



## From Orientation to Graduation - Madonna University 2016 Graduates



**Pictured left to right: (Left to right: Curron Thomas, Alonte Sims, Scott Jackson, Bryant George and Tywonn Mitchell)**

On March 16, 2011, the Real Life 101 Scholarship Fund & Madonna University joined forces to create a pipeline for African American male students from Detroit, MI. This strategic partnership sent five African American male students from Detroit Public High Schools to Madonna University, as cohort 1. These distinguished young men (pictured) were all once considered low-income, first generation, at-risk, underprepared, and provisional admits. The support from the Real Life 101 Scholarship Fund, gave each of these young men a \$5,000 scholarship, a laptop computer with software installed, and a personal real life 101 certified mentor to pursue their four-year degrees. Madonna University provided the Real Life 101 Scholars with financial support to help pay for tuition, residence hall room waivers to learn in a safe and welcoming environment, and academic and personal support on campus during their entire collegiate journey. Bryant L. George, a Real Life 101 alum (pictured second from the right), served as their on-campus mentor and the liaison of the Real Life 101 and Madonna University partnership. On May 7, 2016, Curron Thomas (far left), Alonte Sims (second to the left), Scott Jackson (third to the left) and Tywonn Mitchell (far right) each earned their four-year degrees. The Real Life 101 Scholarship Fund and Madonna University is committed to investing and education and not incarceration. We will like to say congratulations to our Real Life 101 – Madonna University Scholars for earning their college degrees.