The Community Foundation
Scholarship Awards
Class of 2022

The Community Foundation is a devoted advocate for the vitality and well-being of the Rappahannock River region.
2022 Scholarship Awards

Congratulations winners!

The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region is a devoted advocate for the vitality and well-being of our region. Our scholarship program has matched generous individuals with impressive students from across the region for nearly 25 years—making a significant impact on our region and shaping our future. Together, we have established nearly 180 different funds totaling over $50 million in charitable assets.

I know first hand how important scholarship funds are to students in our community. I am a past recipient of multiple scholarships from The Community Foundation. Because of you, I was able to attain my college degrees without incurring financial debt. Thank you for investing in my future. Your impact is tremendous, and I am here to help pay it forward to future college students. Your generosity impacts the lives of local students and inspires tomorrow’s leaders.

Thank you for continuing to invest in our community’s future.

With deepest gratitude,

Ashley McNeil
Manager of Programs and Special Initiatives

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Have you considered including a scholarship fund in your estate plan? Gifts to your fund increase the size of the endowment, ensuring that the scholarship you created leaves a greater impact on future students. Your gift can be for a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, various assets or the remainder after gifts to loved ones.

Not sure where to start? We’re here to help! Explore your giving options and charitable interest with our knowledgeable staff. The Community Foundation can answer any questions you have, work with you to find a gift that best fits your situation and help you support local students achieve their dreams.

We welcome you or your advisor to contact Teri McNally, Executive Director or Emma Miller-Richards, Fund Development & Philanthropic Services at 540-373-9292.

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Interested in opening a scholarship fund?
The Community Foundation is here to help! It is easy to establish your own named charitable fund and it can often be done in a day.

We are available to answer questions, clarify options, and talk to your professional advisor if you would like.

By working with The Community Foundation, you can give with confidence. The foundation’s staff and Board of Governors have a long-standing reputation for excellent financial management of funds and a closely monitored investment strategy. The foundation thoughtfully stewards each individual charitable fund in perpetuity.

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Make a donation to a scholarship fund.
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The Linda and Billy Beale Scholarship Fund

Danielle Cloud

“"I am attending the University of Virginia School of Nursing in the fall to obtain a Bachelor of Science in nursing. From there, I hope to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). I cannot express my gratitude enough for these scholarship opportunities! Thank you!""

Linda and Billy Beale created this scholarship fund to give back to the community that has been home to their family for many years. Friends and colleagues know Linda and Billy as individuals who are deeply engaged in the fabric of the region – and especially Caroline County – through the business community, their civic and social lives, and their family’s involvement in their church and schools. When thinking about a focal point for their charitable giving, the Beales were drawn to the school athletic families that have meant so much to them and their children over the years. Linda and Billy both graciously volunteered their time serving as assistance coaches in volleyball and baseball, respectively. The family has also supported Caroline Little League, beginning in the 1980s when their son played t-ball and continuing through their daughter’s service as a board member.

This scholarship is awarded to senior athletes who best reflect the Beale’s family values: team work, sportsmanship and community service.

James Monroe High School
University of Virginia
The Craig “Cujo, Jr.” Bennett Scholarship Fund

Aniyah Jones

“After graduating from George Mason University, I hope to enroll at Georgetown University McDonough School of Business and reach my ultimate goal of earning a M.B.A in finance.”

King George High School
George Mason University

This scholarship was established in memory of Craig Daniel Bennett, known as Cujo, Jr.—a reference to his father’s flight call sign, and to the way a vulnerable young person could grow into a passionate and powerful individual. Each year, a scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled in the face of adversity.

Challenged by extensive physical issues, Craig Daniel defied the negative predictions of skeptical doctors, again and again. He sometimes encountered people who had difficulty seeing past his wheelchair to who he really was—a goal-oriented fighter who whitewater rafted the New River and was elected Homecoming King at Bluefield College. He had dreams of walking to receive his diploma and of sky diving. Craig Daniel wanted to be seen as “normal.” Those who knew him saw more than that, he was extraordinary.

Knowing that his life expectancy was shorter than average, he asked his parents to establish a scholarship in his memory. Having received the Bootstrap Scholarship, demonstrating the effort and will to succeed in the face of adversity, this scholarship also recognizes students who use “bootstrap determination” and force of will to overcome odds, meet hardship and succeed in achieving their dreams.
The Mary E. Berger Scholarship Fund

Olivia Stocks

Stafford Senior High School
College of William & Mary

“This fall, I will be attending the College of William & Mary to double major in international relations and economics on the pre-law track. I’ll also be playing field hockey for W&M. Following graduation, I hope to attend law school and eventually work for the U.S. State Department.”

The Mary E. Berger Scholarship was established with a gift from Mary Berger and a future planned gift from her estate. This scholarship assists students who wish to attend college or university or professional school to pursue studies in art, music, history, political science, English, journalism and related liberal arts subjects.
For many years, the Botts family has supported our local immigrant community. Susanna taught English as a Second Language (ESL) in Stafford County Public Schools for 11 years, and continues to work part-time with students and immigrant families. For over 40 years, Bill has served as a legal attorney and represented various immigrant communities in civil matters. While Executive Director of Rappahannock Legal Services now, Legal Aid Works, he encouraged the board of directors to forgo all federal funding so that the organization could represent undocumented immigrants. He continues to volunteer for LUCHA Ministries Immigration Legal Services.

The Botts family believes in supporting the educational dreams of our region’s immigrant youth. Their scholarship supports high achieving and highly motivated immigrant or refugee students in our community.
The William and Susanna Botts Scholarship for Immigrants

Eunhye Park
Colonial Forge High School
University of Virginia

“I am attending the University of Virginia where I will major in biology. I plan to continue my studies at the UVA medical program and become a physician.”

