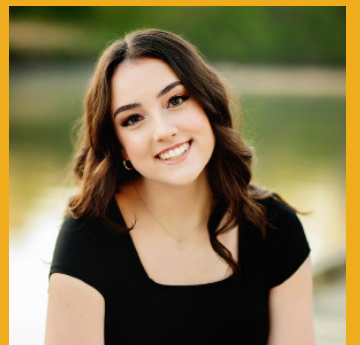
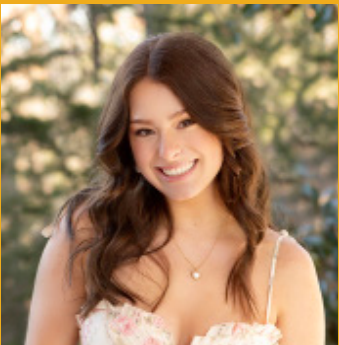

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Scholarship Awards

Class of 2023

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





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2023 Scholarship Awards

This year, we awarded more than \$162,000 in scholarships to local students!



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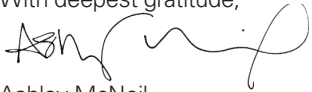
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The Community Foundation of the Rappahannock River Region is a devoted advocate for the vitality and well-being of our region. Our scholarship program has matched generous individuals with impressive students from across the region for nearly 25 years—making a significant impact on our region and shaping our future. The foundation established over 190 different funds totaling over \$45.5 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. 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 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.

This sample language provides a starting point for discussing a planned gift with your professional advisor:

"I give and bequeath (describe gift — dollar amount, percentage, stocks and securities, account, retirement fund or real property) to The Community Foundation, Fredericksburg, Virginia, to add to a permanent endowment fund known as the (Name) Fund. I direct that the income from this fund be used for charitable purposes as defined in the fund agreement."

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 at 540-373-9292.

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Thank you to each and every scholarship donor. You are making a difference!

Grow your fund.

By adding to your scholarship fund, you can exponentially increase your impact over time. Here are three ways to grow your fund:

1. Setup a Recurring Donation.

Grow your fund throughout the year with a specific donation amount that is automatically charged monthly or quarterly to your credit card. For example, a \$250 monthly contribution to your fund adds up to \$3,000 per year for future scholarships.

2. Give Through your IRA.

Make a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) and help satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. This direct transfer of funds from your IRA can help you award more or larger scholarships and keep your taxable income lower. Giving through your IRA is a tax-advantaged way to invest in the future of your fund. *

3. Leave a Legacy.

Have you thought about your legacy? Designate part of your estate to your fund and create a powerful philanthropic legacy so your cherished values live on.

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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The Linda and Billy Beale Scholarship Fund

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Leah Doty

Colonial Forge High School
Liberty University



“In the fall, I am attending Liberty University to pursue a degree in Nursing. With dreams of becoming a Neonatal Nurse, I hope to work in a critical care unit within a children’s hospital. I also want to expand my career as a traveling nurse. Outside of my career, I enjoy physical activities such as volleyball, hiking, and weightlifting. I deeply value my Christian faith, church community, and family. In my free time, I also love to read, listen to music, and bake.”



Linda and Billy Beale created this 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 assistant 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.

The Craig “Cujo, Jr.” Bennett Scholarship Fund

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Trish Ngo

North Stafford High School
North Carolina State University



“This fall, I plan to attend North Carolina State University in order to attain a bachelor’s degree in Statistics. With a degree in Statistics, I plan to utilize it in many work fields considering its versatility while also pursuing my passions for making this world a safer and overall better place to live in. I am really looking forward to a new environment to grow as well as being able to indulge in the amazing resources that NC State has to offer, such as their student organizations and their study-abroad programs. Go Pack!”



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

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Alina Puentes

King George High School
Converse University



"I will be attending Converse University to continue my education, athletic career, and Army ROTC. I will major in Philosophy, minor in Psychology while being on a prelaw tracker. While playing field hockey I will also be an active member of the CCW (Women's College)."



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.

The William and Susanna Botts Scholarship for Immigrants

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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.

Awardees on the next page.

