



# MIRACLES

## Maker Award

Honoring Nia Stephens  
Documentary showcased in the Oprah Winfrey Theater of the Smithsonian  
National Museum of African American History and Culture

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WHEREAS: The DeKalb County Board of Education is committed to excellence in education and fostering a love of learning in all our students; and

WHEREAS: A strong foundation in social studies, including history, is essential for student success; and

WHEREAS: DeKalb Arts Academy student, Nia Stephens, has demonstrated exceptional perseverance; and

WHEREAS: Nia's work was showcased in the Oprah Winfrey Theater of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture from June 9-13, 2024.

WHEREAS: Impressively, Nia was selected from more than 150 documentaries, showcasing extraordinary academic excellence.

THEREFORE: Be it known that the DeKalb County School District recognizes Nia Stephens for her documentary titled, ***Out with the Old and In with the New: A New Economic Pathway for Black Women***. Her documentary was showcased in the **Oprah Winfrey Theater of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture**. Nia's dedication to communicating historical experiences serves as an inspiration to all students. The Board congratulates Nia, her teachers, and her family on this remarkable achievement.



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