MEET OUR INAUGURAL COHORT OF NEW ERA SCHOLARS
Acole Anderson, Jr.
Steinmetz College Prep
From Austin

Major: Business Administration
Career aspiration: To become CEO of a company

Shaquita Banks
Christ the King Jesuit College Prep
From Austin

Major: Exercise, Nutrition and Health Science
Why RMU: I chose RMU because the professors care about the students and make sure we succeed.
Na’Kayla Bland
Perspectives Leadership High School
From Englewood

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Medical Assisting

Career aspiration:
To be in the medical field and help people

Michelle Boens
Roosevelt High School
From Rogers Park/Englewood

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Culinary Arts & Hospitality

“The New Era Scholarship gave me the opportunity to go to college and finish without debt that may hold me back.”
Alonzo Boyles
Al Raby High School
From Austin

College Bound Organizations:
GEAR UP & Bottom Line

Major:
Business Administration

Career aspiration:
To be an entrepreneur

Mecca Bryant
Harper High School
From Englewood

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Medical Assisting

“I’m looking forward to starting my career in the medical field when I graduate.”
Akar’ria Carter  
Hyde Park Academy  
From South Shore

College Bound Organization:  
OneGoal

Major:  
Business Administration

“I’m excited to start my own business and open a hair salon when I graduate.”

Shyann Concepcion  
Roberto Clemente High School  
From Humboldt Park

Major:  
Culinary and Hospitality

“I’m most excited to start my college career to learn more about my major and myself. The New Era Scholarship will help me get a good job in the culinary field as a pastry chef.”

New Era Scholarship Recipients
**Arione Graves**  
Rowe Clark Math and Science Academy  
From Austin

**Major:**  
Culinary Arts & Hospitality

**Why RMU?**  
RMU has good culinary classes. I’m looking forward to learning to cook all types of food.

**Ronnita Grimes**  
North Grand High School  
From West Garfield Park

**Major:**  
Surgical Tech

**Career aspiration:**  
To finish college and become a surgical tech.
Sandrika Hall
Percy L. Julian High School
From Washington Park

**College Bound Organization:**
OneGoal

**Major:**
Paralegal

“The New Era Scholarship helped motivate me to go to college.”

Christopher Witherspoon
Catalyst Maria High School
From Ford City

**Major:**
Graphic Design

**Career aspirations:**
Art or business. I want to be a cartoonist, so I can make shows and show my creativity.
Venus Haynes
Marine Leadership Academy
From South Loop

Major: Medical Assisting

““The New Era Scholarship helped me financially plan for my future.”

Deyvori Hobbs
Rauner College Prep
From Irving Park

Major: Graphic Design

“My career aspiration is to work with a gaming company as a graphic designer or design comics for people to enjoy.”
Ariana James
Jones College Prep
From the West Loop

Major:
Medical Assisting

“I am proud to be an African-American New Era Scholar. I hope the skills and knowledge I attain here will give me the key to success and be able to give back to others. I’m very grateful for this opportunity to advance my education.”

Andrea Johnson
Crane Medical Prep High School
From Auburn Gresham

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal & iMentor

Major:
Business Administration

Career aspiration:
I want to go into sports management.
Peter Lawrence
Rowe Clark Math & Science Academy
From Garfield Park

Major: Psychology

Why RMU: I chose RMU because it offered a flexible class schedule that allows me to work in addition to attending class.

Tasheva Lige
Chicago Vocational Career Academy
From Woodlawn/Englewood

Major: Business

“The New Era Scholarship gave me a chance that I thought I wouldn’t get to go to college.”
La’Kevin Madlock
Steinmetz College Prep
From Galewood

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Exercise & Sports Studies

Career aspiration:
To graduate college, become an athletic trainer and own my own gym.

Darious Mapp
Dunbar Career Vocational Academy
From Bronzeville

Major:
Exercise & Sports Studies

“I’m most excited to see what college life will be like.”
Jakiera Nelson  
Simpson Academy for Young Women  
From Chatham

**College Bound Organization:**  
OneGoal

**Major:**  
Medical Assisting

“The New Era Scholarship is making it easier for my mom to put me through school.”

