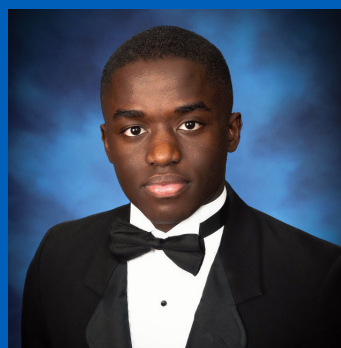


# The Community Foundation Scholarship Awards Class of 2024

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# The Community Foundation Scholarship Awards Class of 2024



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# 2024 Scholarship Awards

This year, we awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to local students! Congratulations winners.



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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 over 25 years — making a significant impact on our region and shaping our future. The foundation has established over 200 different funds totaling over \$56 million in charitable assets.

The unwavering support and commitment of donors continues to shape the future of our community's youth. We extend our deepest gratitude for your invaluable contributions. This year, your generosity enables us to offer \$200,000 in scholarships to deserving high school seniors, fostering their educational journeys and empowering them to achieve their dreams. Through your dedication to education and belief in our mission, 55 diverse scholarship funds have been established, each designed to uplift and support the ambitions of our young scholars. Your generosity impacts the lives of local students and inspires tomorrow's leaders.

We extend a special note of appreciation to our diligent scholarship reviewers, both past and present. Your commitment to fairness and excellence ensures that each applicant receives careful consideration, guiding us toward selecting the most deserving candidates.

Finally, congratulations to the scholarship recipients. We hope this helps to enable your educational endeavors, provides you with a sense of community support and instills a philanthropic attitude in you too someday.

With deepest gratitude,

Paul Giambra  
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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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# The Linda and Billy Beale Scholarship Fund

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## Madison Sobata

King George High School  
George Mason University



“In the fall at George Mason, I plan to double major in English and education with a minor in coaching. I would like to be a high school English teacher while helping coach softball and basketball. I am also playing softball for Mason, and I can’t wait to be a part of their program!”



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: teamwork, sportsmanship and community service.

# The Craig “Cujo, Jr.” Bennett Scholarship Fund

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## Andrea Loza Vargas

North Stafford High School  
Yale University



“I will attend Yale University to study environmental engineering and regenerative biology on the pre-med track. I am excited to meet new people, become an EMT on campus, and participate in study abroad.”



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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## Katherine McDonald Yaun

James Monroe High School  
Sewanee: The University of the South



“I am thrilled to attend Sewanee in the fall, where I’ll be majoring in environmental arts. I’m excited to join the symphony orchestra and their Greek life family. Sewanee holds deep connections to the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful to continue my interests on campus. I’ll also take advantage of the 13,000-acre mountain campus is on.”



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 (Renewal)

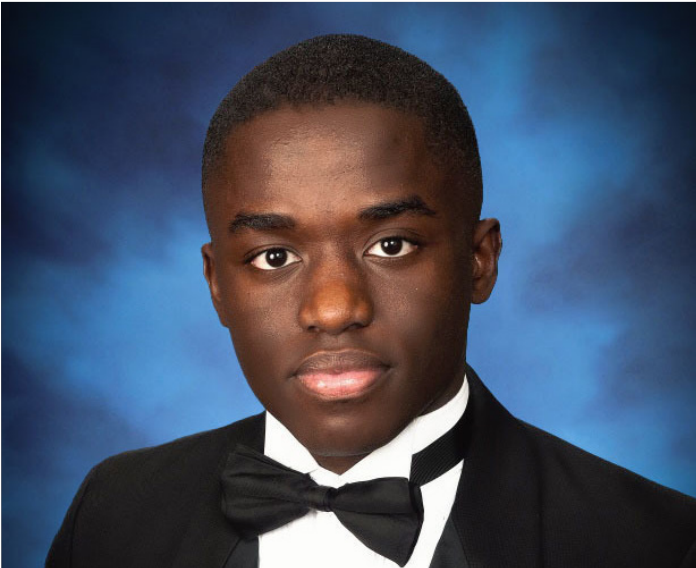
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In 2023 he wrote, “My future plans are to attend Virginia Tech and major in Aerospace Engineering. I plan on pursuing internships or co-op opportunities with NASA while still in school. After graduation, I plan to work with NASA to develop “The Artemis Project” to return humans to the moon.”

