

Good Afternoon,

My name is JaQuerius Byner, and I am a Sophomore at Holy Family Cristo Rey. I currently work at St. Vincent's Hospital, Volunteer Services Department.

During my freshman and part of my sophomore year I experienced an eye opening opportunity that changed my view of the world. I realized the importance of environmental protection and the impact I could have working at Black Warrior River Keeper to save the water we drink.

While only being a 15 year old student, I was exposed to a life changing education, being a part of something bigger in the world. I found that I can make a difference.

This allowed me to be on the front lines of helping the organization change our water pollution crisis in the world. I also went on tours to discover issues affecting our local rivers and water ways to identify violations and recorded that information, in order to assist those working toward getting it fixed.

I will never forget the time when I had the opportunity to attend an event with Black Warrior Riverkeeper and met Mayor Randall Woodfin. It was an honor for me to experience and realize my contribution in real time, assisting in saving the planet for future generations.

I am very blessed to have had the unique experience and be a part of the movement and the vision that Black Warrior RiverKeeper showed me.

Because the experience will remain with me always, I would like to thank Black Warrior RiverKeeper staff and organization. We would like to recognize them today.

At this time, I would like to present this CWSP High Five Award to Charlie Scribner at Black Warrior RiverKeeper.