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# **Scholarship Education Outreach Announces Inaugural Educators' Making the Grade Awards Gala Honoring Champions of Student Success**

**ATLANTA, GA - November 7, 2026** - Scholarship Education Outreach proudly announces the inaugural **Educators' Making the Grade Awards Gala**, a premier celebration recognizing the educators, school staff, families, nonprofit partners, and community leaders who play a vital role in shaping student success and expanding pathways to opportunity.

Taking place on **Saturday, November 7, 2026, in Atlanta**, this signature event will bring together education leaders, community champions, and supporters from across the region to honor those whose dedication and impact contribute to stronger student outcomes and brighter futures.

The Educators' Making the Grade Awards Gala highlights the full ecosystem behind student achievement - recognizing that meaningful progress is driven not by individuals alone, but by communities working together to support and empower the next generation.

"Student success doesn't happen in isolation - it's the result of a collective commitment from educators, families, and community partners," said **Niakesha Hollins, Executive Director and Founder of Scholarship Education Outreach**. "This gala is our opportunity to celebrate those who are doing the work every day to create real pathways to opportunity and long-term economic mobility for students."

## **Honoring Excellence Across the Education Ecosystem**

The evening will feature the **Recognition of Excellence Awards**, honoring outstanding individuals and organizations across multiple categories, including:

- Educator of Excellence Award
- Innovative Instruction Award
- Early Learning Champion Award

- Student Advocate Award
- College & Career Readiness Champion Award
- School Support Hero Award
- Custodian of Excellence Award
- Transportation Champion Award
- PTA Excellence Award
- Community Education Partner Award
- Scholarship Provider of the Year
- Divine Nine Organization of the Year (Graduate Chapter Only)

These awards recognize the individuals and groups whose contributions extend beyond the classroom impacting school culture, student achievement, and access to opportunity.

## Supporting a Mission That Drives Measurable Impact

Proceeds from the gala will support the work of Scholarship Education Outreach, a nonprofit organization committed to delivering measurable student outcomes that increase scholarship access, strengthen workforce readiness, and expand pathways to long-term economic mobility.

Through its structured, systems-based approach, Scholarship Education Outreach has supported over **1,500 students**, facilitated more than **7,200 scholarship applications**, and contributed to over **\$1.8 million in scholarships earned** - helping students and families reduce financial barriers and move toward sustainable futures.

## An Evening of Celebration, Connection, and Impact

The Educators' Making the Grade Awards Gala will serve as both a celebration and a call to action - inviting the community to invest in the systems, partnerships, and people that make student success possible.

Guests will experience an inspiring evening featuring award presentations, community recognition, and opportunities to engage with leaders committed to advancing education and economic mobility.

## Get Involved

Nominations, sponsorship opportunities, and volunteer information are now available.

To learn more, nominate a school hero, or become a sponsor, please visit:  
[www.ScholarshipEducationOutreach.org](http://www.ScholarshipEducationOutreach.org)

## **About Scholarship Education Outreach**

Scholarship Education Outreach is a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing scholarship access, strengthening workforce readiness, and expanding pathways to economic mobility for students nationwide. Through structured, outcome-driven systems and strategic partnerships, the organization equips students, families, and educators with the tools and guidance needed to successfully navigate education and career pathways.

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