## Richard Oti

Stafford High School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



“This upcoming fall I plan to major in the interdisciplinary course 6-14 at MIT which encompasses data science, computer science, and economics to research and learn ways in which computer automation can be integrated into society to make resources and tools more accessible to communities of differing development levels.”

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

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## Joshua Van Dyk

Stafford High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I plan on majoring in systems and industrial engineering. Engineering has been a long-time dream of mine and I want to be able to use my knowledge and community to make an impact on the world. My goal in college is to be able to grow both as a student and member in my community to be able to build connections to help solve any problems thrown my way.”



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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## Carley Coghill

Massaponax High School  
Christopher Newport University



“I am so excited to be attending Christopher Newport University, not only to continue being a student athlete on the volleyball team, but also as part of the Presidential Leadership Program. Right now, I plan to major in business and communications, but that may change as I get exposed to new classes and career choices once there. I know that the next four years will be such an amazing learning experience for me, and I honestly can’t wait to get started!”



This scholarship fund was created in memory of Baron P. “Deuce” Braswell II of Spotsylvania. Baron, son of Baron Purnell Braswell and Gwendolyn Martinez, 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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## John Garecht

Courtland High School  
University of Virginia

“I will be attending the University of Virginia majoring in the health science field. It is my goal to take my love for science and combine it with my passion for helping others to make an impact on people’s lives and the world around me.”



## Maya Jani

Riverbend High School  
University of Virginia

“My plan is to study electrical engineering with a minor in entrepreneurship. Whether it is creating independent living solutions for aging populations or introducing innovations to society, I am excited to find practical solutions to everyday problems. In the future, I hope to create technology innovations that positively impact daily living and the community.”



## Joshua Van Dyk

Stafford High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

“I plan on majoring in systems and industrial engineering. Engineering has been a long-time dream of mine and I want to be able to use my knowledge and community to make an impact on the world. My goal in college is to be able to grow both as a student and member in my community to be able to build connections to help solve any problems thrown my way.”





# The Ian and Jalen Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

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## Natalie Buckley

Spotsylvania High School  
Randolph-Macon College



“I plan to attend Randolph-Macon and major in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. Additionally, I am a recent graduate from Germanna Community College, as well as Spotsylvania High School, so I am extremely excited to jump right into my major this fall!”



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.

More awardees on the next pages.

# The Ian and Jalen Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

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## Nyla Satchell

Spotsylvania High School  
Delaware State University



“In my future, I plan to continue my education at Delaware State University. I want to get my bachelor’s degree in agriculture, BS. I also plan to become a veterinarian technician and own my own clinic.”

## Caroline Wagaman

Spotsylvania High School  
College of William & Mary



“I will be majoring in biology on the pre-med track. I am excited for the new college adventure! I’m eager to explore new subjects and continue learning to get to med school and hopefully reach my dream of being a medical examiner!”



# The Ian and Jalen Brown Legacy Scholarship Fund

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## Stephanie Castro

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



## Virginia Finch

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



## Madelynn Gray

(Renewal)  
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2023  
Virginia Commonwealth University



## Jestinus Jackson, III

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



## Marcel Jones

(Renewal)  
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2023  
Howard University



## Hailey Pullen

(Renewal)  
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2021  
University of Virginia



## Ava Wangness

(Renewal)  
Spotsylvania High School, Class of 2022  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



# The Christopher Donell Childs Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## Elijah Thomas

Colonial Forge High School  
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University



“I plan to attend North Carolina A&T and major in mechanical engineering and minor in aerospace engineering. My dream job is to have a shop to repair broken or old aircrafts and improve them with advanced technology.”



Christopher Donell Childs was one of a kind and full of life. He was intelligent, witty, and humorous with infectious laughter.

One of six children born and raised in Spotsylvania County by his beloved parents Louis and Virgie Childs. Christopher attended Courtland High School with Honors and used his God given athletic abilities to play football, basketball, and track. He earned a full scholarship to William & Mary to play football. He graduated with a biology degree, but he soon recognized his passion was in business and understanding finances.

The Rev. Douglas T. Pinkard, his father-in-law, introduced him to a communication company. Christopher then married his high school sweetheart, Vanessa Pinkard Childs, and they were blessed by two children, Alexander and Brittany.