The William and Susanna Botts Scholarship for Immigrants

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Kennedy Oti

Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Tech



"My future plans are to attend Virginia Tech and major in Aerospace Engineering. I plan on pursuing internships or co-op opportunities with NASA while still in school. After graduation, I plan to work with NASA to develop "The Artemis Project" to return humans to the moon."

Grace Park

(Renewal)
Colonial Forge High School, Class of 2022
University of Virginia



"I am interested in pursuing a career in the medical field and intend to declare my major in Biochemistry this upcoming year! I have taken introductory classes in Chemistry and Biology; next year, I am going to take Organic Chemistry, Calculus, Genetics, and Physics! I am receiving this award for the second time, and I wanted to say thank you so much. It truly means a lot to me since I want to help reduce the burden of college tuition for both me and my parents."

The Robert H. Bradley, Jr. Memorial Golf Scholarship Fund

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Mason Nicoletti

King George High School
University of Virginia



"I am very proud to have enrolled in UVA Class of 2027! I am looking forward to beginning my college experience this coming fall, but I'm also going to miss my community here at King George High School. With my intention of developing new life-saving technologies, I plan to study Biomedical Engineering."



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.

The Baron P. “Deuce” Braswell II Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Samantha Cupka

King George High School
University of Massachusetts - Boston



“I will be attending the University of Massachusetts Boston to study Environmental Science with the Marine Science track as well as continuing my athletic career playing Division 3 soccer! I’ve always been a very outdoor oriented person so being able to make a career out of what I love doing is incredibly exciting for me and I can’t wait to see where it takes me.”



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

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Jordan Fulayter

Massaponax High School
University of Virginia

“At UVA, I hope to double major in Cognitive Neuroscience and Music, with a minor in Education. Though I am unsure about pursuing medicine, education, or music, I plan on being an active participant in my community. I plan on joining the on-campus choirs, joining pre-med groups, and possibly creating a queer space for those interested in STEM fields/occupations.”



Gabriel Wooten

North Stafford High School
Western Carolina University

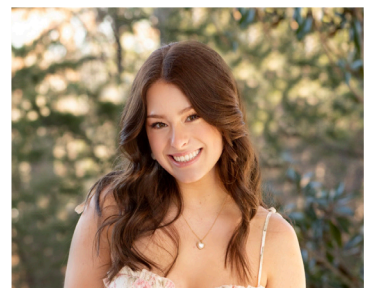
“I will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall and majoring in Education as part of the “Call Me Mister” program. This program helps to increase the number of Black male teachers. As a student, teachers and coaches had a huge impact on my life. Having teachers and coaches who looked like me was a rare and meaningful experience.”



Liberty Young

Massaponax High School
Radford University

“I will be attending Radford University in the fall, majoring in Nursing with a minor in Art. I received my CNA and Medical Tech certificates while attending a dual enrollment program with Germanna Community College this year. While at Radford, I plan to participate in club volleyball, attending the local Methodist church, and being a part of the Nursing Association on campus. After graduation, I would like to become a traveling nurse specializing in pediatrics and continue my education to obtain a master’s degree in Nursing.”



The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

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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 a 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.

Awardees on the next page.

The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund



Madelynn Gray

Spotsylvania High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the fall I will begin completing classes to major in Health Services and hope to collaborate on a team with others to revolutionize and innovate our health care system and how we view and promote the overall wellness of our people. I want to work with others to create opportunities and probable solutions to create change that will be long lasting and far reaching so our citizens can experience true well-being-mental, emotional, and physical."

Marcel Jones

Spotsylvania High School
Howard University



"My plan is to study African American History. I am very excited to gain more knowledge about my rich culture. My goal while in college is to gain my own community of people at school and grow with this community."

The Ian D. and Jalen G. Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

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Abigail Atkinson

(Renewal)

Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2020
University of Mary Washington



Stephanie Castro

(Renewal)

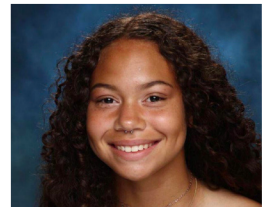
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2022
University of Virginia



Aaliyah Cutlip

(Renewal)

Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2020
Naropa 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



Hailey Pullen

(Renewal)

Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2021
University of Virginia



Ava Wangness

(Renewal)

Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2022
Virginia Tech



The Community Scholarship Fund



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.

