

## **DOWNTOWN ATHLETIC CLUB OF ORLANDO FOUNDATION, INC.**



Eric Reinhold, Downtown Athletic Club of Orlando Scholarship Chairman, presented this year's 4-year tuition paid college scholarship to Kurry Kenyon Ware, at Apopka High School's Senior Awards Program, May 12<sup>th</sup>.

DACO has awarded twenty-four such scholarships to students in the Central Florida area since 1992. This year the committee received over fifty applications from the six-county area and paired the list down to five finalists, who were then interviewed. Criteria included an essay, grades, letters of recommendation, financial need, and strong character, based upon outside activities and interests.

Kurry has overcome a number of family hardships in the past year and shown great resilience. Taking numerous honors courses and working 20-30 hours a week, Kurry has been able to maintain a 3.36 GPA. In regards to Kurry's determination his basketball coach, Eddie Jenkins, probably stated it best when he said, "...I have watched with pride as Kurry earned his first varsity basketball letter. As a testimony to his never-give-up attitude, Kurry was cut from the team for the past three years. His outstanding work ethic and attention to detail have earned him a well-deserved spot on the team (this year)."

In addition, Kurry's math teacher noted, "he is a young man who is dedicated to being his best and is truly a joy to teach and work with."

Kurry has been accepted at both FSU and FAMU and will make the tough decision on which school to attend in the near future. Kurry and his family will be recognized at an upcoming DACO event.

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