Marcus Muntean
Chancellor High School
University of Virginia

“I’m majoring in computer science at the University of Virginia, and concentrate in cybersecurity in my later years. I plan to use my education to work as a cybersecurity engineer for the federal government, helping protect against malicious digital threats. After immigrating to the United States a number of years ago, I’ve lived a life full of opportunity and freedom. My dream is to dedicate my efforts to continuing this privilege for everyone in this country.”
In December 2013, Bob Bradley’s many friends and family—his wife of 38 years, his golf buddies, and those who knew and loved him—established this scholarship fund to memorialize Bob, his tenacity and his lifetime passion for golf.

Robert Holyman Bradley, Jr., known to all as Bob, grew up in Clifton Forge, Virginia. He moved to the Fredericksburg area in 1971 but never lessened his close ties to his hometown. Sports were a major part of Bob’s life from an early age. He played baseball as a child and excelled at basketball, football and especially golf. Bob “lived and breathed” golf. He lived next to the Fredericksburg Country Club where he was a thirty-five year member, organizational leader and very active player. He and his brother won the Club Member Guest Tournament so many times they influenced the club to change the tournament format. He won the club championship on two occasions and the Virginia State Golf Association Championship as part of a two-man team.

Family members, friends and colleagues admired Bob for his endless resources of strength and positive energy – in his golf game, in the face of serious health concerns and, in life. Bob battled grave health obstacles with dignity, determination and humor.

“I plan to major in business information technology at Virginia Tech and I am excited about all Virginia Tech has to offer.”
The Baron P. “Deuce” Braswell II Memorial Scholarship Fund

Maxwell Freitag
King George High School
University of Virginia

“I will attend the University of Virginia to major in classics. After completing my undergraduate degree, I plan on attending law school.”

This scholarship fund was created in memory of Baron P. “Deuce” Braswell II of Spotsylvania. Baron, son of Baron Purnell Braswell and Gwendolyn Braswell-Nash, died tragically on January 20, 2006. He was a junior and honor student at Courtland High School. Baron was a very spiritual person and an active member of the football, basketball, baseball and track teams, known for thanking God for his athletic abilities.

Baron’s legacy is honored through the important work of the annual Braswell Race Against Teen Violence, which unites the community, raises awareness about teen violence and teaches youth the values of compassion and respect. In establishing this scholarship, Baron’s family and friends wish to recognize the dedication to sports and academics of four area students.
The Baron P. “Deuce” Braswell II Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nevaeh Kehn
Chancellor High School
University of Miami

“I am attending the University of Miami and looking forward to all of the research and public health opportunities the university has to offer. I have strong interests in teaching, psychology, medicine, or a combination thereof.”

Kendra Kraisser
King George High School
Virginia Tech

“I am attending Virginia Tech this fall and intend to major in animal science. I hope to become a veterinarian in the future with a focus on the care and conservation of exotic animals.”

Marcus Muntean
Chancellor High School
University of Virginia

“I’m majoring in computer science at the University of Virginia, and concentrate in cybersecurity in my later years. I plan to use my education to work as a cybersecurity engineer for the federal government, helping protect against malicious digital threats.”
The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

Stephanie Castro

**Spotsylvania High School University of Virginia**

“I am attending the School of Engineering at the University of Virginia as a part of the A. James Clark Scholars program. As a first generation college student, I hope to pursue a degree in civil engineering and business, with a focus on ethical practices in both fields.”

The Ian and Jalen Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund honors Ian and Jalen Brown - two vivacious brothers who attended Spotsylvania High School and inspired laughter in everyone who knew them.

Ian was a senior of the class of 2016, member of the soccer team and big-hearted older brother. He once told his family that he did not want to miss a thing - and he jammed more into his 18 years than many people do in a lifetime. Jalen was a sophomore of the class of 2018 who shared his love of life with his cross-country and track teammates and his friends and family. He is remembered for his signature wide smile that encapsulated his joyful and fun-loving approach to life. Tragically, the brothers lost their lives in an car accident in November 2015 while on their way to school.

Loved unconditionally, the Brown brothers were an inspiration to others. They were known for their optimistic outlooks, big hearts, and infectious smiles. Ian and Jalen’s family and many friends established this scholarship fund to support deserving students who share the boys’ ability to spread kindness and positively impact others around them. Each year, scholarships are awarded to Spotsylvania High School seniors who embody the positive spirits of Ian and Jalen.
The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

Ava Wangness
Spotsylvania High School
Virginia Tech

“I am attending Virginia Tech where I plan on studying environmental engineering with a focus on urban planning. I hope to grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally during my time in college.”

Abigail Atkinson
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2020
University Mary Washington

Sarah Cuba
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2019
Virginia Commonwealth University
The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

Aaliyah Cutlip
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, 2020 Graduate
Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Finch
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2021
University of South Carolina - Columbia

Jestinus Jackson, III
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2021
University of Mary Washington

Bret Pritchett
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2019
Liberty University

Hailey Pullen
(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2019
University of Virginia
In September 2021, The Community Foundation’s Board of Governors established The Community Scholarship Fund. This new scholarship fund provides opportunities to area students who face challenges accessing higher education by providing flexibility and emphasizes accessibility. This inaugural cycle awards scholarships to graduating seniors from Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Caroline and King George for whom barriers to education exist.

The Community Foundation believes that investing in our region’s youth is an investment in our community’s success, and pivotal to the lives of students today and our collective future.