Christopher Orr  
Morgan Park High School

**College Bound Organization:**  
Bottom Line

**Major:**  
Computer Networking

“The New Era Scholarship allowed me to follow through with going to college and further my educational career.”
New Era Scholarship Recipients

Lenise Pryce
Crane Medical Prep. High School
From Rogers Park

College Bound Organization:
iMentor

Major:
Medical Assisting

Why RMU:
RMU is a great fit for me and I can graduate in three years. It is providing the opportunity for me to see myself grow.

Yahminah Robinson
Benito Juarez Community Academy
From McKinley Park

College Bound Organization:
Chicago Scholars

Major:
Business Administration

Why RMU:
RMU has a good business program.
Eddie Thurmond
North Lawndale College Prep
From Lawndale

Major:
Computer Networking

“The impact of the New Era Scholarship has made my mother and dad proud. Now, I get to motivate my brother and sister to go to college.”

Cauve Vinson
Wells Community Academy
From East Garfield Park

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Exercise & Sports Studies

Career Aspiration:
To become a physical trainer, and be CEO of my own training company.
Tiara Waldroop
Chicago Vocational Career Academy
From Grand Crossing

Major: Exercise, Nutrition and Health Science

“I am excited to meet my teachers and classmates at RMU. The New Era Scholarship will help me start a better life.”

Marquise Wardell
Tilden Career Community Academy
From Back of the Yards

Major: Business

Why RMU? Because I like the school model. Every student gets help here, and I feel like I need this extra push.
Rontasia Whiteside
Perspectives Leadership Academy
From Roseland

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Culinary Arts & Hospitality

Why RMU:
I chose RMU because I didn’t want to go to a community college, I wanted to go to a University.

Damarion Williams
Wells High School
From Austin

Major:
Business

“The New Era Scholarship had a huge impact on my life. It funded my college career, solving future financial problems.”
New Era Scholarship Recipients

Nigeria Beck
Schurz High School
From West Ridge

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Graphic Design

“The New Era Scholarship is giving me a chance to go to a four-year University.”

Viondia Gates
Roosevelt High School
From Englewood

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Medical Assisting

Career aspiration:
To help people and become a better person.
Danielle Thompson
Al Raby High School
From Garfield Park

Major:
Medical Assisting

“I’m excited to start at RMU because I want to take what I learn here, and apply it later on in my professional career.”

Taneil Johnson
Richard T. Crane Medical Prep
From Bosworth

College Bound Organization:
OneGoal

Major:
Medical Laboratory Technology

“Coming to RMU and being a New Era Scholar removed a lot of stress from my family and helped me go to college. I wouldn’t have been able to go to school here without the support of this scholarship program.”
Nadia Barnette
Kenwood Academy | From Jackson Park | Major: Business Administration

Harry Birdow
Al Raby High School | From Garfield Park | Major: Computer Networking

Tyra Easton
Collins College Prep High School | From Garfield Park | Major: Business Administration

Brandi Goodman
North Lawndale College Prep | From Garfield Park | Major: Paralegal

Yarlesha Johnson
West Town Academy | Major: Business Administration

Amarea Moore
Bogan High School | From Chicago Lawn | College Bound Organization: OneGoal | Major: Business Administration

Kyiah Morris
Steinmetz College Prep | From Austin | College Bound Organization: OneGoal | Major: Psychology

Jaquan Raggs
Manley Career Academy High School | From Lawndale | Major Medical Assisting

Jada Sangster
Chicago Tech Academy High School | From University Village | Major: Medical Assisting

Eddie Skipper
John Marshall Metro High School | From Kenwood | Major: Exercise and Sports Studies

Katelyn Williams
Roosevelt High School | College Bound Organization: OneGoal | From Albany Park | Major: Medical Assisting

Pierre Williams
Bogan High School | From Ashburn | Major: Business Administration

A'Darius Winfield
North Lawndale College Prep | From West Garfield Park | Major: Computer Networking

Toshiana Wright
Steinmetz Academic Centre | College Bound Organization: OneGoal | From Belmont Central | Major: Computer Networking