Awardees on the next page.

The Community Scholarship Fund

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Vyizigiro Estelle

North Stafford High School
North Carolina A&T University



"My name is Vyizigiro Estelle, a recent high school graduate from North Stafford High School planning to major in Computer Science and Public Health. I am proud to state that I will attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University this fall. I am excited beyond measure to attend and explore a new state and environment as I pursue my undergraduate degree."

Vicna Kawa

Mountain View High School
University of Virginia



"As I enter college, I hope to continue to grow the passions and interests I have formed during high school. To me, college is not a new foundation but rather a continuation of the one I already built. Additionally, I intend on joining plenty of clubs and organizations on campus to find a community where I can work and grow. I am beyond excited about college!!!"

Kennedy Oti

Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Tech



“My future plans are to attend Virginia Tech and majoring in Aerospace Engineering. I plan on pursuing internships or co-op opportunities with NASA while still in school. After graduation, I plan to work with NASA to develop “The Artemis Project,” to return humans to the moon.”

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North Stafford High School
Western Carolina University



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The Como Farm Scholarship Fund

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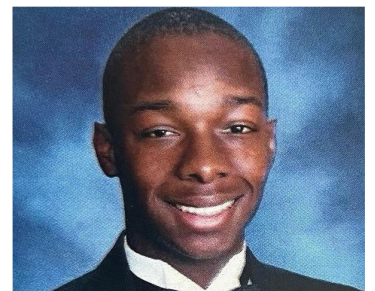
The Como Farm Scholarship is a four-year award, which “follows” the winner through their college career, on the condition of adequate annual progress.

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.

Jacob Wigglesworth

James Monroe High School
University of Richmond

“I intend to double major in International Relations and Business Administration with a concentration in International Business. While I am in college, I want to find different volunteering opportunities around Richmond so that I can feel a part of the Richmond community.”



Nila Fatahiyar

(Renewal)
Stafford High School, Class of 2022
Saint Joseph’s University



The Brian Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Noah Stretton

Courtland High School
James Madison University



"I will be a Kinesiology major during my undergraduate studies at JMU. After I graduate from JMU, I plan to pursue a doctorate so I can become a physical therapist. I'm really interested in helping people, and I think that being a physical therapist would be a great way to do that. I plan to work in a hospital for a while and then I might open my own practice after I get well established in the field. I am looking forward to learning about the human body and how I can help it work better for my patients."



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 Educational Scholarship Fund



DaNiya Johnson

James Monroe High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



“In the next two years, I will be majoring in Biology on a Pre-Med track, while working towards my bachelor’s degree. I am going to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. I am excited about learning more about human anatomy and learning more in-depth about cardiovascular. I am also a part of Virginia Commonwealth University’s Honors College.”



The Martha S. Daltan Scholarship Fund was established by Martha’s loving husband, Gerry and their 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

(Renewal)
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2022
Virginia Tech



The Christine and Will Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Abigail Arvan

Chancellor High School
University of Virginia



"In the future, I plan to study Political Science in hopes of becoming a politician. I have always been a natural-born leader, being the oldest of four and would like to apply my leadership skills to the real world. I am Polish and have been taught Polish since I was a little girl. I hope to use my ability to speak two languages in the future and even minor in Polish at UVA. This will hopefully help me stand out when kick-starting my career where I plan to start as an ambassador and work for the state department then move more into Congress and other political positions. Leading is my passion and I hope that with that passion I can help change the world!"

Christine and Will Dickinson beloved parents and grandparents established a long-running family tradition of giving back to their community. Christine as a public schoolteacher and Will as a farmer of award-winning Guernsey cattle, both inhabited a simple spirit of service in their daily lives. As founding members of the Chancellor Ruritan Club active members of state and local farm and civic organizations, and active members of their church, the Dickinsons helped establish and expand communities of care which continue today. This scholarship acknowledges their love of family, friends, and community as well as the family legacy of service they continue to inspire.

