



McCormick Honors 2026 Unsung Heroes; Awards \$105,000 in Total Scholarships to Student-Athletes

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Two \$40,000 Charles Perry McCormick Scholarships Awarded to Tempris Harrison from Frederick Douglass High School and Avery Ray from Franklin High School

HUNT VALLEY, Md., May 14, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- McCormick & Company, Incorporated (NYSE: MKC), a global leader in flavor, announced Tempris Harrison from Frederick Douglass High School and Avery Ray from Franklin High School as the 95th and 96th recipients of its Charles Perry McCormick scholarships, worth \$40,000 each over four years.



The in-person event held Monday, May 11 at the M&T Bank Exchange, located in downtown Baltimore's France-Merrick Performing Arts Center recognized Ms. Harrison and Mr. Ray from more than 100 student-athletes honored as Unsung Heroes for their commitment to unselfish team play. The full list of this year's McCormick Unsung Heroes nominees can be found [HERE](#). McCormick is proud to recognize each of these student-athletes.

Four other students were recognized with additional scholarships at this year's Unsung Heroes event. Kate Cabrera from Loch Raven High School and Tavon Brown from Reginald F. Lewis High School were awarded \$7,500 scholarships, while Bianca Crainiceanu from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Donte Harrison from Benjamin Franklin High School both received \$5,000 scholarships. McCormick congratulates all of the 2026 Unsung Heroes.

During the ceremony, keynote speaker Justin Forsett, Former Baltimore Ravens Running Back; 9-Year NFL Pro Bowl Veteran; CEO & Co-Founder of Hustle Clean, shared his powerful "unsung hero" story. He spoke candidly about pushing through adversity and learning to navigate change with resilience, even in the face of repeated setbacks.

"Greatness grows best in the shadows," he said to the students as he reminded them to trust the process and remember that "there is greatness inside you."

Justin's remarks were followed by a Q&A session moderated by emcee Scott Garceau, sports radio personality and broadcaster.

Tempris Harrison is a senior middle-distance runner and Team Captain who found in track more than medals — she found confidence, resilience, and a second family. After navigating family challenges and changing schools, running became her anchor and a source of strength. Competing in the 400m, 800m, and relays, she consistently puts team success first, stepping into relays on short notice and mentoring younger athletes. Her quiet leadership, discipline, and selfless commitment embody the spirit of the McCormick Unsung Hero Award and the Charles Perry McCormick Scholarship.

Avery Ray exemplifies resilience, leadership, and service. Despite personal challenges preventing contact sports, he thrived in the Allied program, competing in soccer, bocce, and softball. A four-year leader and 2023 State Champion in bocce, he also volunteers as a football and basketball manager. Balancing a 4.2 GPA, part-time work, tutoring, and hosting a podcast, he consistently elevates his school community through dedication and selflessness.

The Unsung Heroes program recognizes unselfish student-athletes and honors those who substantially contribute to the success of their school without receiving acclaim. Originally established in 1940 by former McCormick & Company Chairman Charles P. McCormick Sr., the program is reflective of McCormick & Company's core belief in the Power of People.

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