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Halifax County Schools awarded two graduating seniors as the first recipients of the Muriel J.F. DuBose-Rook Scholarship through the Halifax County Schools Education Foundation. Tre'Niya Taylor and Zakeiryh Perry are the recipients of the \$1200 scholarship. The scholarship was created by Mr. James DuBose-Rook, son of Mrs. Muriel. Mrs. DuBose-Rook was a mother, educator, district mentor, and friend to Halifax County

Schools for over forty years.

Mr. Dubose Rook states, “This is a special moment for my family and me. The purpose of this scholarship is to be able to continue my mother's legacy by ensuring the hope of her dreams.” Mr. DuBose states that his mother was an education advocate and wanted to ensure that students had an opportunity to excel in college. “Scholarships have been a tool to help students succeed in Halifax County Schools. I am honored to be able to honor her legacy,” said Mr. DuBose. “Mr. Dubose-Rook inspired me by wanting to turn an unfortunate circumstance into a beautiful and impactful memory of his mother. Mrs. Dubose-Rook was a true leader with a beautiful spirit in the community. The Muriel J.F. DuBose-Rook Scholarship will serve the students of Halifax County Schools well,” said Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham.

Tre'Niya Taylor attended Southeast Collegiate Prep Academy and is the daughter of Christy Taylor and Trendell Taylor. Grandparents are Lucille Taylor, Kenneth Williams, Robert, and Jeanette Whitaker. Tre'Niya said that she will miss being able to spend time with friends and grow with them. After high school, she plans to attend East Carolina University to major in accounting.

Zakeiryh Perry attended Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy and is the daughter of Eric Perry and Dominicke Williams. Grandparents are Sheila and Ben Sellers and Mary Powell-Howell. Zakeiryh states that the thing she will miss most about high school is “My teachers. The reason why I say this is because they were always there to encourage me to do better. They all wanted me to put my best foot forward and continue to do great things once I left high school. I plan to attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this fall and graduate with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. I plan to be the CEO of my own company one day”.