The Community Scholarship Fund is an opportunity for all in our community to collectively support our region’s students as they work toward their dreams.
The Community Scholarship Fund

Ruth Akpalu
Stafford Senior High School
Old Dominion University

“I am attending Old Dominion University and majoring in computer engineering and cyber security. I plan on completing internships while in college as well as volunteering in many school and community activities.”

Stephanie Castro
Spotsylvania High School
University of Virginia

“I am attending the School of Engineering at the University of Virginia as a part of the A. James Clark Scholars program. As a first generation college student, I hope to pursue a degree in civil engineering and business, with a focus on ethical practices in both fields.”
Olivia Jung  
Colonial Forge High School  
Cornell University  

“I am attending Cornell University’s School of Human Ecology. My major is human biology, health, and society. After graduating, I plan to attend dental school and study hard to become a dentist.”

Nevaeh Kehn  
Chancellor High School  
University of Miami  

“I am attending the University of Miami and looking forward to all of the research and public health opportunities the university has to offer. I have strong interests in teaching, psychology, medicine, or a combination thereof.”

Josie Lewis  
King George High School  
University of Mary Washington  

“I am attending the University of Mary Washington this fall, where I will be pursuing a degree in education. I am looking forward to becoming a teacher.”
The Como Farm Scholarship is a four-year award, which “follows” the winner through their college career, on the condition of adequate annual progress.

In May 2010, an anonymous philanthropist established this scholarship fund, named for their family home, in recognition of “four generations of love” for their community.

The family intends for their gift to support the further education of high school students who are prepared and committed to making significant contributions to their community.

This scholarship also seeks to reduce barriers to education for local students.

Nilofar Fatahiyar
Stafford Senior High School
Saint Joseph’s University

“I am attending Saint Joseph’s University to study biology and hope to have a job in the medical field as an EMT.”

Dalena Le
(Renewal)
Stafford High School, Class of 2019
Virginia Commonwealth University
The Brian Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ethan Jones
Courtland High School
Christopher Newport University

“I intend to attend Christopher Newport University and pursue a career in education as a history teacher. I will enroll into the 5-year master’s program for education to teach history in secondary education and minor in psychology to become a counselor.”

This scholarship is in memory of Brian Conner, a 1995 graduate of Courtland High School.

The fund provides scholarships to graduating seniors of Spotsylvania high schools who have lettered in cross-country or long distance track, exhibited leadership abilities, and demonstrated a desire to exceed expectations in all endeavors.

Brian loved long distance running and received 12 Varsity letters for cross-country, indoor and outdoor track.

He also received an academic letter for his high scholastic achievements. Brian is remembered for his motivation and his desire for individual and team success. He encouraged others to excel through his own performance, his compassionate manner and caring smile.

He attended Mary Washington College for two years until joining the United States Marine Corps in 1997. The Marines considered him a leader with character. This scholarship is awarded to a senior with a passion for running who is a leader with character in his or her own right.
The Martha S. Daltan Scholarship Fund was established by Martha’s loving husband, Gerry, and children, Ashley and Michael. This scholarship provides one renewable $6,000 scholarship each year to a student from Louisa County High School, Spotsylvania High School or James Monroe High School. Students must plan to study health and physical education, marketing, health sciences, pre-law, or engineering.

Christopher Ashley

“I am attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to receive my bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering with a minor in microelectronics. I would like to work in robotics engineering, specifically on consumer-specific robots.”
The Christine and Will Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nevaeh Kehn
Chancellor High School
University of Miami

“I am attending the University of Miami and looking forward to all of the research and public health opportunities the university has to offer. I have strong interests in teaching, psychology, medicine, or a combination thereof.”

This scholarship was established in memory of Christine and Will Dickinson, beloved parents and grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson set an example of giving back to the community through their service to local and state civic organizations. This scholarship acknowledges their love of family and friends and their committed service to the community.
The Mary Carter Frackelton Scholarship Fund

Ruth Akpalu
Stafford Senior High School
Old Dominion University

“I am attending Old Dominion University and majoring in computer engineering and cyber security. I plan on completing internships while in college as well as volunteering in many school and community activities.”

As a former teacher, Mary Carter Frackelton has always wanted to do “something extra” for her students who lived in single parent households.

“Usually the single parent was a mother or grandmother. Through no fault of their own, these women often worked two or three jobs and simply didn’t have the ability to give their children the time or experiences that would help them achieve in school,” Carter said.

This scholarship supports deserving high school seniors with barriers to higher education, particularly those who have been raised by a single mother, grandmother or aunt.
The Mary Carter Frackelton Scholarship Fund

Olivia Byers
Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Commonwealth University

“I am attending Virginia Commonwealth University to major in exercise science, on the pre-physical therapy track. After completing my undergraduate degree, I hope to attend physical therapy school and graduate with a doctor of physical therapy degree. Ultimately, my goal is to work in a spinal rehabilitation hospital and make a difference in other’s lives.”
The Molly Gill Memorial Scholarship Fund

Annika Natividad
Colonial Forge High School
College of William & Mary

“I plan to study environmental sciences on the pre-pharmacy track at the College of William & Mary! After graduation, I hope to go on to pharmacy school for my PharmD at VCU Pharmacy School or Pacific University Pharmacy School in Oregon.”

The Molly Gill Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior who, in spite of challenges, perseveres.

This scholarship was established in memory of Molly Gill, a young woman with quadriplegia as the result of an accident.