Christopher dedicated thirty-four years to Verizon and retired at age 59 as Vice President. Two months into enjoying his passion of golf, Christopher was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. His courage and determination to support others through this journey was to be commended. He loved the Lord and would be obedient to spreading the gospel before going home to our eternal Father. His legacy and strong values will live forever. He was so loved and adored by his family and friends.



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Isabella Assefa

Mountain View High School  
University of Southern California



In September 2021, The Community Foundation’s Board of Governors established The Community Scholarship Fund. This scholarship fund provides opportunities to area students who face challenges accessing higher education by providing flexibility and emphasizes accessibility. This scholarship is awarded 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.

More awardees on the next pages.

The Community Scholarship Fund



Ashley Hayden

King George High School  
University of Virginia



“I’m extremely excited to continue researching new physiotherapies by pursuing a biomedical engineering major and a minor in psychology! I’m excited to thrive at UVA and expect to gain countless opportunities and memories while in attendance.”

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Stafford High School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



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## Rushi Patel

Colonial Forge High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I will be studying mechanical engineering. I am excited to take part in automotive programs like Formula SAE and VT GT. I also plan on taking part in as many automotive clubs as I can.”

## Zelèa Roberson

Colonial Forge High School  
Louisiana State University



“I will major in sports administration in hopes of becoming a sports agent for professional league athletes and teams. I am excited to study the art of business and law as well to gain more knowledge of sports contracts.”

# Como Farm Scholarship Fund

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## Andrew Stone

Massaponax High School  
The College of William & Mary



“I plan to attend The College of William & Mary in the fall of 2024 as a W&M scholar and will be majoring in computer science on a pre-law track. While at William & Mary I am planning on being an active member of the student body and participating in numerous civic and community engagements. My ultimate career aspiration is to become a prosecutor to assist with maintaining our community’s safety while being a beacon of fairness and equality for all.”



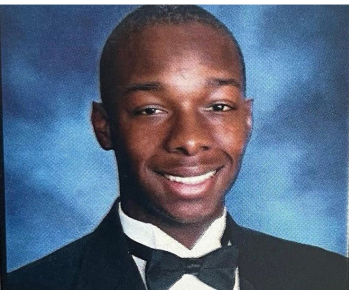
The Como Farm Scholarship is a four-year award, which “follows” the winner through their college career, on the condition of adequate annual progress.

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.

## Jacob Wigglesworth

(Renewal)  
James Monroe High School, Class of 2023  
University of Richmond





# The Brian Conner Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## Paige Stevens

Courtland High School  
James Madison University



“While attending James Madison University, I will be majoring in nursing. I plan to eventually obtain my master’s in nursing to become an NP. While attending JMU, I plan to join the field hockey club or track teams. I am super excited about learning more about the health care system but also meeting tons of new people while also growing and becoming the best version of myself.”



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.

# Martha S. Daltan Educational Scholarship Fund

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## Salma Tahir

Spotsylvania High School  
University of Mary Washington



“Hello!! I plan to major in biomedical sciences and possibly minor in international affairs or Arabic studies. Afterwards, I intend to go to medical school and become a trauma surgeon.”



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



## Daniya Johnson

(Renewal)  
James Monroe High School, Class of 2023  
Virginia Commonwealth University







# The Christine and Will Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

**Ryan Uecker**  
Chancellor High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I am eager to study a field of engineering while in college, though I have not solidified which one quite yet. I am excited about meeting new people, forming connections, and making study groups. I plan to use my degree to support and give back to the community who helped me get here.”

Christine and Will Dickinson beloved parents and grandparents established a long-running family tradition of giving back to their community. Christine as a public school teacher 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 Dickinson’s 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.

# DuVal and Anne Dickinson Memorial Scholarship Fund

**John Garecht**  
Courtland High School  
University of Virginia



“I will be attending the University of Virginia majoring in the health science field. It is my goal to take my love for science and combine it with my passion for helping others to make an impact on people’s lives and the world around me.”

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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## Thomas Colson Clary

King George High School  
Winthrop University



“After graduating with honors from King George High School, I will be attending Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC. I will be majoring in exercise science/physical therapy with a focus on athletic training. I am also a member of the inaugural Winthrop Cornhole Team, the first collegiate D1 cornhole program in the nation.”

