



Maricopa High School - Real Life 101 Award Ceremony



Pictured left to right: Devaughn Sutton (Mesa Community College), Isaiah Soriano (Mesa Community College), Johnathan Strong (Central Arizona College), Aaron Harrison (University of Arizona), Aaron Owens (Scottsdale Community College), Ronnie Lee, Jr. (Chandler Gilbert Community College), Donald Grace III (Arizona State University), LaQuez Brown (Arizona State University), Isaiah Hurt (Central Arizona College) and Johnny Johnson, Jr. (Undecided)

We have extended our reach across the country this year to raise awareness of the challenges our at-risk African American youth face. At the same time we bring hope to these graduating high school seniors as they prepare to continue their educational journey at a college of their choice. Since fighting in the Vietnam War, the vision of our Founder and Chairman, Sid E. Taylor, was to give back to the community. In the year 2000 he did just that, Real Life 101 Scholarship was born. Real Life teamed with Focus Hope to donate laptops to inner city at-risk African Americans here in Detroit, MI. Fast forward to 17 years later and we are awarding over 400 graduating 2016 high school seniors with a few tools to make their college educational journey a bit easier. Each student receives a \$10K/5yr college scholarship, a laptop and 1 of our certified Real Life 101 Mentors. None of this is possible without the continued support from our donors, sponsors, board and staff. We thank them all for investing in education and not incarceration. With their help, we were able to implement our National Plan and now have at least 1 high school in 47 of the 50 US States to include the District of Columbia and Hawaii. Maricopa High School in Arizona was one of many new high schools added into our program in 2016 and their Award Ceremony was held last night (5/9/16). Congratulations to Maricopa High School RL101 Scholarship Recipients and to the entire Class of 2016!