieving students with limited financial resources for college.

The students represent public, private and charter schools from across the region. They will live and study on campus for three summers, participating in science labs, preparing their college essays and studying with top university faculty.

This is the sixth cohort of the College Prep Program. Launched in 2014, the program recently celebrated the graduation of Cohort 3, all of whom were accepted into colleges such as Yale University, Johns Hopkins University and Spelman College. Six scholars will attend Washington University through the College Prep Scholarship. All together, Cohort 3 scholars were awarded more than \$3.7 million in scholarships.

"We are excited to welcome a new cohort of aspiring inventors, artists and leaders," said College Prep founder Leah Merrifield, associate vice chancellor for community engagement and St. Louis college readiness. "Over the next three years, these students will acquire the skills to not only to get into their top-choice school, but to succeed there."

The 2019 College Prep scholars are:

Hazelwood Central High School Deja Poe

Hazelwood East High School Praise lyinoluwa Aruwajoye

Follow the link below for the complete list of students