

Lafayette boasts a National Achievement Scholarship winner

Catherine Christian of Lafayette High School is among Kentucky's seven winners in the 2009 National Achievement Scholarship competition. Christian, who listed her probable career field as music education, will receive a \$2,500 award for undergraduate study.

Roughly 800 outstanding African-American high school seniors won awards totaling \$2.6 million. They were selected on the basis of their abilities, accomplishments and potential for academic success in college. The scholarships are financed by grants from more than 40 corporate organizations and professional associations, and by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program is a privately financed academic competition established in 1964 to honor scholastically talented African-American youth. More than 150,000 students across the United States entered the 2009 competition. Kentucky had 16 semifinalists, including Jeromy Height of Tates Creek High School.