The DuVal and Anne Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Dhruv Bejugam

Riverbend High School
Duke University



"In the future, I have several goals I plan to achieve including but not limited to: using technology to create systems centered on increasing equity and accessibility of resources to underserved communities, founding a school centered around molding the future leaders and innovators of the world, and raising a beautiful family. At college, I am excited about being surrounded by opportunities that I can take advantage of in order to stimulate my curiosity, creating my own direction, bringing out my cultural background like never before, managing teams of diverse perspectives to reach united goals, and being in a community where I can help cultivate other leaders who also desire to make a difference."



Well-known throughout the Fredericksburg area for their hearts for service, Anne & DuVal continued longstanding family traditions of service and care for their community. Straddling the farming communities of Spotsylvania county and the small businesses of Fredericksburg, they truly embodied the spirit of philanthropy, following their financial gifts with deepening relationship. Their many decades of devoted service helped cement many local institutions, among them Salem Church Library's addition, the new Mary Washington Hospital, and Trinity Episcopal Church, their beloved spiritual home. Their legacy of love, giving and service lives on through their children, grandchildren, and many devoted friends.

The Mary Carter Frackelton Scholarship Fund

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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.

Awardees on the next page.

The Mary Carter Frackelton Scholarship Fund

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Trish Ngo

North Stafford High School
North Carolina State University



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Katherine Wang

Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"I plan to attend medical school eventually to become a dermatologist while also financially supporting my family. I also hope to participate in internships and other opportunities along the way."

The Molly Gill Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Caleb Sabo

King George High School
Rappahannock Community College



"I plan to attend a 2-year community college where I will earn an associate's degree in Liberal Arts (mostly history classes). I plan to transfer to a 4-year university to complete my studies and earn a bachelor's degree in History. Once I have completed school, I would like to work at a historical site or a national park as an educational park interpreter. I would like to be a historical tour guide and teach others about US History."



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 Gray Scholarship Fund

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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 1900s. 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.

Awardees on the next page.

The Douglas T. and Helen L. Gray Scholarship Fund

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Andrew Green

King George High School
University of Mary Washington



"In the fall I plan to attend the University of Mary Washington in order to study both Environmental Science and Computer Science. I may also pursue a certificate in Geographic Information systems (GIS). I'm looking forward to participating in the honors college, as well as staying active through the varsity swim team, the music program, and community outreach. After I complete my bachelor's degree(s) at UMW, I plan to pursue a master's degree in an engineering field. I also hope to pursue a job with the federal government in a stem-related field, and hopefully acquire an internship at NSF Dahlgren. "

Caleb Sabo

King George High School
Rappahannock Community College



"I plan to attend a 2-year community college where I will earn an associate's degree in Liberal Arts (mostly history classes). I plan to transfer to a 4-year University to complete my studies and earn a bachelor's degree in History. Once I have completed school, I would like to work at a historical site or a national park as an educational park interpreter. I would like to be a historical tour guide and teach others about US History."

The Richard C. Hayden Family Scholarship Fund

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Christopher Stinson

(Renewal)

King George High School, Class of 2020

University of Miami



In 2020 Christopher shared, "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

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Jordan Fulayter

Massaponax High School
University of Virginia



“At UVA, I hope to double major in Cognitive Neuroscience and Music, with a minor in Education. Though I am unsure about pursuing medicine, education, or music, I plan on being an active participant in my community. I plan on joining the on-campus choirs, joining pre-med groups, and possibly creating a queer space for those interested in STEM fields/occupations.”

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.

The King George High School Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund

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Madison Greiber

King George High School
Shenandoah University



"I am an Exercise Science major going on to a Pre-Physical Therapy track. I will be in my school's honors program. I will be doing club soccer to stay active and to have fun."



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.

Max Freitag

(Renewal)
King George High School, Class of 2022
University of Virginia



Chloe Prunczik

(Renewal)
King George High School, Class of 2021
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University



The Brandon Thomas Lawn Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Abdulai Kargbo

Brooke Point High School
Virginia Tech



"I will be attending Virginia Tech in the College of General Engineering this coming fall. After my freshman year I plan to declare as a Biomedical Engineer to begin a career as a medical devices engineer. I hope to design and improve medical technology to aid people with cardiac disease."