## Katherine McDonald Yaun

James Monroe High School  
Sewanee: The University of the South



“I am thrilled to attend Sewanee in the fall, where I’ll be majoring in environmental arts. I’m excited to join the symphony orchestra and their Greek life family. Sewanee holds deep connections to the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful to continue my interests on campus. I’ll also take advantage of the 13,000-acre mountain campus is on.”

Molly Gill  
Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Andrea Loza Vargas

North Stafford High School  
Yale University



“I will attend Yale University to study environmental engineering and regenerative biology on the pre-med track. I am excited to meet new people, become an EMT on campus, and participate in study abroad.”



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  
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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

## Sarah Green

King George High School  
Lafayette College



“This fall I will be pursuing a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, with a potential double major in international studies. I’m very excited to work towards my dream of being an engineer in the space exploration sector. During the next four years, I’m also looking forward to competing for Lafayette College’s Division 1 swim team and becoming an avid member of the campus astronomy club.”

## Ashley Hayden

King George High School  
University of Virginia



“I’m extremely excited to continue researching new physiotherapies by pursuing a biomedical engineering major and a minor in psychology! I’m excited to thrive at UVA and expect to gain countless opportunities and memories while in attendance.”

# The Hall Family Scholarship Fund



The Hall Family Scholarship was established by Barry and Jeannette Hall to assist high school students at Falls Church High School and James Monroe High School with their college education.

Barry was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Falls Church and Jeannette was born in Fredericksburg and has always lived in the area. Barry taught Physical Education and coached at Quantico High School and Stonewall Jackson (now Unity Reed High School) in Manassas for thirty-seven years. Jeannette taught Physical Education in public schools for two years and then forty-one at Quantico Middle and High Schools. Jeannette’s Mother, Elsie Marie Allison, was an English and Latin Teacher and Guidance Counselor at James Monroe High School. Barry graduated from Shepherd University where he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007 and Jeannette graduated from Mary Washington. Both have a master’s degree in education from the University of Virginia.

Awardees on the next page.





# The Hall Family Scholarship Fund

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## Victoria Machado

Falls Church High School  
University of Virginia



“My name is Victoria Machado. I am first generation student who will be attending the University of Virginia. I am interested in working in the government. I am planning to major in political science and public policy. I aspire to become a lawyer and help my community.”

## Jennifer Nguyen

James Monroe High School  
Virginia Commonwealth University



“I am going to VCU to major in biology! At the moment I am not sure where in the medical field I want to go, but I definitely want to work in that area! At our high school, I received my CNA certificate and I love the environment and the work. I am excited to keep my mind open and be a freshman again. Outside of studies, I am looking forward to meeting new people and making lifelong friends! Thank you so much for helping me pursue these next steps in life, I will forever be grateful!”

# The Randy and Tina Harris Family Scholarship Fund

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## Zalayka Parker

University of Mary Washington



We are delighted to announce the first recipient of the Randy and Tina Harris Family Scholarship Fund, Zalayka Parker. A graduate of James Monroe High School, she completed dual enrollment at Germanna Community College before earning her bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Mary Washington in 2023. Currently enrolled in Mary Washington’s radiology program, Zalayka aspires to become a Radiographer at Mary Washington Hospital.



The Randy and Tina Harris Family Scholarship will be awarded to African American students pursuing a career in the workforce or trade industries. Applicants must be planning to enroll or already enrolled in credentialed or certificate classes such as workforce (construction, manufacturing, technology), trade, or medical-related field. This scholarship is responsive to workforce readiness needs and will be available on a rolling basis, students may apply at any time.

Randy, a member of the Board of Governors at The Community Foundation starting in June 2022, owned two businesses in the area until 2021, Ultimate Subaru and Ultimate Buick GMC. As an active businessperson, philanthropist and retiree, he seeks to give back to the community he calls home. Tina and Randy have been friends to the foundation through leadership and participation, also contributing to the Virginia Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credits and through the Randy and Tina Harris Family Charitable Fund.





# The Richard C. Hayden Family Scholarship Fund

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## Tyler Truslow

King George High School  
Bridgewater College



“I plan to attend Bridgewater College and major in business administration with a focus in accounting and finance. At Bridgewater I will also be a member of the baseball team. I am excited to learn more about accounting since I plan to work at an accounting firm after college.”

