

National Association of Black Suppliers Scholarship Fund

## The 2017 NABS Scholarship Fund Scholars' Retreat

### NABS SCHOLARS GATHER AT DELPHI CORPORATION FOR ANOTHER OUTSTANDING RETREAT



Recognizing that an investment in our children's education is an investment in our economy and our future, the NABS Scholarship Fund board works diligently to help young scholars and their families afford the expense of a college education at many of America's premier institutions of higher learning.

The National Association of Black Suppliers Scholarship Fund's Board presented the 10th Annual Scholars' Retreat sponsored by Delphi Corporation Saturday, August 5, 2017 at Delphi HQ in Troy, MI. Attendees enjoyed a continental breakfast prior to the beginning of the session.

**Rhonda Glover**, NABSSF Executive Director, coordinated arrangements with Delphi to plan and implement the session for students and stakeholders.



Wade Sutton, John E. Taylor, Amanda Ward,  
Rhonda Glover, Marilyn M. Rowe  
Linda Ratliff-Watkins and Aaron McClendon

**Rhonda Glover** opened the session and gave each scholar an opportunity to introduce themselves and provide the name of their school of choice, major and future aspirations.



Wade Sutton, Manager, Learning and Development Delphi

John E. Taylor (*Retired Delphi*) greeted the group, shared some of his experiences and introduced Wade Sutton, Manager, Learning and Development, Delphi.

Wade shared a vital formula for students to grasp and remember:

Performance + Potential = Probability

Additional speakers and their topics of discussion were as follows:

- **Amanda L. Ward**, Senior Associate, Plante Moran, NABSSF Alumni and Board Member, *Diversity as a Strength*.

- **Lawrence A. Williams II**, Business Unit Director, Commercial Vehicle, Deeds NA, Delphi, *Words of Encouragement*.

- **John E. Taylor**, CEO, JT Diversity Solutions and Board Member, *Transiting from Corporate America to Entrepreneurship*

- **Aaron McClendon**, Western University Class of 2017, NABSSF Alumni and Board Member, *Maximizing your College Experience*

- **Andre Brown**, Northwood University Class of 2018, NABS Alumni, *Managing Academics & Sports while Maintaining a 3.8 GPA*.

Students enjoyed lunch provided by Pic-a-deli's Restaurant.



*"Do what most people will not do for a while. They will not be able to do what you can do for the rest of your life!"*

*Wade Sutton, Manager, Learning and Development, Delphi Corporation*



*"Businesses look at how much you profit the business. People keep a mental record of how you behave. This can affect you positively or negatively, the 'game' is always on. Thanks for an amazing program!"*

*D'errah Richardson MSU 2020*

*"...I learned some very valuable things and it also reaffirmed that everything I've done so far has not been in vain...I am smarter...I now have more confidence"*

*Brianna Ford 2014 NABS Scholar*

*"I learned that as a minority I can succeed and give back to the community"*

*Dillon Carrington, MSU 2021*

*"I learned the importance of pursuing opportunities and creating relationships that will add to my value."*

*Chasadie Searcy, NC Wesleyan 2021*

*"It's important to think entrepreneurially in every job."*

*Aaron McClendon, Western 2017*

*"Personal brand is built on small habits. I will constantly remind myself of the little things that make a huge difference."*

*Julian Bell, MSU 2021*

*"I learned how I should tackle my freshman year...Networking is key to maximizing success"*

*Diamond Buchanan, UofM 2021*



**The NABS Scholarship Fund 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Awards Dinner**

**The Henry Autograph Collection**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**Visit [www.nabssf.org](http://www.nabssf.org) for more information**

NABS Scholarship Fund, 28401 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 450, Livonia, MI 48150

Phone (248) 872-2216

The NABS Scholarship Fund is an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, form 990 is on file.