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25th anniversary edition of the *Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars* special report to be published on April 6

FAIRFAX, VA (March 14, 2017) — On April 6, 2017, *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education* will publish the 25th anniversary edition of the [Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars](#) special report.

As the name denotes, this edition is a part of our quarter-century legacy of recognizing outstanding minority young men and women who have distinguished themselves in their academic and athletic pursuits.

With a record number of nominations, the 2017 class will include over 1,200 scholars, including Stanford University's Simone Manuel, four-time Olympic medalist (two gold, two silver) and first African-American woman to win an individual Olympic gold medal in swimming.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary milestone, the University of Richmond will host an awards luncheon on their campus on April 11. The NCAA's Office of Inclusion, will also participate in the program. [Leland Melvin](#), retired astronaut and former NFL player, will deliver the keynote address. He was a wide receiver on the University of Richmond football team from 1982–85.

In addition to their athletic ability, students named Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.2, be at least a sophomore academically, and be active on their campuses or in their community.

Past Ashe scholars include: Baylor University's Robert Griffin III (2011); the University of Tennessee's Kara Lawson (2003); San Diego State University's Marshall Faulk (1993); and the University of Kansas' Jaque Vaughn (1996), just to name a few scholar-athletes who have gone on to achieve great success.

To learn more about the 2017 sports scholars, including this year's semifinalists and team winners [click here](#).

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