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

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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

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Trevor Holladay

Spotsylvania High School
College of William & Mary



"I will be attending William & Mary in the fall to pursue a major in Neuroscience and possibly a minor in Business Management and Organizational Leadership my sophomore year. I do this with the hopes of attending medical school after I complete my bachelor's degree to pursue a dual M.D./M.B.A. program with a focus on neurosurgery. I have dreamed of becoming a neurosurgeon since fifth grade; it is the passion that has motivated me through every step of my life, and I cannot wait to transition to my life in college."

Selah Porter

North Stafford High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the fall, I will attend Virginia Commonwealth University. It's a great school and I am really looking forward to attending due to its strong science and medical department. After gaining my bachelor in Biology at VCU, I plan on attend medical school and to become a phenomenal physician, specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. In undergrad, I plan to study Biology as I've come to love science, specifically the study of life, and pairing it with the ability to help women and families in my community is truly something I can't wait to earn and learn ability to do."

The Bill Lontz Science Scholarship Fund

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Sarah Rigual

James Monroe High School
University of Delaware



"I am attending the University of Delaware this fall, where I plan to major in Exercise Science. I chose this major because my goal is to become a physical therapist. I had two major surgeries in my knees in high school, and I have spent a lot of time in physical therapy. So, for my future career I want to use the knowledge I have gained, and the experiences I have gone through, to make a positive impact on young athletes' experiences with injuries. I have always had an interest in science, so I am very excited to pursue this area in the future."

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 science with plans to enrich the scientific body of information available to society.

The Betty Merrill Scholarship for Excellence in Latin



Jana Shepard

James Monroe High School
University of Mary Washington



“I plan to attend the University of Mary Washington to major in music. I am considering becoming a music teacher”

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.

The John C. Neal Scholarship Fund

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Ava Hecker

Colonial Forge High School
Washington & Lee University



"I will be attending Washington and Lee University next fall. I plan to major in Biology on the Pre-Med track. I will be playing soccer at W&L. After my undergraduate education, I plan to attend medical school to pursue a career as a cardiothoracic surgeon. I plan to get involved with community service organizations on campus to make a difference in the Lexington area."



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.

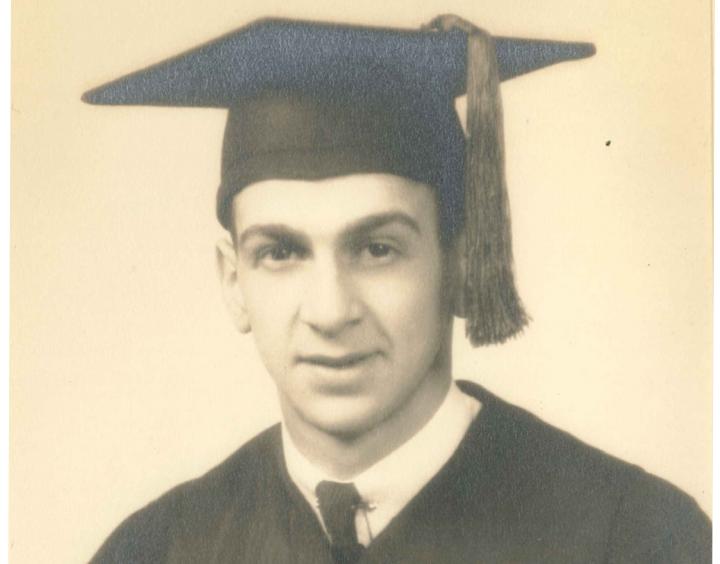
William Beale, retired President and CEO of Union Bankshares Corporation. "John was instrumental in the growth of Union in the Fredericksburg region when he first joined in 1991 and later brought the same commitment and dedication to his role as bank president. John has always understood that in order for a community bank to grow, it has to help the community it serves grow."

The Paul E. Neri Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Romel Turner Jr.

James Monroe High School
Randolph-Macon College



"I am planning to attend Randolph-Macon College in the Fall of 2023, and I will also be a member of the Yellow Jacket football team. I hope to favorably distinguish myself in both the academic and athletic settings. I plan to major in Business Administration."

