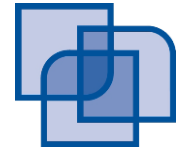


**2020 Community Leader Youth Award
Journey Hairiston-Floyd**



The **Dr. Joseph Manch Scholarship** is a \$1000 award named for and presented in honor of the former Superintendent of Buffalo Public Schools.

This year's recipient is Journey Hairiston-Floyd, a senior at Buffalo Seminary. An incredibly balanced and outspoken student, Journey cares about connecting communities and all the voices that comprise them. She is Student Government Association President and is as much a listener as well as vocal proponent for what is right and just. She understands the value of different voices coming to the table and creating relationships, and uses her platform often to make change. She is a member of the Black Student Union, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Jewish Culture Club, Chinese Club, Spanish Club, Glee Club and the list can go on and on. What makes her so special is her commitment to being her true, genuine self; her peers know that she will always have their backs. Journey seeks opportunities to enhance dialogue between groups that may not have realized how similar, rather than distant they really are. She knows well the art of communication, and she uses her gifts for the betterment of her community, both in school and outside of school. In her words "I wanted to change the social patterns at SEM and show students that there was no need for a divide..."

For her strong leadership acumen and her powerful communication style, it is an honor to present Journey Hariston-Floyd with the Dr. Joseph A. Manch Scholarship Award.

Her college will receive a monetary award towards expenses in addition to receiving this certificate.