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PRIA DUTT – NORTH DORCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL CARSON SCHOLAR

Pria Dutt, ninth grade student at **North Dorchester High School** has been awarded, for the second time in two years, the **Dr. Ben Carson Scholarship**. This award is given to gifted students in grades four through eleven. Pria is among over 4,800 gifted students from across the country that have been named a Carson Scholar. This award is based on her **academic achievements** and her **service to her community**, proving herself to be a promising future leader.

North Dorchester Middle School Guidance Counselor, **Jamie Willey** states, “As a previous recipient of this distinguished award... Pria is a proven outstanding achiever who shows her consistency and determination. I am proud to have been privileged to see Pria mature over the years... I have continued to observe her academic and personal growth.”



Dr. Ben Carson, creator of the **Carson Scholar** program, was born into poverty in Detroit in 1951 and has risen to become one of the most famous and recognized doctors in the world. Currently the **Director of**

Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Dr. Carson was the subject of a book and a movie. Titled “**Gifted Hands**,” both detailed his early life in poverty, the steps he took to overcome it, and his philosophy of life and behavior. He was presented with a **Presidential Medal of Freedom** for his life’s work.