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

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Owen Zinn

Stafford Senior High School
Liberty University



"I will be studying Mechanical Engineering at Liberty University this fall. I am extremely excited to learn in-depth about mechanical engineering, as I have always been passionate about this area of study. I plan to use the Mechanical Engineering degree to help me start an engineering firm."



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.

The Lee Wingate Pappandreou Drama Award

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Isabel Blackburn

Chancellor Highschool
University of Mary Washington



"I am so grateful to have been awarded this scholarship! I plan to double major in Psychology and Theater. I am most excited about discovering what my niche is and dedicating my education to it. Thank you so much!"



The Lee Wingate Pappandreou Drama Award was established in honor of Mrs. Lee Wingate Pappandreou, an outstanding and dedicated drama teacher at James Monroe High School.

This award, established by her husband, is given to the single drama student at James Monroe High School who best exemplifies the dedication to, professionalism towards, and talent in theater arts that Mrs. Pappandreou dedicated herself to instilling in her students.

The Rev. Douglas T. Pinkard Memorial Scholarship Fund

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DaNiya Johnson

James Monroe High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the next two years, I will be majoring in Biology on a Pre-Med track, while working towards my bachelor's degree. I am going to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. I am excited about learning more about human anatomy and learning more in-depth about cardiovascular. I am also a part of Virginia Commonwealth University's Honors College."



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



Kendal White

King George High School
James Madison University



"I will be majoring in Media Arts and Design at James Madison University. I am also minoring in Music Industry, which excites me since I am interested in creating music and getting to know more about music production."

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

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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 through this scholarship fund, established by his family to recognize student-athletes from Spotsylvania High School.

Scholarship recipients are listed on next page.

The Chris Ross Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Madelynn Gray

Spotsylvania High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the fall I will begin completing classes to major in Health Services and hope to collaborate on a team with others to revolutionize and innovate our health care system and how we view and promote the overall wellness of our people. I want to work with others to create opportunities and probable solutions to create change that will be long lasting and far reaching so our citizens can experience true well-being-mental, emotional, and physical."

Kayleigh Nelson

Spotsylvania High School
Washington & Lee University



"Starting this fall, I will be attending Washington & Lee University in Lexington Virginia! I plan to study Biology on the Pre-Med track. I'm very excited to be surrounded by intelligent people and hopefully, study abroad at St. Andrews in Scotland with their Public Health program."

The George A. and Lucy Mae Scott Scholarship Fund

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Katrina Ahmad Zaki

James Monroe High School
University of Mary Washington



"I will continue to pursue my bachelors in Biology at University of Mary Washington, already have obtained my associates from Germanna Community College. After I will attend medical school to become a dermatologist."



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.

The Seay Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Grace Carryer

Riverbend High School
College of William & Mary



"In the fall I will be attending the College of William and Mary to double major in Political Science and English with a minor or focus in Pre Law. From there, I hope to get a master's degree and attend a prestigious law school to become a social justice lawyer. My big dream is to be elected to Congress!"



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.

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.

The Seay Family Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Marcel Jones

Spotsylvania High School
Howard University

"My plan is to study African American History. I am very excited to gain more knowledge about my rich culture. My goal while in college is to gain my own community of people at school and grow with this community."



DaNiya Johnson

James Monroe High School
Virginia Commonwealth University

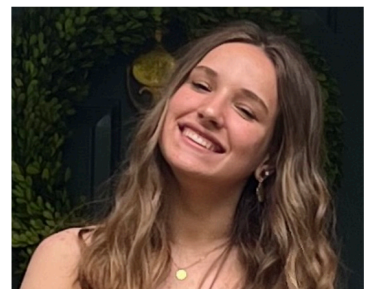
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Annie Thompson

Courtland High School
Auburn University

"I am planning to study Nursing at Auburn University. I am most excited to meet other students passionate about medicine. I cannot wait to use my medical knowledge to contribute good to my community!"