Molly faced her daily challenges with courage, determined to further her education and become independent. Molly Gill embraced the goodness of each day and her spirit is best summarized by the following quote: “I can always say, ‘what if?’ But, I wouldn’t have gotten anywhere with that.”
The Douglas T. and Helen L. Gray Scholarship Fund

The Gray family lived in King George for over 100 years and numerous family members graduated from and taught at King George High School (KGHS) since the early 1990s. After Douglas Taylor Gray, Jr. died in October 2002, his wife, Helen, and daughter, Jane, decided to give back to the community that meant so much to their family. They did this by making a lasting gift, a fund for future King George High School graduates.

Doug was born and raised in King George and graduated from KGHS, as did both of his children, Douglas Taylor Gray III and Jane Lovelace Gray. After high school, Doug graduated from Virginia Tech as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army and served in World War II. Doug returned to King George, where he and Helen raised their family and Doug worked at Dahlgren Naval Base as a civilian mechanical engineer.

The Grays decided to create a charitable remainder trust to benefit Helen Gray for her lifetime, with the remainder designated to establish a scholarship fund to benefit King George County students. The Gray family hopes to support high achieving and motivated seniors, especially those intending to pursue any skilled trade, vocational or technical education certification or degree, or a similar business program.
The Douglas T. and Helen L. Gray Scholarship Fund

Aniyah Jones
King George High School
George Mason University

“After graduating from George Mason University, I hope to enroll at Georgetown University McDonough School of Business and reach my ultimate goal of earning a M.B.A. in finance. There, I will gain the necessary skills to open my own business.”

Elizabeth Richard
King George High School
University of Lynchburg

“I am attending the University of Lynchburg to major in biomedical sciences on a pre-physician assistant track. I plan to be a pediatric physician assistant after I complete my 27 month masters program.”
The Jeremy Daniel Hawley Skilled Trades and Technical Education Fund

James Weadon
Fredericksburg Christian School
Germanna Community College

“While at Germanna Community College, I will be enrolled in the workforce credential program for machining. In my first semester, I will take several courses including an introduction to all trade programs.”

This scholarship is in memory of Jeremy Daniel Hawley, a 2001 graduate of Fredericksburg Christian High School. Jeremy was highly regarded by both the school faculty and his fellow students for his work ethic, character, integrity, community service and strong commitment to Christian values.

Jeremy’s independent spirit and love of the outdoors led him to complete a community college certificate program in heavy equipment operation. He then began working for a builder while taking business classes at night. In less than a year, Jeremy progressed to crew supervisor in his job. In 2003, a car accident took his life before he could realize his dream of running his own excavation business.

This scholarship seeks to encourage students with similar independent spirits to reach their goals. Scholarships are awarded to help students complete any vocational, technical or business program that results in a degree or certificate.
The Richard C. Hayden Family Scholarship Fund

Christopher Stinson
(Renewal)

King George High School, Class of 2020
University of Miami

From 2020: “I will be attending the University of Miami School of Architecture. I want to get both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in architecture and become an accredited architect. My goal is to become an architect that redefines and innovates transition communities in dense urban settings.”

The Richard C. Hayden Family Scholarship was created in December 2012 in a spirit of service and gratitude. It is a way for the Hayden family to honor Rick’s hometown and share their family’s blessings with young King George County athletes. The fund recognizes athletic achievements and supports the college education of exemplary competitors.

This 4-year scholarship celebrates King George seniors who best represent the values of fair play and good sportsmanship, exemplify personal character while serving as a positive role model, and are worthy of being emulated by future students.
The Peter D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth Richard
King George High School
University of Lynchburg

“I am attending the University of Lynchburg and majoring in biomedical sciences on a pre-physician assistant track. I plan to become a pediatric physician assistant after I complete my 27 month masters program.”

This scholarship is in memory of Peter Johnson: a loving husband and father, concerned and giving member of the community, and a passionate water-skier. Mr. Johnson believed in and enjoyed the many benefits of water-skiing.

The Peter D. Johnson Memorial Scholarship promotes the pursuit of excellence by youth and encourages mental and physical development through involvement in community, academics, employment, water ski clubs and other social or water sports activities.
Created in March 2012, this scholarship fund recognizes King George seniors who best represent the values of the Hall of Fame. Recipients of this award have made an outstanding contribution to their sport, exemplify personal character, are positive role models and are worthy of being emulated by others.

The King George High School Sports Hall of Fame was founded to honor outstanding athletes at King George High School in hopes of inspiring today’s student athletes and those of the future.

Scholarships are also made in loving memory of Mrs. Dianne Portner, a beloved former science teacher and softball and track coach for King George County Schools.

Maxwell Freitag
King George High School
University of Virginia

“I am attending the University of Virginia and majoring in classics. I plan on attending law school after completion of my undergraduate degree.”

Chloe Prunczik
(Renewal) Class of 2021
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
The Brandon Thomas Lawn Memorial Scholarship Fund

Garrett Watson

“I’m interested in stocks, investing, and creating my own business so I plan to attend Old Dominion University to study finance. Then, I plan get my study finance at Florida State University.

Colonial Forge High School
Old Dominion University

This scholarship is in memory of Brandon Thomas Lawn, who attended Colonial Forge High School in Stafford County. Brandon was the victim of a work-related summer job accident and passed away on August 12, 2003. He was an active Master Altar Server at St. William of York Catholic Church.

Brandon demonstrated a deep love of family and faith in God. He was quick to help others and is remembered as an individual who strived to achieve. He maintained a 4.3 GPA, scored 1440 on the SAT, and was an active member of the National Honor Society. Brandon’s favorite sport was wrestling. He received three varsity letters in wrestling, one in cross-country, and three academic letters. He was the Commonwealth District Champion for the 2001-2002 season, and placed fifth in the AAA State Wrestling Competition in the 2002-2003 season. Brandon volunteered as a coach for younger children in other wrestling programs in the Stafford County community. He dreamed of attending the United States Air Force Academy. Brandon was known to his close friends for “doing the right thing, no matter what.”

