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Carver Center student, graduate excel in national NAACP ACT-SO competition

Towson, MD – Jada Iwuoah, a 2022 graduate of George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, and Jada McAliley, a Grade 11 student at Carver Center, earned medals in the National NAACP ACT-SO competition.

ACT-SO, the Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics, is a yearlong program designed to encourage academic and arts excellence among African American high school students. Students compete in 33 categories related to STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), humanities, business, and performing, visual, and culinary arts. ACT-SO is coordinated locally by Marietta English.

Iwuoah, who will be attending the University of Maryland Baltimore County in the fall, earned a national gold medal for sculpture. McAliley earned national bronze medals for both photography and drawing.

Iwuoah and McAliley were two of the four Carver Center students who earned medals locally and competed nationally. In the local competition, Iwuoah was honored with a gold medal for sculpture, and McAliley received gold medals for photography and drawing.

Couryn Branch, a Grade 9 student at Carver Center won gold locally in the poetry and short story categories. She read her celebrated poem at the closing ceremony for the local ACT-SO competition, and upon hearing her, the president of Coppin State University offered Branch a four-year scholarship.

Hahmini Lewis, a Grade 12 student at Carver Center, won gold locally in the painting category.

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