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## **U-46 Students to be Honored during Black History Family Festival**

*Annual Festival celebrates successful African-American students*

**ELGIN** - In honor of Black History Month, School District U-46 is participating in the annual Black History Family Festival Saturday at Gail Borden Public Library where six U-46 seniors will each receive a \$500 scholarship. The focus of this year's festival is to highlight the "Young, Bright and Brilliant" African-Americans in the community.

The free event will include motivational speaker Christopher Williams, performances by local musicians, crafts and games for young children, and drawings for several gift baskets.

Each year, the Festival offers one African-American senior from each of U-46's high schools a \$500 scholarship for their continuing higher education. These students are chosen for being good citizens, their attention to academics, participation in extracurricular and community activities, and aspirations after high school.

This year's recipients are Zaria Milledge of Bartlett High School; Juwan Lockhart of Larkin High School; Makayla Hall-Lee of South Elgin High School; Kristopher Smith of Streamwood High School; Alexia Smith of Elgin High School; and Symone Dumas of the Dream Academy. The winning students will participate in a panel discussion.

**Who:** U-46 Scholarship Recipients

**What:** Black History Family Festival

**Where:** Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

**When:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2



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