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# Mayor Small Presents First \$1M of Historic Scholarship to Selected Atlantic City Residents

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**Atlantic City, N.J. (August 10, 2023)** – Yesterday, City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr., during a ceremony in the City Hall Courtyard, presented checks to the first 100 recipients of the ‘Mayor Marty Small, Sr. Scholarship’ awarded to city residents. Each student was called up one-by-one to receive the check with their name on it, then took a photo with the Mayor.

“We wish you the best of luck on your journey,” Mayor Small told the students. “It’s not easy, but don’t ever give up. There’s nothing that you can’t overcome, trust me. I’m proud of each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart.”

In May, Mayor Small announced this unprecedented scholarship, a \$3-million commitment over the next three years. The money comes from the Addressing Educational Disparity category of American Rescue Plan funds Atlantic City has received. This year, 50 scholarships of \$10,000 each went to graduating Atlantic City High School seniors who live in Atlantic City and will begin college this Fall. An additional 50 scholarships of \$10,000 each went to college students who graduated from Atlantic City High School and reside in Atlantic City, who will be sophomores, juniors and seniors this Fall.

In June, Mayor Small announced the scholarship winners during a news conference. Yesterday’s event was a chance to formally celebrate the recipients. The Atlantic City Police Department and the Atlantic City Fire Department provided hot dogs and hamburgers. While the checks distributed during yesterday’s

ceremony had the student's names on them, the money will be sent directly to the institution each student is attending.

Applications for the next 100 scholarships are expected to be released in early 2024. The Scholarship Committee formed by Mayor Small will have regular meetings this Fall to address scholarship criteria and other potential adjustments.

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