The Lucky Seven: APS Seniors Earn Prestigious Daniels Fund Scholarship

There are seven colors of the rainbow, Seven Wonders of the World and now seven Aurora Public Schools students named 2016 Daniels Scholars!

Congratulations to the following seniors for their outstanding character, leadership and service:

· Sandra Appiah, Hinkley High School
· Semhal Abbady, Rangeview High School
· Elvis Ahn, Rangeview High School
· Humberto Meza Chavez, Hinkley High School
· Yonathan Fisseha, William Smith High School
· Cristian Hernandez, Rangeview High School
· Chiemerie Ogbonnaya, Aurora West College Preparatory Academy

The Daniels Fund Scholarship covers all required tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies and other miscellaneous college expenses. Students earned the investment by persevering through an extremely competitive process that involved more than 2,200 applicants.

“People told me not to go for big scholarships because chances of getting them aren’t as high, so I may be wasting my time. But, my friends say I’m very ambitious. I go for things higher than most people’s expectations. If I listened to what people said, I wouldn’t have gotten this scholarship.”
– Chiemerie Ogbonnaya

“Do what makes you happy! That’s something that took me awhile to realize, but it was key in getting me this far and in earning this scholarship. When I make plans for the future, I keep them somewhat general so I have the ability to do things I can’t imagine at the moment. That’s where my excitement comes from.”
– Yonathan Fisseha

APS Staff Boost Students’ Excitement about College and Careers

April is College and Career Readiness Month in Aurora Public Schools! The APS Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness program launched the campaign to encourage P-12 students to focus on their college and career plans.

Throughout the month, staff encouraged students to create vision boards, design their own business cards, dress up for their dream jobs and more. Schools also hosted various events, including college fairs and college campus field trips for students and parents.

Join APS in celebrating College Friday on April 29 by sporting college gear in an effort to raise awareness about the importance of higher education!