

### **OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS**



## Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University 2020 Academic Honors Convocation



The Outstanding Scholar distinction is the highest individual honor a student can receive at Alabama A&M University. One Scholar is selected to represent each academic college. The **2019-2020 Outstanding Scholars** are:

#### **Benicia Harrison**

College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences

#### **Aurielle Anderson**

College of Business & Public Affairs

#### **Dominique Roberson**

College of Education, Humanities & Behavioral Sciences

#### **Emmanuel Joda**

College of Engineering, Technical & Physical Sciences



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#### College of Agricultural, Life & Natural Sciences

**Benicia Harrison** is a senior Biology major from Mobile, Alabama. While maintaining an impressive 4.0 grade point average, Benicia has served as secretary for the Alabama Student Rural Health Association, historian for the Pre-Professional Health Association, and as an active member of the Business Industry Student Cluster and the American

Association of University Women. Benicia has been a recipient of the Advancing Success in STEM Undergraduate Research and Education Grant and won first place in the Brenda Davis Art Contest in 2018. With a passion for science and a commitment to service, Benicia intends to uplift others. After graduation, Benicia aspires to successfully navigate through medical school at the University of South Alabama and ultimately become a physician assisting individuals in underserved communities.

#### College of Business & Public Affairs

The daughter of Lisa and Marvin Anderson, **Aurielle Anderson** is a senior Marketing major. A true example of exemplary work ethic, Aurielle is completing her degree while maintaining three jobs. In addition to working as a student assistant in the Office of Marketing, Advancement, and Communications, she



also works as a patient access representative at Huntsville Hospital and as a marketing analyst at an associated company at Hudson Alpha Institute for Biotechnology. Deeply connected to what matters most in life, Aurielle enjoys spending time with her family when she is not working. After graduation, Aurielle aspires to secure employment with a company that desires to make a true impact on society



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**Dominique Roberson** is a senior English major with a minor in Secondary Education. Dominique has served diligently as a member of the NAACP, Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Teachers of Tomorrow, English Club, and the National Conference of Teachers of English. Dominique has been recognized as a Delta Kappa Gamma Education Scholar and as the 2018 Soroptimist of Huntsville Live Your Dream Award Winner. On the educational frontline, Dominique has present-

ed work-in-progress at the 2019 NCTE national conference in Baltimore, Maryland. With an impressive record of scholastic achievement, Dominique's journey is just beginning. After graduation, Dominique's aspirations include becoming a high school English teacher, attending Johns Hopkins School of Education, pursuing a K-12 Arts Integration teaching certification, starting a nonprofit organization for children in public housing, and writing children's books.

### College of Engineering, Technical & Physical Sciences

The son of Omolar Joda, **Emmanuel Joda** is a senior Computer Science major. Motivated to enhance the world through technology, Emmanuel has accomplished several dynamic endeavors. During his time at the university, Emmanuel has maintained a robust record of extra-curricular involvement. Emmanuel has served as the President for the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Vice-President for the International Student Association and the National Society of



Black Engineers. Additional affiliations include the University's Honors Program, Computer Science Club, Association for Computing Machinery, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Emmanuel has been recognized as a STEM Star Scholar, GEM Fellowship Scholar, Forbes Under 30 Scholar, and as the 2019 PayPal Champion Intern of the Year. After graduation, Emmanuel will accept a full-time software engineering role with PayPal. He will also enroll in graduate school where he will pursue a MS in Computer Science utilizing the GEM fellowship that he was recently awarded. Ultimately, Emmanuel aspires to improve quality of life and create a pipeline for individuals in third world countries, creating a globally inclusive technological environment.



### **OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR ATHLETE**



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#### In Memorium



Kenneth W. Gunn, Jr. was a native of Anchorage, Alaska who was offered a full academic scholarship and had nearly completed his degree at Alabama A&M University. A top flight scholar athlete, Kenneth's impressive academic record gained him recognition from some of the most prestigious institutions in the country, including Yale University. He was on his way to becoming a very successful lawyer. Sadly, Kenneth passed away on January 20, 2013 and was unable to complete his season at Alabama A&M or realize his dream of attending law school. In honor of his memory, the Athletic Director, Mr. Bryan Hicks, has renamed the traditional Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award, the **Kenneth Gunn Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award**.



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#### Kenneth Gunn Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award



**Alan Rios** is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Kenneth Gunn Outstanding Scholar Athlete award. This award is granted to the student athlete with a superior grade point average, high involvement in civic engagement and demonstrates leadership and teamwork on the field, track or court; as well as in the classroom.

The son of Jose and Virginia Rios, Alan is a senior accounting major from Tanner, AL. While dominating on the football field, Alan has maintained an impressive 3.92 grade point average. During Alan's four years at the university, he has remained on the Dean's list, the Athletic Director's Honor roll, and the SWAC All-Academic Team. After graduation, Rios will participate in an internship at the Price Waterhouse Cooper Accounting Firm. Alan has aspirations of owning his own accounting firm.

#### **AAMU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SENIOR AWARD**



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# AAMU Alumni Association Senior Award



The Alabama A&M University Alumni Senior Award is given by the Alumni Association to the senior with the highest cumulative grade point average over a period of four years. The 2019-2020 recipient is **Jeremy Lipscomb**. Hailing from Greensboro, AL, Jeremy Deon Lipscomb is a civil engineering major with a perfect 4.0 cumulative grade point average. He is the son of Martha Lipscomb and Terry Hamilton. Jeremy maintains active affiliations with the National Society of Black Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, Men of America Nurturing and Ushering Progress, Inc., and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

After graduation, Jeremy will relocate to Montgomery, AL to serve in a full-time capacity as a Project Engineer. He also plans to obtain his Professional Engineer's License and possibly obtain a graduate degree. Jeremy is a proud advocate for Alabama A&M University and resonates with the institution's motto of "Start Here and Go Anywhere."

