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## **GERMANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES CARSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Mr. Joel R. Farren, Germantown High School Principal, received correspondence from the Carson Scholars Fund informing him that Derek Fairburn, a junior at Germantown High School, was selected as a 2017 Carson Scholar.

Derek is the first student in the history of Germantown High School to be recognized as a Carson Scholar, and is the only high school student in Wisconsin to be recognized as a Carson Scholar in 2017. He is joined by a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student from Neenah and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student from Dousman. One other student in Wisconsin, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader from Neenah, was a previous Carson Scholar and achieved recognition status.

Each year, the Carson Scholars Fund recognizes a select group of high achieving students in grades 4-11 who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and humanitarian qualities. First-time students receive a \$1,000 college scholarship award and the honor of being named a Carson Scholar.

Nationwide, 483 students were named as new Carson Scholars in 2017. In addition, 872 students renewed their Carson Scholar status. These recognized winners have maintained high academic standards and a strong commitment to their communities. To celebrate their accomplishments, the Midwest scholars will be recognized at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at the Chicago Hilton Oak Lawn.

The Carson Scholars Fund is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) public charity founded by Dr. Benjamin Carson and his wife, Candy. The Carson Scholars Fund is dedicated to impacting the nation in a positive way by cultivating future leaders who are academically talented and socially conscious.