The ShackLax Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Trish Ngo

North Stafford High School
North Carolina State University



"This fall, I plan to attend North Carolina State University in order to attain a bachelor's degree in Statistics. With a degree in Statistics, I plan to utilize it in many work fields considering its versatility while also pursuing my passions for making this world a safer and overall better place to live in. I am really looking forward to a new environment to grow as well as being able to indulge in the amazing resources that NC State has to offer, such as their student organizations and their study-abroad programs. Go Pack!"



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 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 members, members of the Awkward Pause drama improve troupe, and actively participated in football, wrestling and lacrosse.

The Sofia Silva Scholarship Fund

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Marcel Jones

Spotsylvania High School
Howard University



"My plan is to study African American History. I am very excited to gain more knowledge about my rich culture. My goal while in college is to gain my own community of people at school and grow with this community."



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.

The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship for Colonial Forge and North Stafford High Schools

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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.

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.

Scholarship recipients are listed on next page.

The Steven Snyder Memorial Scholarship for Colonial Forge and North Stafford High Schools



Kaedyn Gabriel

Colonial Forge High School
Texas A&M University



"I will be attending Texas A&M University to major in Visualization. I hope to use this degree to pursue a career in animation. I have always loved the arts, as well as my academics, so I feel that my current path for college will provide me with the perfect balance between my academic and artistic passions. My dream job would be to work at Pixar studios, which the Visualization program at TAMU has strong ties to, so I am excited about my future in college!"

Terence Maguire

North Stafford High School
University of Virginia College at Wise



"I plan to pursue a double major in International Studies and German because I have always been fascinated by other cultures and I want to pursue a career in public service that lets me work with and in other countries. Through my college education, I hope to prepare myself to begin a career in the diplomatic, international security, or international development fields that allows me to apply my interests and experiences to important international causes."

The Crittenden R. Sullivan Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

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DaNiya Johnson

James Monroe High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the next two years, I will be majoring in Biology on a Pre-Med track, while working towards my bachelor's degree. I am going to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. I am excited about learning more about human anatomy and learning more in-depth about cardiovascular. I am also a part of Virginia Commonwealth University's Honors College."



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

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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 was 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.

Awardees on the next page.

The George D. Taylor Scholarship Fund

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Vicna Kawa

Mountain View High School
University of Virginia



"As I enter college, I hope to continue to grow the passions and interests I have formed during high school. To me, college is not a new foundation but rather a continuation of the one I already built. Additionally, I intend on joining plenty of clubs and organizations on campus to find a community where I can work and grow. I am beyond excited about college!!!"

Trish Ngo

North Stafford High School
North Carolina State University



"This fall, I plan to attend North Carolina State University in order to attain a bachelor's degree in statistics. With a degree in Statistics, I plan to utilize it in many work fields considering its versatility while also pursuing my passions for making this world a safer and overall better place to live in. I am really looking forward to a new environment to grow as well as being able to indulge in the amazing resources that NC State has to offer, such as their student organizations and their study-abroad programs. Go Pack!"

The George D. Taylor Scholarship Fund

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Kennedy Oti

Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Tech



"My future plans are to attend Virginia Tech and major in Aerospace Engineering. I plan to pursue internships or co-op opportunities with NASA while still in school. After graduation I plan to work with NASA to develop "The Artemis Project," to return humans to the moon."

Ayyan Qureshi

North Stafford High School
Georgia Tech



"My name is Ayyan Qureshi, and I will be attending Georgia Tech to study Mechanical Engineering! I hope to get involved in the field of biomechanics. My goal is to design low-cost, yet technologically advanced prosthetics for those who are struggling to access such facilities."

The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund

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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.

Scholarship recipients are listed on next page.

