

NEXT GEN LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Mr. Savion J. Knight and Ms. Briana J. Adams

The Albany State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (ASUNAA) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Mr. Savion J. Knight and Ms. Briana J. Adams as recipients of the ASUNAA Next GEN Leadership Scholarship. Both were chosen from a competitive applicant pool and have been awarded \$1,000 each for tuition for the Spring Semester 2021.



Savion J. Knight



Briana J. Adams

Mr. Savion J. Knight, a first-generation college student, is native of Gordon, Ga. He is a Junior at Albany State University (ASU) majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Computer Science. His extracurricular activities, community services, leadership position, awards or honors consist of the following:

- Member of ASU Student Government Association's Community Service Committee
- Volunteer for the Velma Fudge Grant Honors Program Voting Initiative
- M.A.L.E.S. Mentors
- Mr. Honors Council and Mr. Criminal Justice
- Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Delta Chapter's Parliamentarian/Sergeant at-arms
- Volunteer – Food Drive and Keep Albany-Dougherty Beautiful/Clean Project

According to Mr. Knight, the funds from the Next GEN Leadership Scholarship will help him continue his journey at ASU. In his essay, he inferred that growing up in rural area of Danville, GA, he noticed that there were limited resources in his community that could assist in his development and other students in his community. He stated the following:

“Along with this, many of my peers fell prey to the societal gaps, choosing paths that ultimately led to incarceration. It was these factors that led me to choose an alternative path; one that would ultimately produce a positive outcome for me and my family.”

“...I am proud to boast about my university to my community and other high school students, reaching out to possible interest into coming to Albany State University. The unique talent I have to offer is being a liaison to the local high school seniors in my community by encouraging them to attend Albany State University due to the limited opportunities in my hometown.”

Ms. Briana J. Adams, a first-generation college student, is from Detroit, Michigan and resides in Hampton, Ga. She is a Junior at Albany State University (ASU) majoring in Early Childhood Education. Her extracurricular activities, community services, leadership position, awards or honors consist of the following:

- Vice President - ASU Pre-Alumni Council
- Senate Secretary - ASU Student Government Association
- Student Orientation Leader- Enrollment Management
- Miss Sophomore
- Social Media Chairman- Mommy’s Girl LLC.

According to Ms. Adams, the funds from the Next GEN Leadership Scholarship will provide financial relief for her family. She stated in her essay the following:

“As an active member of the Pre-Alumni Council, I have built so many relationships with the advisors and students while also networking with alumni that my true hopes after graduation is to become a part of the ASU National Alumni Association. Why would I not want to electrify the current that sparked a change in my life as a whole?”

...To wrap it up, I appreciate the generosity of the ASU National Alumni Association for presenting this scholarship for next semester. This is yet another opportunity for a student to become more confident, less stressed, and equally yoked with the love for Albany State University due to the concerns of our alum. Thank you all for realizing another student’s potential during times of struggle and need.”

Congratulations to Mr. Savion J. Knight and Ms. Briana J. Adams!

The Albany State University National Alumni Association, Inc. (ASUNAA) established the ASUNAA Scholarship Award Program to recognize, encourage and reward undergraduate students who: are in good academic standing at Albany State University; demonstrate a financial need; have a record of leadership in school and in the community; have the potential to become active alumni who will support Albany State University (ASU) and ASUNAA; and will contribute to their communities.