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 Fund

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## Malachi Caballero

King George High School  
Liberty University



“I will be swimming for Liberty University while working towards a degree in technical studies. My degree program allows me to combine a traditional liberal arts degree with experience and certification in electrical and HVAC.”

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 Fund

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## Madison Griebner (Renewal)

King George High School, Class of 2023  
Shenandoah University



## Max Frietag (Renewal)

King George High School, Class of 2022  
University of Virginia



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.

# The Anne Koepfinger Inspiring Educators Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Anne Koepfinger, a dedicated special education teacher, devoted over 28 years of her life to teaching and positively impacting the lives of countless students with learning disabilities. Her unwavering commitment to education and profound influence on students left an indelible mark on the community.

In remembrance of Anne's remarkable contributions, her family established The Anne Koepfinger Inspiring Educators Memorial Award through The Community Foundation. This scholarship serves as a beacon of hope and encouragement, designed to inspire students to follow in Anne's footsteps and pursue careers in the field of education.

The Koepfinger family recognized that the best way to honor Anne's memory was to support and uplift the next generation of educators. They understood that the impact of a dedicated and passionate teacher reaches far beyond the classroom. A scholarship in Anne's name would not only serve as a tribute to her life and work but would also empower aspiring educators to make a meaningful difference in the lives of future students.

The legacy of a beloved educator continues to inspire and touch the lives of students through this scholarship.

Awardees on the next page.





## The Anne Koepfinger Inspiring Educators Memorial Scholarship Fund

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### Alyssa Eller

King George High School  
The College of William & Mary



"I am so thrilled to have the opportunity to combine my love of history and education at William & Mary. I hope to one day to teach internationally, seeing and sharing the world!"

### Linsey Spillman

King George High School  
University of Mary Washington



"My name is Linsey Spillman and I just graduated from King George High School. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Mary Washington to study education, mass communications, and journalism. I will also be a member of the softball team! I'm so excited to go to Mary Washington in the fall and can't wait to see what the future holds for me!"

## 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



## Daniel Ndayi

Colonial Forge High School  
University of Mary Washington

## Bayleigh Valentine

Massaponax High School  
Spelman College



“I plan on going to Mary Washington to major in biology and a minor in biochemistry. With this I plan to go to a school of pharmacy to become a future pharmacist. I have a lot more of school left in me and I’m super excited for all of it! In college I hope to travel and study abroad too because I never really get to travel in general.”



“This fall I will be attending Spelman College with a health science major. During my studies, I am eager to explore topics like epidemiology and the intersection of social determinants with healthcare outcomes. I also hope to broaden my understanding of health disparities and solutions to ultimately prepare me for a career in the medical field.”

# The Bill Lontz Science Scholarship Fund



## Makenna Hine

James Monroe High School  
James Madison University



“I am beyond excited to go to James Madison University where I will obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). I am already CNA certified, so I am thrilled to continue my education in nursing and make a difference in the world of healthcare.”



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 Walton Mahon Scholarship Fund

## Thomas Frye Jr.

Caroline High School  
Randolph-Macon College



“In the fall, I will begin my pursuit of a business degree at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA. I’m excited for this new journey to further develop and acquire new skills that will challenge me to become a leader in my field and my community.”



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, the bank 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 Fund

## Margaret Lacy

James Monroe High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I’m currently on the engineering path at VT but I have also been thinking about taking a more environmentally science-based route. I hope to one day work on getting us to a greener future through improving the way we produce food and use energy.”



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 Irene A. Miller Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund

## Kaitlin Rumford

Caroline High School  
Longwood University



“I will be attending Longwood this fall to major in biology/pre-med and minoring in business administration. I hope to get my doctorate afterward in veterinary medicine. I look forward to research opportunities, meeting new people, and everything fun about college!!”

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.

# The John C. Neal Scholarship Fund

## Maya Jani

Riverbend High School  
University of Virginia



“My plan is to study electrical engineering with a minor in entrepreneurship. Whether it is creating independent living solutions for aging populations or introducing innovations to society, I am excited to find practical solutions to everyday problems. In the future, I hope to create technology innovations that positively impact daily living and the community.”