Each year, in loving memory of Brandon Thomas Lawn, a scholarship is awarded to a senior from Stafford County who best honors Brandon’s legacy through their love of wrestling and pursuit of academic excellence.
The Betty Booker Lontz Scholarship Fund

Betty Lontz was a life-long swimmer and devoted and beloved swim instructor. By age ten, she was swimming on a national championship relay team and, though the expense of the trip prevented it, was invited to the 1960 Olympics.

The late 1960s found Betty at Fort Lee, Virginia teaching lifeguarding skills to returning Vietnam veterans preparing for the United States Special Services. Betty was instrumental in establishing the Curtis Park Pool. Her well-known Fredericksburg swim school business began in 1975.

Over the years, Betty taught swimming and water safety skills to more than 10,000 children - including some who became Olympic caliber swimmers. Betty attributed her lifetime of swimming with her resiliency in the face of the genetic condition Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS.

Mrs. Lontz intended for her gift to support high school students with a passion for wellness disciplines, for example physical education or physical therapy, who demonstrate hard work and passion.

Scholarship recipients are listed on next page.
The Betty Booker Lontz Scholarship Fund

Annika Natividad

Colonial Forge High School
College of William & Mary

“I plan to study environmental sciences on the pre-pharmacy track at the College of William & Mary! After graduation, I hope to go on to pharmacy school for my PharmD at VCU Pharmacy School or Pacific University Pharmacy School in Oregon.”

Elizabeth Richard

King George High School
University of Lynchburg

“I am attending the University of Lynchburg where I will major in biomedical sciences on a pre-physician assistant track. I plan to become a pediatric physician assistant after I complete my 27 month master’s program.”
The Bill Lontz Science Scholarship Fund intends to advance the studies of James Monroe High School’s most promising science students, who also reflect Mr. Lontz’ passion for his subject and his unwavering commitment to both teaching and learning.

Nominees must be strongly committed to the study of science, and participate in extracurricular activities. Recipients demonstrate enthusiasm and proficiency in scientific pursuits with future plans to enrich the scientific body of information available to society.

Danielle Cloud

“After graduation, I am attending the University of Virginia’s School of Nursing in the fall to obtain a Bachelor’s of Science in nursing. From there, I hope to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). I cannot express my gratitude enough for receiving these scholarship opportunities! Thank you!”

James Monroe High School
University of Virginia
The Walton Mahon Scholarship Fund

Stephanie Bailey
Caroline High School
University of Mary Washington

“I plan to pursue a degree in the sciences. I would like to study biology and physical therapy and work my way to a doctorate degree.”

Union Bank and Trust, now Atlantic Union Bank, created this scholarship fund in March 1991 in recognition of the many years of devoted service that Mr. Walton Mahon gave to the bank.

Mr. Mahon worked for Union Bank and Trust for 42 years, serving as President for 25 of those years. Following his retirement, he continued to lead the bank as a member of the board of directors; in total devoting over 50 years to the organization.

In creating this fund, Union wishes to support the education of promising Caroline County students, particularly those wishing to pursue a career in business.
The Betty Merrill Scholarship for Excellence in Latin was established by Ms. Merrill’s friends in recognition of her passion for and success in teaching.

“Mrs. Merrill did what good teachers do: she breathed life into an allegedly dead subject. She inspired, she exhorted, she encouraged, she set high standards, and she expected kids to meet them... and they did.”

This scholarship is awarded to the James Monroe High School senior student with the highest Latin GPA.

“I am attending the University of Virginia to study environmental engineering! I am most excited to participate in service opportunities and outdoor activities around the Charlottesville area.”
This scholarship fund was created in memory of Mrs. Irene Miller of Caroline County. Mrs. Miller began her career in public health nursing in 1940 and joined the Fredericksburg Department of Health in 1948. In 1954, she became nursing supervisor for the planning district and in 1968 she went on to serve as a Virginia Regional Supervisor, covering 18 localities.

By establishing the Irene A. Miller Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund in her will, Mrs. Miller wished to support the further education of Caroline County students who hold academic promise, have a history of community involvement and wish to pursue a career in nursing.

Cristian Amaya  
(Renewal)  
Caroline High School  
Class of 2021  
Germanna Community College

Kaylin Waldron  
(Renewal)  
Caroline High School  
Class of 2021  
James Madison University
The John C. Neal Scholarship Fund

Sabrina Van
Massaponax High School
Princeton University

“I am attending Princeton University and intend to major in computer science and achieve a certificate in robotics. In the future, I hope to work in tech and enhance artificial intelligence to be more accessible. At Princeton, I wish to continue my community service through their vast volunteer opportunities, but also by starting up my own Adopt-a-Grandparent program.”

Union Bank and Trust, now Atlantic Union Bank, established this scholarship in celebration of long-time president, John C. Neal’s retirement. In recognition of his 25 years of dedication, Union intends for this fund to reflect Mr. Neal’s commitment and dedication to our region by supporting the further education of area students with a passion for service to their communities.

“If you were to look up the definition of a true community banker, you would most likely find a picture of John Neal as an example,” said G. William Beale, retired President and CEO of Union Bankshares Corporation. “John was instrumental in the growth of Union in the Fredericksburg region when he first joined in 1991 and later brought the same commitment and dedication to his role as bank president. John has always understood that in order for a community bank to grow, it has to help the community it serves grow.”
The Paul E. Neri Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sydney Wynn

“I am attending Saint Joseph’s University this fall to study biology. I will be a student athlete competing in track and field and joining SJU’s honors program.”