### **HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR CHALLENGE**



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#### Honda Campus All-Star Challenge 2019 - 2020 Varsity Scholars



#### 2019-2020 Varsity Scholars

**Captain:** Aniekan Ruffin Chaz Holder Carl-Alex Moore Byron Wesley, Jr.

#### **Contender Team**

Brooklyn Albert Aleisha Nesbitt Kaila Pearson Faith Spencer

#### **HCASC Coach & Coordinator**

Mrs. Carla Draper Holloway

Established in 1989, the **Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC)** is a national, premier trivia game for top students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The fast-paced buzzer competition highlights students' academic prowess and ability to answer questions about history, science, literature, religion, the arts, and more. The national competition is held in Los Angeles, California each year. Students are eligible to become a member of the team after competing in an on–campus competition event and attending intensive study sessions.





The Alabama A&M University HCASC Varsity Scholars emerged undefeated at one of eight 2020 qualifying tournaments in February. This dominant win secured the Bulldog team as a Top 8 contender to win the national title in April. Due to the pandemic, the national tournament was cancelled. The Bulldog team will continue their quest to bring the first national HCASC title to Alabama A&M University in 2021.

### THE SCHOLARS OF THE HONORS PROGRAM



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#### 2019 - 2020 Honors Program Participants

Brooklyn Albert Parion Alexander Russell Allen Reagan Alverez Eric Anderson Aminat Animashaun Kamsi Arinze Makayla Auls Brenton Ball Kennedy Banks Najee Banks Kamryn Barnes Natasha Barrow Rakia Bates Maci Battle Lauryn Bell Trevor Berkemeyer Bria Berry Iada Bibb Jeremiah Biggs Latasha Bird Aniva Bonds Aubri Bowman Anita Bozhko Iordan Bradford **Xzavier Brandon** Msontai Brock Brian Brown Kaylon Brown Britney A. Brown Mott Daniel Burrell Kelan Butcher Angelo Butler Mackenzie Calhoun Kannon Campbell Dalaysia Cannon Trinity Carlisle Gabrielle Cash Cameron Cole CaMiah Cole Robyn Cole Spencer Corey Yteria Cowlin

Mia Craig

Fermin Crespo Terica Curtis Josie Daffin Lauren Dardv **Brevin Davis Ihantel Deloach** Rachael Dike Rebekah Dike Johniya Doaks Kennedy Dunn Karrington Earle Brendon Eatmon Ioseph Edoki Elizabeth Embden Ariana Ezell Terrin Farris Korbin Fears **Justin Fletcher** Samarion Flowers Akhiia Flovd Zion Forbes Daishon Foster Alexandra Fov Kennedy Freeman Jocelyn Gabriel-Ayala Eve Gaddis Makynzee Gaddy Gemijah Gillespie Mhiret Girma Rebecca Glenn Breanna Green Iaila Green-Mascotti Na'Aliah Griffith Ariana Griggs Esteban Guadarrama Alexander Hall Danielle Hansel Tava Hardnett Thierry Havah Cristen Hawkins Kourtney Hawkins Sydney Hawkins Aalivah Henderson

Kaylyn Hendrix



Tiyana Herbert labari Hinton Avianna Holder Chaz Holder Cailyn Holloway Tamya Houston Ioshua Hubbard Mason Hughes Miekah Ingram Deja Jackson Emmanuel Joda Cyean Johnson Mitrick Johnson Jaylen Jude Adric Kimbrough Ir. Kimberly Larkin Jazmine Lawson Chloe' Leavings Vincent Lee Justin Lindberg Dermyrius Lindsey-Lewis Avontae Little Jeremiah Lucy Vanesa M. Mondragon Gianni Martin Zaire Martino Nthabi Mashego Briel Maston-Brown Ronald Maxwell Tierney Mays

Markia McCord

Myles McCoy
Gamaya McEachern
Jamal McIntosh
Kamyeria Mixon
Carl Alex Moore
jaelei Mosley
Jamilah Muhammad
Kashta Dozier Muhammad
layla Neal



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2019-2020Honors Program Executive Board

Torrance Sellers Jailyn Shepard Paris Siggers Hailey Simmons Timia Sims Austin Smith Khalid Smith Patience Smith Zaria Smith
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Faith Spencer
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Kourtney Steen
Darneicia Stevenson
Kristina Stevenson

Cheniah Streeter
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Kendall Tramble
Leonna Trammell
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Jayla Turner

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#### 2019 - 2020 Honors Program Graduates

Aminat Animashaun
Jada Bibb
Latasha Bird
Xzavier Brandon
Kaylon Brown
Dalaysia Cannon
Mia Craig
Kennedy F. Dunn

Mhiret Girma
Danielle Hansell
Cristen Hawkins
Emmanuel Joda
Jazmine Lawson
Chloe Leavings
Darian Payne
Raquel Reeves

Hailey Simmons
Patience Smith
Carliss Spencer
Kourtney Steen
Kristina Stevenson
Cheniah Streeter
Monsheri Travis
Nadia Young Eatmon