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, the bank 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

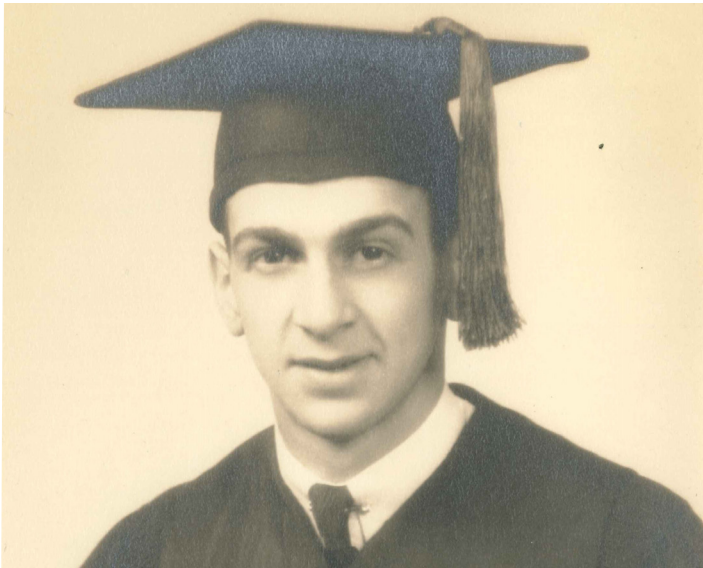
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## Bryce Jones

James Monroe High School  
Old Dominion University



“Hello, my name is Bryce Jones. I plan to attend Old Dominion university to major in hospital management and minor in dental hygiene. I love football so I intend to try and walk on to the ODU football team to continue my athletic career there. Throughout high school my family has been my biggest supporter.”



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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## Kennedy Batts

Stafford High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I will be attending Virginia Tech and majoring in exercise science and kinesiology. My career goal is to attend medical school and become a sports medicine physician. I am excited about getting to college and starting my career. I am most excited about being able to adequately and efficiently treat injured athletes to return to the field.”



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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## Maya Thomas

Colonial Forge High School  
University of Virginia



“During undergrad at UVA, I plan to study foreign affairs, with a concentration in global security and justice, and minors in political science and Spanish. I also hope to participate in theatre at UVA, with interests in pursuing entertainment law in the future.”



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 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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## Bayleigh Valentine

Massaponax High School  
Spelman College



“This fall I will be attending Spelman College with a health science major. During my studies, I am eager to explore topics like epidemiology and the intersection of social determinants with healthcare outcomes. I also hope to broaden my understanding of health disparities and solutions to ultimately prepare me for a career in the medical field.”



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 Dr. Lillie Pitman Scholarship Fund

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## Andrea Loza Vargas

North Stafford High School  
Yale University



“I will attend Yale University to study environmental engineering and regenerative biology on the pre-med track. I am excited to meet new people, become an EMT on campus, and participate in study abroad.”



Dr. Lillie Pitman practically grew up in the California periodontal office where her mom worked. She was inspired by a mentor to shoot for the stars and made an impact with her warmth and acts of service along her journey.

After an impressive education and living elsewhere, in 2014 Lillie established her home and practice in Fredericksburg, known for providing care along with her husband at Synergy Periodontics and Implants. She was an active member of the Rappahannock Rotary club, the Fredericksburg Full Gospel Fellowship church and served as president of the Virginia Society of Periodontists.

The Dr. Lillie Pitman Scholarship Fund will benefit first generation college students who are looking to pursue careers in healthcare from area schools.

# 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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## Natalie Buckley

Spotsylvania High School  
Randolph-Macon College



“I plan to attend Randolph-Macon and major in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. Additionally, I am a recent graduate from Germanna Community College, as well as Spotsylvania High School, so I am extremely excited to jump right into my major this fall!”

## Nyla Satchell

Spotsylvania High School  
Deleware State University



“In my future, I plan to continue my education at Delaware State University. I want to get my bachelor’s degree in agriculture, BS. I also plan to become a veterinarian technician and own my own clinic.”

# The George A. and Lucy Mae Scott Scholarship Fund

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## Bryce Jones

James Monroe High School  
Old Dominion University



“Hello, my name is Bryce Jones. I plan to attend Old Dominion university to major in hospital management and minor in dental hygiene. I love football so I intend to try and walk on to the ODU football team to continue my athletic career there. Throughout high school my family has been my biggest supporter.”