James Monroe High School
Saint Joseph’s University

This fund was created in memory of Paul Emanuel Neri, a graduate of James Monroe High School - then called Fredericksburg High School - and an avid athlete on the football, basketball and track teams. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Army during World War II and was a decorated patriot. Paul was a fine woodworker who honed his talents at the former J.W. Masters.

He also worked as a postal carrier in Fredericksburg, was a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge, and was a longtime member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Fredericksburg and St. Anthony’s Catholic Church in King George.

Paul was known for his generosity, friendship, and dedication to his loved ones. He put others before himself.

With this scholarship, Paul’s family and friends wish to recognize the dedication to continued education and community service of a James Monroe High School student athlete.
The Kay Orr Memorial Scholarship Fund

Nilofar Fatahiyar
Stafford Senior High School
Saint Joseph’s University

“I will attend Saint Joseph’s University to study biology. During this time I hope to have a job in the medical field as an EMT. While I might have a tight schedule, I plan on volunteer at churches or hospitals to help others.”

Stafford Senior High School

This scholarship is in memory of Kay Orr, a long-time resident of Stafford County, who served Stafford County Public Schools for 36 years. She was an assistant principal at Stafford High School and worked as a guidance counselor at Hartwood Elementary School. She was certified by the Virginia State Supreme Court as a mediator and is remembered for her excellent guidance counseling and support. Ms. Orr received Stafford County School Board’s Millennium Service Award and the Humanitarian Award from the Virginia Counselors Association.
Mikayla Thorne

“I am attending Mississippi State University in the fall for a degree in biological sciences/pre-vet. Following that degree, I plan on obtaining my doctorate and DVM from the veterinary school at Mississippi State.”

Massaponax High School
Mississippi State University

This scholarship fund was created to honor and remember Reverend Douglas T. Pinkard, a Baptist Minister in Spotsylvania who committed his life to serving others. Some of his missions included: preaching and teaching the gospel, teaching Sunday school and feeding the hungry, as well as visiting hospitals and prisons. At the age of 62, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor that took him home to be with the Lord. Reverend Pinkard once said, “Plant the seed, even though you may not be there to see the beauty of its maturity.”

Rev. Pinkard’s loving wife, children and family provide scholarships to Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg seniors in his honor, with the hope that they will continue to plant seeds in our community through acts of service.
The Horace A. Revercomb, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for the Continuing Study of Music

Sydney O’Hara

King George High School
Carnegie Mellon University

“In the fall, I will be attending Carnegie Mellon University. I plan on majoring in clarinet performance in the School of Music in hopes that I will have the opportunity to become a Broadway musician.”

The Horace A. Revercomb, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for the Continuing Study of Music was established to honor the memory of Horace A. Revercomb, Jr., who was a catalyst in the formation of the King George High School Band. He was responsible for the growth of the music program at King George, and the surrounding Fredericksburg communities through his participation as a performer and arranger for the Fredericksburg Big Band.

This scholarship is awarded to a King George student that has participated in both curricular and extra-curricular music activities and plans to study music.
The Chris Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund

Alison Peters

“This fall, I will be attending Emory & Henry College and plan to study business administration. While in college, I plan on being active in the art community with dance and theater. Once I’ve graduated college, I plan to work in marketing or graphic design for advertisement. One day, I hope to achieve my dream of opening a themed café for nerds like me.”

Spotsylvania High School
Emory & Henry College

This scholarship fund was created in memory of Chris Ross who attended Spotsylvania High School. Chris was a superior athlete, captain of his high school golf and baseball teams, and the recipient of many awards. He was competitive, and worked diligently to achieve his level of athletic performance. He also loved to share his passion and skills with younger or inexperienced players, and hoped to become a coach one day. In 1997, Chris died when he fell asleep at the wheel of his car.

Chris’ legacy continues to through this scholarship fund, established by his family to recognize student-athletes from Spotsylvania High School.
The Chris Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund

Ava Wangness
Spotsylvania High School
Virginia Tech

“I am attending Virginia Tech where I plan on studying environmental engineering with a focus on urban planning. I hope to grow academically, spiritually, and emotionally during my time in college.”
The George A. and Lucy Mae Scott Scholarship Fund

Christian Young

“At Emory & Henry College, I plan to play football and major in communications. My plan is to intern at the news station in the football offseason. I want to become a sports writer or sports broadcaster. I have always loved playing and talking about sports and if I am able to do that as a job it would truly be a dream come true!”

James Monroe High School
Emory & Henry College

This scholarship fund was established by Lucy Mae Scott to provide an opportunity for James Monroe High School graduates to continue their education.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott had a long history in Fredericksburg. Mr. Scott dedicated 50 years of his professional life to the National Bank of Fredericksburg, both as a board and staff member. Mrs. Scott was involved in a variety of community activities, and an important supporter of many organizations in the City of Fredericksburg.

The scholarship is awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrate significant leadership and high academic achievement.
Danielle Cloud

“After graduation, I am attending the University of Virginia’s School of Nursing in the fall to obtain a Bachelor’s of Science in nursing. From there, I hope to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). I cannot express my gratitude enough for receiving these scholarship opportunities! Thank you!”

Garnett Seay was a businessman as well, and a fine craftsman, particularly known as a furniture builder.

This scholarship fund was initially created in memory of Garnett Marvin Seay III, known to all as Marvin, upon his untimely death at 24 years old. When their parents passed, Nicky Seay modified the scholarship to honor each of his family members and the Seay family legacy in Spotsylvania and Fredericksburg.

This fund supports higher education for students who embody Seay family values of strong commitment to faith and service to their community.