The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund



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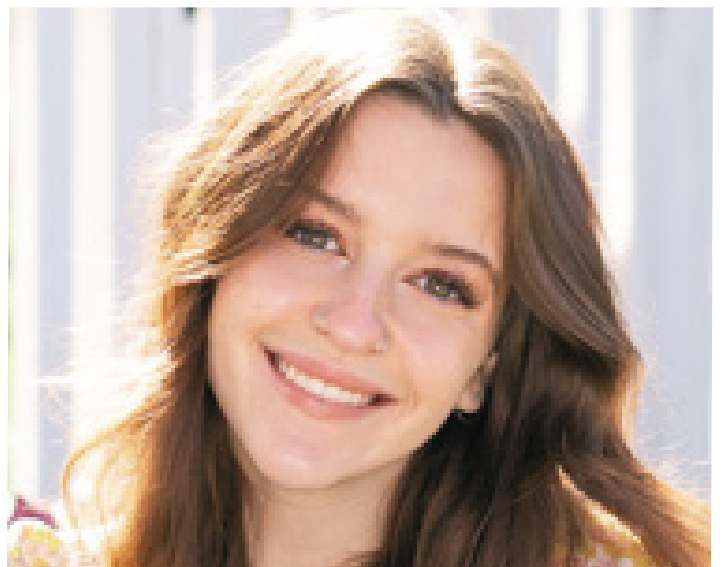
Riverbend High School
Duke University



"In the future, I have several goals I plan to achieve including but not limited to: using technology to create systems centered on increasing equity and accessibility of resources to underserved communities, founding a school centered around molding the future leaders and innovators of the world, and raising a beautiful family. At college, I am excited about being surrounded by opportunities that I can take advantage of in order to stimulate my curiosity, creating my own direction, bringing out my cultural background like never before, managing teams of diverse perspectives to reach united goals, and being in a community where I can help cultivate other leaders who also desire to make a difference."

Madelynn Gray

Spotsylvania High School
Virginia Commonwealth University



"In the fall I will begin completing classes to major in Health Services and hope to collaborate on a team with others to revolutionize and innovate our health care system and how we view and promote the overall wellness of our people. I want to work with others to create opportunities and probable solutions to create change that will be long lasting and far reaching so our citizens can experience true well-being-mental, emotional, and physical."

The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund

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Aaliyah Harris

Spotsylvania High School
University of Virginia

"My name is Aaliyah Harris and next year I will attend my childhood dream school, the University of Virginia. I plan on majoring in Public Policy and Leadership at the Franken Batten School and minoring in Commerce for International Affairs. With this degree, I hope to pursue a career in environmental law or policymaking in the government. During my time at UVA, I will be sure to get involved in student organizations such as the Black Student Union, Outdoor Recreation Programs, and Student Government."



DaNiya Johnson

James Monroe High School
Virginia Commonwealth University

"In the next two years, I will be majoring in Biology on a Pre-Med track, while working towards my bachelor's degree. I am going to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. I am excited about learning more about human anatomy and learning more in-depth about cardiovascular. I am also a part of Virginia Commonwealth University's Honors College."



Kennedy Oti

Stafford Senior High School
Virginia Tech

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The Ira and Gladys West Scholarship Fund

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Andrew Green

King George High School
University of Mary Washington



"In the fall I plan to attend the University of Mary Washington in order to study both Environmental Science and Computer Science. I may also pursue a certificate in Geographic Information systems (GIS). I'm looking forward to participating in the honors college, as well as staying active through the varsity swim team, the music program, and community outreach. After I complete my bachelor's degree(s) at UMW, I plan to pursue a Master's Degree in an engineering field. I also hope to pursue a job with the federal government in a stem-related field, and hopefully acquire an internship at NSF Dahlgren. "



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 *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 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.

The Kenneth T. Whitescarver III Memorial Scholarship Fun

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Justin Dominguez

James Monroe High School
George Mason University



“At George Mason, I will be focusing my efforts on applying for the Creative Writing BFA; honing my skill as a writer to ensure a successful application and more importantly, my path as an author. I believe that art cannot be created without new experiences and stories to tell from your own life, even if the art you are portraying is entirely fictional. With that in mind, I will try my best throughout college and my entire life to experience new things and meet new people, getting to explore unique perspectives and cultures to pour that into my own self-expression.”



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 were 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.

The Clay and Elsie Williams Rural Conservation Scholarship Fund



Josie Lewis

(Renewal)

King George High School, Class of 2022

University of Mary Washington



"I'm excited to have finished my freshman year at the University of Mary Washington as a Deans list student. I've been accepted into the College of Education at Mary Washington where I will start this upcoming Fall semester, being the next step on the path to becoming a teacher. I'm very excited to dive into the Education courses and student teaching!"

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 previously mentioned.

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