

Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation

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Rhodes Scholar Myron Rolle headlines Kappa Foundation Brunch

When the Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. recently hosted its annual George L. Russell Jr. Charities and Awards Brunch they pulled out all the stops by flying in Rhodes Scholar Myron L. Rolle to enlighten all in attendance about how his dedication, focus and hard work in both academics and football have brought him triumph on his road to achieving his life's goals.



Aspiring to both the National Football League and medical school, *Myron L. Rolle* played as a safety with Florida State University, completed all necessary pre-medical requirements, and was able to graduate in just 2.5 years with a 3.75 grade point average, earning a bachelor's degree in Exercise Science. Despite helping the Florida State Seminoles reach many football victories, Rolle is postponing his NFL aspirations to study at the University of Oxford where he will pursue studies to earn a Masters of Art degree in medical anthropology. He is currently completing a Master of Public Administration degree.

Rolle, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. was awarded the Cecil J. Rhodes scholarship in November 2008 based on his interview by the Rhodes Scholarship Committee. Upon accepting the Rhodes scholarship, Rolle announced he would not enter the NFL Draft until 2010.



A native of Houston, Texas, Rolle was born October 30, 1986 to Whitney and Beverly Rolle and is the youngest of five boys. Though his family is originally from Nassau, Bahamas, he was raised in Galloway, New Jersey. In the 9th grade Rolle played varsity football and later transferred from the Peddie School to Hun School of Princeton, where the All-American made 112 tackles including 14 for loss. Rolle graduated from the Hun School with a 4.0 GPA, in addition to being named a High School All-American football

player with ESPN ranking him as the number one high school prospect in the country and a Parade All-American and Army All-American.

In addition to his numerous athletic awards, Rolle is the recipient of numerous academic and leadership awards that include the Florida State University Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Award for research studying the metabolic profile of stem and cancer cells and was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society. The 2006 recipient of the Watkins Award given to high school students on the basis of academic achievement, Rolle is the founder of *Our Way to Health*, which works with the

Brighton Charter School on the Seminole Tribe of Florida reservation in the area of children's health issues. He is also the founder of Myron Rolle Wellness and Leadership Academy, which partners with the Florida department of Children and Family Services for a camp for 100 foster children.

Myron wasn't the only headliner at the event. The Kappa Alpha Psi Foundation of Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. also did some of its own headlining by awarding ten deserving high school graduates with scholarships totaling \$8500 to assist in their pursuit of higher education and \$15,000 in monetary awards to 22 community organizations to assist in their endeavors to continue to provide services throughout the community to at risk youth, seniors and families in need.

2009 Charities Award Recipients

Academy for College and Career Exploration

African Art Museum of Maryland

B-more Hoopsters Basketball Program

Bishop Harrison James Bryant Scholarship Program

City Ranch, Inc.

Empowerment Academy Charter School

4 Real Sports

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

Indians of Northwood Baseball League

Kopelles—Youth Group of Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority

Liberty Road Basketball

LIGHT Health and Wellness Comprehensive Services

Morgan State University Basketball Team

Morning Star Baptist Ministries Youth Programs

National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship

New All Saints Food Pantry Ministry

Renewing Life Family Center, Inc.

St. James Academy

Team Holy Dirt Foundation

The Basketball Academy

The Men's Center

United Services Organization