Nicky and Marvin Seay and their parents Kathryn and Garnett are representatives of a family with ties to our region that are 300 years old. Kathryn Hill Seay was a successful businesswoman and community volunteer who operated the General Washington Inn and led the effort to create Fredericksburg’s Meals on Wheels program.
Jeremy Donfack

Courtland High School
College of William & Mary

“This fall, I am attending the College of William & Mary and majoring in psychology. After receiving my master’s degree, I hope to intern at a mental health institute while I study for my PhD in psychology.”

Hunter Johnston

Courtland High School
United States Air Force Academy

“I will be attending the United States Air Force Academy this year and intend to major in aerospace engineering.”
“After graduating college, I hope to intern at a fashion house. This way I can get a better understanding of how the fashion world works and how to run a business. Then, when I am ready, I’ll open my own fashion house or boutique.”
The ShackLax Memorial Scholarship Fund

Hayley Alvarez

Brooke Point High School
Germanna Community College

“I plan to major in general studies – health & physical education at Germanna Community College for a year, and then transfer to VCU to major in health, physical education and exercise science. Once I’ve completed my undergraduate studies, I plan on going to graduate school to get my doctorate in physical therapy.”

under his guidance, tempered with his Christian compassion, leave behind a legacy of good will toward all who knew him.

Aaron or “Shack,” the son of Richard and Cynthia Shacklette and devoted brother to Kaitlin Anne, tragically lost his life returning home from Randolph College following the completion of his freshman year. Aaron was a 2008 Stafford Senior High School honors graduate, where he served as a guidance aide, student mentor, yearbook staff member, member of the Awkward Pause drama improve troupe, and actively participated in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

The ShackLax Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Aaron M. Shacklette, honoring his spirit of commitment, sportsmanship and service to his school and community. His passion for lacrosse, his immeasurable commitment to personal relationships and his compelling desire to see others realize their full potential
The Sofia Silva Scholarship Fund was established to preserve the memory of Sofia Silva, an active teenage member of Acteens and Fairview Baptist Church. Sofia demonstrated a strong commitment to academics and to living a Christian life. The scholarship is given to students who promote the pursuit of youth excellence through their involvement in church, community service and academics.

Rhian Batts
Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Tech

“I am attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University where I will major in neuroscience and become an honor student. After getting my B.S. in neuroscience, I plan to go to medical school in hopes of becoming a neurosurgeon.”
The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship for Colonial Forge High School

Annika Natividad

Colonial Forge High School
College of William & Mary

“I plan to study environmental sciences on the pre-pharmacy track at the College of William & Mary! After graduation, I hope to go on to pharmacy school for my PharmD at VCU Pharmacy School or Pacific University Pharmacy School in Oregon.”

He was an active member of his church and participated in both church and county basketball leagues. A quiet and unassuming individual, Steven was known throughout the school for his encouraging smile and positive approach. With a tender heart, cheerful story, or disarmingly witty comment, his friends remember that he was quick to comfort classmates enduring difficult times. Persistent in applying his God-given talents at the highest level, he was indefatigable in his preparation for class, for performing his music, and even for running the tough hurdle events in track. With humility and selfless devotion to others Steven had hoped to be a doctor.

Colonial Forge High School honored Steven by naming the National Honor Society after him.

This scholarship was created in memory of Steven Snyder, a 1997 honor graduate of North Stafford High School. Steven was active in school and his community, participating in activities, teams and clubs, including the German and interact clubs, National Honor Society, track team, and Jazz and Marching Bands.
The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship for Colonial Forge High School

Olivia Jung

Colonial Forge High School
Cornell University

“I am attending Cornell University’s School of Human Ecology. My major is human biology, health, and society. After graduating, I plan to attend dental school and study hard to become a dentist.”
The Crittenden R. Sullivan, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

Danielle Cloud
James Monroe High School
University of Virginia

“I am attending the University of Virginia School of Nursing in the fall to obtain a Bachelor of Science in nursing. From there, I hope to continue my education and become a nurse practitioner or certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA). I cannot express my gratitude enough for these scholarship opportunities! Thank you!”

This scholarship fund is in memory of Crittenden “Crit” R. Sullivan Jr., a lifelong resident of the Fredericksburg area and 1953 graduate of James Monroe High School. Crit was highly regarded by his many friends and business associates for his work ethic, character, integrity, community service, and strong commitment to humanity.

Born between the Great Depression and World War II to a family of modest means, Crit possessed a determined work ethic and a strong sense of values. In addition to working a full time job during high school, he also played varsity football all four years. Crit was blessed with an inherent talent to build with wood, brick and mortar. As a young man endowed with these talents, combined with his education from James Monroe, he began his career in the local building industry. Today, it is difficult to drive down the streets of Fredericksburg, Stafford, and Spotsylvania and not pass a house, commercial building or other structure that was built with his hands.

This scholarship is intended to encourage and support other individuals from James Monroe High School with a similar independent spirit and work ethic.
The George D. Taylor Scholarship Fund

Ruth Akpalu
Stafford Senior High School
Old Dominion University

“I am attending Old Dominion University and majoring in computer engineering and cyber security. I plan on completing internships while in college and volunteering in many school and community activities.”

This scholarship fund was established at The Community Foundation in August 2013 upon transfer of the George D. Taylor Education Trust from StellarOne Bank. It had been created there through Mr. Taylor’s will. After ensuring that his late wife, Edith, would be cared for, George intended for the remainder of his estate to support high achieving students from Stafford and Fredericksburg with barriers to higher education.
Sophia Bangura
Stafford Senior High School
Germanna Community College

“I am attending Germanna Community College for one year and then transferring to the University of Virginia. There, I will major in political philosophy, politics, and law, and double minor in statistics and global education studies. I hope to work for as a policy analyst or a consultant for education-based nonprofits.”

