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HACA TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS, COMPUTERS TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS

- WHAT:** The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) and its nonprofit subsidiary Austin Pathways will awarded 42 renewable scholarships totaling \$80,000 to residents of its public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs at its 17th Annual Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship Ceremony.
- WHEN:** 1 p.m. Friday (July 7)
- WHERE:** Booker T. Washington Terraces, 905 Bedford St.
- EVENT:** The City of Austin will provide free refurbished computers pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows 10 to each of the students. The disbursement is part of a pilot loaner program funded in part by The Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPS). The City of Austin plans to loan de-asseted City computers to local nonprofits, including HACA, to increase digital inclusion in underserved communities.

Scholarship recipients range from newly graduated high school students to returning adult students and those attending college for the first time. Santa Rita resident Ndabitezimana “Sophie” Asifiwe represents nearly half of the awardees. She is the first generation in her family to attend college. Asifiwe will start at the Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas in the fall, and aspires to become a nurse.

Austin Pathways oversees and manages an endowment for HACA resident scholarships that originated with seed funding from HACA's nonprofit, revenue generating subsidiaries -- Southwest Housing Compliance Corporation and Austin Affordable Housing Corporation. Annual fundraising through donations and grants allows Austin Pathways to maintain this endowment and continue to provide resident scholarships. HACA has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships since 2001.

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