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**E. Renee Posey, Ed.D., Award of Excellence
Scholarship Launch for High Seniors Going to an HBCU**

MIAMI, Florida — December 22, 2021 — Rdevia announces the launch of the [E. Renee Posey, Ed.D. Award of Excellence](#). The new scholarship fund is aimed at graduating high school seniors who will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU). The scholarship is open to current high school seniors. Rdevia will award one \$500 Award for the 2022-23 Academic Year.

HBCUs are experiencing a renaissance-like epoch. For the past few years, many HBCUs have seen a progressive increase in enrollment in response to Black Lives Matter protests across the nation. In the aftermath of the tragic assassination of George Floyd by rogue cop Derek Chauvin, HBCUs saw a surge in donations including substantially large gifts from philanthropists like MacKenzie Scott who gave more than half a billion dollars to these historic schools in 2020 alone.

Rdevia hopes this scholarship will be part of the global effort to provide more tangible support for HBCUs and the students who need them during this crucial point in history.

“It is my passion to help educate young people,” says E. Renee Posey, Ed.D., the scholarship benefactor. “The Award of Excellence is only a small token of my support. Nelson Mandela said ‘Education is the great equalizer!’ I, too, believe that education helps to level the playing field.”

“There may never be another time so great to attend an HBCU as this,” says Marquise M. McGriff, M.A., Rdevia’s founder who has a master’s degree in HBCU Leadership. “We hope this scholarship will be part of the national push for and to HBCUs. And we are honored to endow it in the name of Dr. Posey, a longtime Friend of Rdevia, supporter of our #Fight4HBCUs, and inspiration in my life since my freshman year in high school.”

To apply, students must complete an application online at rdevia.org/rdeviaships. Applications are due February 22, 2022. The winner will be announced on April 30, 2022.

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Rdevia, Inc. – founded on March 5, 2015 by Marquise M. McGriff, M.A. – is a public charitable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that unites people and groups in the fight for HBCUs. Rdevia’s work is fueled by its membership (HBCU students and graduates) and friends (donors, sponsors, and partners). Rdevia’s collective of members and friends spans more than 20 states plus Ghana and China. Learn more at rdevia.org and connect on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).