Olivia Byers
Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Commonwealth University

“I will attend Virginia Commonwealth University and major in exercise science on the pre-physical therapy track. After completing my undergraduate degree, I hope to attend physical therapy school to graduate with a doctor of physical therapy degree. Ultimately, my goal is to work in a spinal rehabilitation hospital and make a difference in other’s lives.”
Olivia Jung

“I am attending Cornell University’s School of Human Ecology. My major is human biology, health, and society. After graduating, I plan to attend dental school and study hard to become a dentist.”
This scholarship honors two of the Fredericksburg region’s prominent civic leaders of the 1950s and 1960s: Mary Thompson, an educator who served Fredericksburg City Schools for nearly 40 years, and Perry Thompson, who retired as advertising director of the Free Lance-Star after 40 years of service.

Mary was a favorite personality at James Monroe High School, where she served in a multitude of positions before her retirement in 1963. The superintendent said he knew of no one who had contributed more to the health, education and guidance of the 2,500 students who had graduated during Mary’s tenure. Perry, known as “Mr. T,” played a key role in the growth of the Free Lance-Star, where he worked from 1928 to 1968. Mr. Thompson was a longtime director and chairman of Fredericksburg Savings & Loan, chairman of the Stafford Ruritans committee responsible for bringing public water to Falmouth, and served as president and civil defense coordinator for the Falmouth Fire Department during World War II.

The Thompson’s gift supports the further education of high school students who have strong character and demonstrate great intellectual potential.
Ruth Akpalu

“I am attending Old Dominion University and majoring in computer engineering and cyber security. I plan on completing internships while in college and volunteering in many school and community activities.”

Stephanie Castro

“I am attending the School of Engineering at the University of Virginia as a part of the A. James Clark Scholars program. As a first-generation college student, I hope to pursue a degree in civil engineering and business, with a focus on ethical practices in both fields.”
Sandra Fisher

Stafford Senior High School
Washington & Lee University

“This fall, I am attending Washington and Lee University. My plan is to major in neuroscience on the pre-medicine track. After earning my degree, I will attend medical school to study pediatric neurosurgery.”

Nevaeh Kehn

Chancellor High School
University of Miami

“I am looking forward to all the research and public health opportunities at the University of Miami. I have strong interests in teaching, psychology and medicine.”

Olivia Jung

Colonial Forge High School
Cornell University

“I am attending Cornell University’s School of Human Ecology. My major is human biology, health, and society. After graduating, I plan to attend dental school and study hard to become a dentist.”
The Ira and Gladys West Scholarship Fund

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“\text{I am attending Johns Hopkins University for my undergraduate education and will major in behavioral biology at their Kreiger School of Arts and Science. After undergraduate schooling, I want to continue my education further by attending physician assistant school to become a psychiatric physician assistant.}”

King George High School

Johns Hopkins University

Dr. Gladys West, a mathematician who made significant contributions to the development of GPS, was inducted into the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame in 2018. She is among a small group of women who manually executed computing for the U.S. military in the era before electronic systems. Though not featured in the film, her work was later depicted in the movie \textit{Hidden Figures}. Mr. West spent the majority of his career working on Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile programs and was one of the first African American supervisors on the base.

The Dahlgren Heritage Museum led the effort to establish a mathematics scholarship in honor of two lifelong Dahlgren employees, Ira and Gladys West. The Wests have lived in the King George community since they graduated college in the late 1950s. Both worked at the Dahlgren Navy Base and made many contributions to the Navy throughout their careers.

The West family and the Museum believe in the “hidden” power of an education rich in math and sciences. With this scholarship, they hope to support students pursuing a degree in mathematics or other science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related fields.
Connor Hairston
James Monroe High School
North Carolina A&T State University

“I plan to continue my education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in Greensboro, North Carolina. I plan to major in computer science or engineering. I would like to be a software or a computer engineer.”

Kenny Whitescarver was a beloved community leader: an academic, attorney, serviceman, outdoorsman and business leader, who retired as Senior Vice President at StellarOne Bank. He was known for his generous and thoughtful actions – among his family, friends and community.

Kenny was a giving man whose generosity touched anyone who knew him. A devoted husband and best friend, he was also known for his sense of style. Though he never had any children of his own, every niece, nephew and godchild was treated, and looked up to him, as if he were his or her father. Though he died young, his generosity will ensure he will live in our hearts for generations to come.

Kenny was an inspiration to many. His legacy is that he showed people how to take care of each other, whatever their needs – emotional or financial. He was inspired by people who live by these rules of love and generosity. This scholarship is awarded to a James Monroe High School senior who best represents Kenny’s values: hard work, self-sufficiency, love and generosity. This person demonstrates strong personal character, understands that good citizenship is contagious and strives to set a good example.
Josie Lewis

“This fall, I am attending the University of Mary Washington, where I will pursue a degree in education. I am looking forward to becoming a teacher.”

This scholarship was established to perpetuate the ethic of responsible rural conservation and preservation - of both the land and the community of its people. Created by the family and friends of H. Clay and Elsie L. Williams of Longfield Farm, King George, this fund memorializes their lifetimes and enduring commitment to serving their community. The fund supports the education of graduates from King George County, especially those with rural or agricultural backgrounds. In particular, the donors intend to support students committed to pursuing education that will enable them to make significant contributions to their community, be it by responsible stewardship of land, preservation of clean air and waterways, preservation and protection of historic sites and resources, development of alternative energy systems, or of sustainable agricultural practices or technologies that contribute to any of the aforesaid.
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