

## Howard and Brainerd High School Students Attend The 18th Annual Atlanta Gospel Choice Awards

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Sera Hill, season two contestant from NBC's *The Voice*, visited Chattanooga to promote the release of her first single, "I Believe". "I Believe" is sung by Sera Hill and features Chattanooga's own, T-Ran Gilbert. The song was written by Chattanooga's own Gary McClendon, who is also the executive producer and produced by Chattanooga's own Sam Sims.

During Sera's visit to the city, she visited both Howard and Brainerd High Schools. For many of the students, Sera was their favorite contestant on *The Voice* and was very excited to meet her. The students were able to ask Sera questions, get her autograph and take pictures. Sera shared her experiences with the students and encouraged them to hold on to their dreams.

Some of the students dreamed of going to the Gospel Choice Awards to see Sera Hill and T-Ran Gilbert perform their gospel song, "I Believe". This could have been an impossible dream for the students if not for the kindness and support of some of our local business leaders.

John Taylor, Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc; Sharon Kelly, Sharon Adult Daycare Center; Dr. Thomas Brooks, Women's Health Care, P.C.; Rodney Billups, Herman's Soul Food and Catering; Rodney Thornton, Royal Treatment Day Spa; Dillard Hawkins, Jr.; Greg Beasley, Greg's Southern Soul Food; Cheryl Bryant; and Gary McClendon, People Staff, Inc. sponsored the student's trip to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gospel Choice Awards, a black tie affair at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. The Howard High School students, LaFrank Johnson, Linda Ross, and Jamond Rowlings; and the Brainerd High School students, Jina Barnett, Coreka Reed, and Leona Barber attended the Gospel Choice Awards on Monday.



**Shown with the Brainerd and Howard High School students is Sera Hill (blue dress) contestant on season two of NBC's The Voice, the CEO and founder of the Gospel Choice Award, and CEO of People Staff, Inc.**