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### **APS W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars**

Congratulations to 15 Atlanta Public School students who have been selected W.E.B. Du Bois Scholars for the 2009-2010 academic year and who will join 15 Atlanta Public School students previously selected to participate in The WEB, a program of the W.E.B. Du Bois Society.

Du Bois Scholars are selected from among top metro Atlanta high school students via a competitive process that includes an application, essay, transcript review, teacher and counselor recommendations and a personal interview. In addition to their personal commitment to academic excellence, Du Bois Scholars are also committed to inspire increased academic performance among their peers and younger students.

Du Bois Scholars are mentored by top undergraduate students matriculating at metro Atlanta colleges and universities who intern as W.E.B. Du Bois Fellows and are engaged in a rigorous year long program that prepares them for the transition to college while earning valuable community service hours for their active peer engagement. Du Bois Scholars ultimately go on to be selected to the college or university of their choice, including our most selective secondary institutions, and take with them a continued commitment to champion educational opportunity.

Under the leadership of president and co-founder, Etienne R. LeGrand, the Du Bois Society has already developed a strong pipeline of talent for the future through its selection of these 30 Atlanta Public School students who along with 42 Du Bois Scholars who attend other metro Atlanta high schools, are committed to their personal academic success and to the success of their peers in the coming school year.

The W.E.B. Du Bois Society was founded to make high academic achievement as attractive as high achievement in sports and entertainment among African American youth and it is pleased to partner with Atlanta Public Schools to advance its academic achievement goals.