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## Honor students

# 14-year-olds graduate from University of Islam

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On Thursday, Feb. 22, Muhammad University of Islam No. 4 held its fifth High School and Elementary Graduation Exercises which marked the largest graduating classes in its history.

One of the highlights of the exercises was the remarkable fact that two students were graduating at the age of 14 from the High School Level. Sisters Carvahda X and Shuron X, the Salutatorian and Valedictorian respectively, gave thanks and high praises to Allah, Who came in the Person of Master W. Fard Muhammad, to Whom praises are due forever, for giving us our Founder and President of the Universities of Islam, The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and for having received such a wonderful Islamic Education. They told the guests that they seek to maintain the education taught them to the highest degree.

Bro. Ronald 16X, the Salutatorian for the Elementary Level, welcomed the guests and expressed love and gratitude to the teachers for not going on a strike "like the public teachers did last year." Indeed, the Universities of Islam need never worry about such a calamity as that. All praise is due to Allah.

Minister Lonnie Shabazz spoke on the "Importance of an Islamic Education" and said that "The Honorable Elijah Muhammad with his zeal, has inspired us to seek knowledge more than anyone who has ever appeared on this earth...In the writings of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, he says, "Learning is a great virtue and I would like to see all the children of my followers become possessors of it."

Indeed, Feb. 22, witnessed the growing fulfilment of this saying of The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah.

Another highlight of the evening featured the awarding of citations, merits, achievement awards and recognition to believers, teachers and students.

Cited were: Bro. Patrick 3X for building a library at the University; Sisters Helen 3X and Jo Ann 6X for their meritorious achievements; Sis. Maxine X, Teacher of the Year, 1972-73; Sis. Beatrice X for her inspirational words given to believers; and Sisters Juanita X, Allice X, Alicia X, Jo Ann X and Bro. Hussein X, former scholars of Muhammad's University of Islam.

The main highlight witnessed the diplomas presented to the students who received them with great dignity, pride and inspirational refinement.