

# TAKING A STAND

## Eagle Scout Makes History

CHRISTIAN FLOURNOY

Age: 15  
Hometown: Mableton, Georgia

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Troop 197, Atlanta, Ga.)

Made Headlines: For winning the 2020 Harvard Debate Competition.

The Scoop: Christian, along with his debate partner, Madison Webb, competed as part of Atlanta's Great Debaters team. Christian became the youngest Black male to ever win the tournament, while Madison became the first Black female to do so. The competition was held virtually, presenting an additional level of complexity to the tournament. "I became interested in debate when working on my Public Speaking merit badge," Christian says. He says he hopes to use his skills to become an "advocate for the unheard."



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# YOUNG HERO

## Eagle Scout Wins National Award



CHANDER PAYNE

Age: 18  
Home: Bethesda, Maryland

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Troop 52, Bethesda)

Made Headlines: For being named a winner of the 2020 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. This national award recognizes young people who have made a positive impact on people and the environment. Chander is the founder of Urban Beet, an organization that grows produce for underserved individuals and helps reduce heat in urban environments. His four urban farms have provided more than 2,500 pounds of food for homeless youth and others, as well as involved more than 200 students in gardening.



TEXT: PAULA MURPHY; PHOTOGRAPHS: CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: COURTESY OF THE BARRON PRIZE, (3) COURTESY OF THE HARVARD DIVERSITY PROJECT, COURTESY OF THE FLOURNOY FAMILY, COURTESY OF THE BLITCH FAMILY (2) COURTESY OF THE TREAT FAMILY (2) COURTESY OF THE MUIR FAMILY (2)

GENEVIEVE BLITCH

Age: 9  
Hometown: Naples, Florida

Scout Rank: Bear Scout (Pack 2001, Naples)

Made Headlines: For winning the Sunshine Award at the 2020 Naples Children's Business Fair. Genevieve's business specializes in pour painting art. She competed against 120 students in first through 12th grades, and the award allows her to sell her work in local Sunshine Ace Hardware stores. She also had the top selling booth at the fair.



MATTHEW MUIR

Age: 9  
Hometown: Powell, Ohio

Scout Rank: Bear Scout (Pack 332, Worthington, Ohio)

Made Headlines: As a member of the Columbus Chill Youth Hockey Association Mite team that won the 2020 Findlay Select Hockey Tournament. Matthew plays the position of goaltender for the Golden Seals.



NOAH TREAT

Age: 18  
Hometown: Palos Heights, Illinois

Scout Rank: Eagle Scout (Troop 337, Palos Heights)

Made Headlines: For being ranked as the top high school tenor saxophonist in the state by the Illinois Music Educator Association. Noah has won numerous awards and honors over the years, including selection as a featured performer at the 2020 Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra Rising Star Showcase.

