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High School Woman of Excellence & Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

Che'dra J. Joseph

McKinley Senior High School – Baton Rouge

Che'dra Joseph is a 2016 graduate of McKinley High School, where she maintained over a 4.0 grade point average. She was a member of the Great Scholars Program, excelled academically in dual enrollment and advanced placement classes and was a talented art student. She was named the McKinley High School's 2015-16 Student of the Year and was a finalist for East Baton Rouge Parish's Student of the Year Award. During a town hall held at McKinley High School, Ms. Joseph had the honor of introducing the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America.

During Che'dra's four years at McKinley High School, she actively participated in the Beta Club, National Honor Society, Youth and Government Club, the Fashion Club and helped to establish McKinley's Gay Straight Alliance Club.

Ms. Joseph has completed two and one-half years of Junior Reserved Officers' Training Corps (JROTC). She was second in command in the Armed Drill

Team her sophomore year while serving as an acting executive officer for her company. She has received a multitude of awards including the Distinguished Cadet Award, Academic Excellence Award and the Academic Achievement Ribbon. Che'dra participated in a JROTC Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Camp her junior summer, where she was awarded the Overall Leadership Award for the week. She was the highest ranking female when she was first promoted to the rank of captain in her sophomore year.

During the summer of her junior year, Che'dra raised monies to travel to South America as an exchange student, where she completed a two-week immersion program and six months of cultural exchange.