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## **U-46 students to be Honored during 15th Annual Black History Family Festival**

*Six seniors to be recognized at Gail Borden Public Library*

**ELGIN** - In honor of Black History Month, School District U-46 is participating in the 15th annual Black History Family Festival on Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Gail Borden Public Library where six U-46 seniors will each receive a \$500 scholarship. The theme of this year's festival is "Unite, Rise Up, Celebrate!"

The free event will include speakers, performances by local musicians and artists, crafts, and games for young children.

Each year, the festival offers a \$500 scholarship to one African-American senior from each of U-46's high schools. These students are chosen for being good citizens, their attention to academics, participation in extracurricular and community activities, and aspirations after high school.

This year's recipients are Jordan Snyder of Bartlett High School; Marteena Mendel-Duckins of Larkin High School; Arianna Ramos of South Elgin High School; Alayzia Hairston-El of Streamwood High School; Jasmine Jacobson of Elgin High School; and Eryonna Wallace of the Dream Academy. The winning students will participate in a panel discussion about their sources of inspiration and hope.

**Who:** U-46 Scholarship Recipients

**What:** Black History Family Festival

**Where:** Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin

**When:** 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1



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