

## **2025 WHITE CANE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

### ***Caiden Geiger***

“What I love most about Caiden is his personality – he is a joy to be around!”  
“Caiden is eminently bright, of sound moral character, kind and compassionate.” Just a few thoughts shared by teachers when asked about Caiden.

As a middle schooler, Caiden watched as his brother lost his vision and he stepped up and was there to support him. Caiden himself lost his vision his freshman year of high school and faced the challenge with grace and positivity. He continues to participate in cross country and track, which is made possible by being tethered to a sighted running guide. During his freshman year of high school, he qualified for state competition in track. Caiden is also a hunter, using adaptive hunting equipment which enables him to participate in the sport.

A senior at Bad Ax High School and a National Honors student, Caiden has been accepted into Delta College and plans to transfer in two years to MSU to obtain a degree in agricultural science.

### ***Taiyibah Grewal***

Taiyibah has dedication, determination, and passion for learning. She is an active member of the Robotics Club and involved in numerous AP classes. She has overcome obstacles that her visual impairment has challenged her with, both in and out of the classroom.

Taiyibah is a senior at Melvindale High School and is one of the school’s most accomplished programmers. She has participated in river clean-ups, is a published NASA researcher. In addition to this, she plays the keyboard and piano and has special talent for magic tricks.

Upon graduation Taiyibah plans to attend Lawrence Technological Institute and pursue a degree in engineering. She hopes to create night-vision binoculars and own her own engineering company.

### ***Ella Neifert***

Musician, Actor, Vocalist, National Honors Society, volunteer for Make a Wish, part-time employee with the Bureau of Services for Blind Persons. Yes, we are talking about a high school student!

Ella was born with cancerous tumors in both eyes and started treatment at just 2-days old. She was cancer-free at age 2. Today, she and her older sister (also a cancer survivor) are part of the family non-profit called Healing with Hope and Happiness. She has helped raise awareness about Childhood Cancer and raise money for Children's Hospital so that the journey for others is a bit easier. Ella's biggest personal achievement and honor has been to be a Wish Ambassador for the Make-A-Wish Michigan Foundation and allows her to travel the state and tell her story and share her musical and acting talents at Wish Galas. She and her sister were selected to film a commercial to promote the partnership between Disney and Make-a-Wish.

Ella attends Hudsonville High School and plans to attend MSU to major in Human Resources/Business and plans to work specifically in advocacy and build diversity, equity and inclusion programs to educate others on disabilities and that those affected can do so much more than what they cannot do.