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Pictured: Members of the South Suburban Chicago Chapter of the Links presented academic scholarships to Jasmine Carter (3rd from left), Cherise Miskell (5th from left), and Adeline Hodge (6th from left) covering a full year of school for each student at South Suburban College.

THE SOUTH SUBURBAN CHICAGO CHAPTER OF THE LINKS AWARDS "FULL-RIDE" SCHOLARSHIPS TO THREE SSC STUDENTS

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – The South Suburban Chicago Chapter of the Links presented \$15,000 in scholarship funds to South Suburban College students Jasmine Carter (Country Club Hills), Cherise Miskell (Dolton), and Adeline Hodge (South Holland) at the SSC Foundation's Academic Achievement Reception May 8th. All three women are excellent students with GPAs ranging from 3.2-4.0, and Ms. Carter is studying Radiologic Technology, Miskell is a Science major, and Hodge is pursuing her Business degree.

The South Suburban Chicago Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, has served the South Suburban community for over 40 years by providing financial and educational support with

social and civic awareness to enrich and ensure the cultural and economic growth of our communities. The Links has had a relationship with the SSC Foundation for nearly 10 years, sharing in like-missions and providing scholarship funding.

"The South Suburban College Foundation's mission to support the educational objectives of SSC with the primary focus on student scholarships aligns with our mission to give back to our community by providing scholarships to deserving students," said Jacqueline James Lewis, Links President. "The South Suburban Chicago Links are extremely grateful for the opportunity to support the educational component of this mission by providing three, \$5,000 scholarships. We are so pleased with this partnership and the newly established South Suburban Chicago Chapter of The Links Scholarship Fund."

The SSC Foundation provides students of all ages, backgrounds and academic pursuits with critical scholarship assistance. Many SSC students are struggling to balance family, employment, and school responsibilities while they are often unable to receive Financial Aid. Scholarship money is raised primarily through the annual spring Showcase Gala and fall Scholarship Donor Drive, providing both a charitable gift opportunity and tax-deduction for all donors. The SSC Foundation once again awarded over \$100,000 in scholarship funds for Academic Year 2019 and has now surpassed \$2 million in total scholarships since 1989.

All three of the Links recipients said their scholarships would have a significant, lasting impact on their lives and Ms. Carter added, "This scholarship is just the beginning to a new journey and helping me to complete my goals."

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