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End of the Year Wrap-Up



Lady Helena L. Dodson
Past National Area II Director

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Area II Scholarship Recipients

Area II salutes all of our Area graduates and wishes each graduate much success. Area II thanks all Top Teen Advisors and mentors for their continued guidance and support.

Congratulations to Area II's 2017 scholarship recipients:

\$1,000

Teen Darius Phillips - Leadership Award
Alexandria Chapter

Teen Avery Nolan - Academic Award
Washington, D.C. Chapter

\$500

Teen Leron Ebron - Leadership Award
Baltimore Chapter

Teen Danielle Offutt - Academic Award
Prince George's County Chapter

Total Scholarships awarded: \$3,000



*Thank you to Lady Rose Terry
and the Scholarship Committee for
their untiring love to complete this task.*

Scholarship



Syn-Lod 2017 Awards

Alexandria Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Top Teens of America
- Completion of 2015-2017 Chapter Report Book Award
- Certificate of Participation - 3rd Place March of Dimes

Dale City - Prince William County Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Top Teens of America, Senior Citizens and Community Beautification
- Completion of 2015-2017 Chapter Report Book Award

Hampton Roads Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Top Teens of America and Senior Citizens
- Completion of 2015-2017 Chapter Report Book Award
- Certificate of Appreciation - 2nd Place for highest contributions to UNCF

Prince George's County Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Senior Citizens, Top Teens of America and Community Beautification
- Completion of 2015-2017 Chapter Report Book Award

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Syn-Lod 2017 Awards

Southern Maryland Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Top Teens of America, Community Partnerships, Community Beautification, Senior Citizens and Status of Women
- UNCF Achievement Award
- Ozell Dean Award for Outstanding Chapter Program
- Willie Lee Glass Award for TLOD Outstanding Program/Scrapbooks

Queens Empire State Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award

Washington, DC Chapter

- 5 Star Program Award for Status of Women, Top Teens of America and Community Partnerships

Congratulations!



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Syn-Lod 2017 Awards

Area Honors

- **March of Dimes:** Top Area for raising \$8,850
- **NCNW:** 75% of Top Teens make up Youth Division; Prince George's County Chapter's number of Teens were in the Top 3
- **Bullying Program:** Recognized for having 100% of chapters fully reporting on the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's "Bullying: Be More Than a Bystander" module
- **UNCF:** 3rd place award for highest contributions
- **Blessings in a Backpack:** Recognized for donating 30 backpacks and a \$125 food donation
- **National President's Award for Outstanding Area:** 3rd place



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Sickle Cell Strides

July 10, 2017
**FDA approves
new drug for
sickle cell**

The Associated Press

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first drug in nearly 20 years for sickle cell, an inherited disease in which abnormally shaped red blood cells can't properly carry oxygen throughout the body, which can cause severe pain and organ damage.

About 100,000 people in the U.S., mostly black people, have the disorder and about 275,000 babies are born with it each year worldwide.

The new drug, Endari, reduced pain crises and dangerous chest complications, and cut hospitalizations and the need for transfusions.

It is made by a California company, Emmaus Medical Inc., and approved for adults and children 5 and older.

Ladies of Area II,

I am so excited about this announcement. I believe we have done a lot to influence and make people aware of this disease. Please, please, please, let's continue to help. Let's continue our Thunderclaps! This is history and we've had a part in it.

~ Lady Helena L. Dodson

We can win the fight against
sickle cell disease!



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PASSING *the* GAVEL



**Lady Helena L.
Dodson**
Past National Area
II Director

*With my term at an end, I want
to thank Lady Drema and
the Investing Team for their
support. Now I pass the gavel
to Lady Sandra Clark,
newly elected
National Area II Director.
May God bless her, and let us
show her our complete support
for her success as she directs us
to the next level.*



Lady Sandra Clark
National Area II
Director



**I alone cannot change the world,
but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples.
~ Mother Teresa**

The water can be perceived as our 12 chapters that make up Area II. The stone is a symbol of each member's sincere encouragement, leadership skills, and desire for others to succeed. The ripples are you ... each of you serving with Enthusiasm, Energy and Excitement throughout our footprint to continue to make Area II Awesome. Thank you for allowing me to lead Area II!

~ Lady Helena L. Dodson