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



Sawyer Johnston

Courtland High School



“I will be majoring in civil engineering and hope to get my master’s in architecture. I am excited to make new memories and advance towards a successful career.”



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.

More recipients are listed on next page.

The Seay Family  
Memorial Scholarship Fund



Jennifer Nguyen

James Monroe High School  
Virginia Commonwealth University



“I am going to VCU to major in biology! At the moment I am not sure where in the medical field I want to go, but I definitely want to work in that area! At our high school, I received my CNA certificate and I love the environment and the work. I am excited to keep my mind open and be a freshman again. Outside of studies, I am looking forward to meeting new people and making lifelong friends! Thank you so much for helping me pursue these next steps in life, I will forever be grateful!”

Bayleigh Valentine

Massaponax High School  
Spelman College



“This fall I will be attending Spelman College with a health science major. During my studies, I am eager to explore topics like epidemiology and the intersection of social determinants with healthcare outcomes. I also hope to broaden my understanding of health disparities and solutions to ultimately prepare me for a career in the medical field.”

Katherine McDonald Yaun

James Monroe High School  
Sewanee: The University of the South



“I am thrilled to attend Sewanee in the fall, where I’ll be majoring in environmental arts. I’m excited to join the symphony orchestra and their Greek life family. Sewanee holds deep connections to the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful to continue my interests on campus. I’ll also take advantage of the 13,000-acre mountain campus is on.”



# The ShackLax Memorial Scholarship Fund

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## Adam Ahmed

Colonial Forge High School  
University of Virginia



“Following my 4 years at the University of Virginia, I plan to attend medical school to pursue a career as a radiologist. I am looking forward to becoming more independent and beginning a new chapter of my life.”



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

# The Henry Warden/Patty Shannon Scholarship Endowment Fund

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## Katelyn Barker

Spotsylvania High School  
Randolph-Macon College



“I plan on majoring in history with a double minor in secondary education and philosophy. My ultimate goal is to become a history teacher/professor, in hopes to educate and inform children about world impacts that had shaped our future.”



Henry Warden, a Pennsylvania native, moved to Virginia in the late 1800’s, residing at his historic Hazel Hill on lower Princess Ann Street. In addition to owning several other farm properties around the city and in Spotsylvania County, Henry was very active in Fredericksburg public affairs: including, but not limited to serving on the Fredericksburg City Council for 12 years, holding a position as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the board of directors at Planters National Bank of Fredericksburg (a predecessor of today’s PNC Bank), served on the Fredericksburg City School Board and was one of the founders of Lee Hill Cemetery. He also owned several businesses including Hazel Hill Canning Company.

Patty Shannon is Henry’s great-granddaughter.

High school seniors graduating from Spotsylvania County or the City of Fredericksburg are eligible for this renewable scholarship as a first-generation college student in their immediate family and demonstrate financial need.





# The Sofia Silva Scholarship Fund

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## Bayleigh Valentine

Massaponax High School  
Spelman College



“This fall I will be attending Spelman College with a health science major. During my studies, I am eager to explore topics like epidemiology and the intersection of social determinants with healthcare outcomes. I also hope to broaden my understanding of health disparities and solutions to ultimately prepare me for a career in the medical field.”



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  
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Nicole Janicki

Colonial Forge High School  
College of William & Mary



“I plan on majoring in finance, which has been my goal since my freshmen year of high school when I discovered my interest in the stock market and wealth management. I can’t wait to learn more about these topics, which I have spent the past four years researching and now will be able to learn more about from experts at William & Mary.”

Andrea Loza Vargas

North Stafford High School  
Yale University



“I will attend Yale University to study environmental engineering and regenerative biology on the pre-med track. I am excited to meet new people, become an EMT on campus, and participate in study abroad.”

The Crittenden R. Sullivan Jr.  
Memorial Scholarship Fund

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Katherine McDonald Yaun

James Monroe High School  
Sewanee: The University of the South



“I am thrilled to attend Sewanee in the fall, where I’ll be majoring in environmental arts. I’m excited to join the symphony orchestra and their Greek life family. Sewanee holds deep connections to the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful to continue my interests on campus. I’ll also take advantage of the 13,000-acre mountain campus is on.”



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.

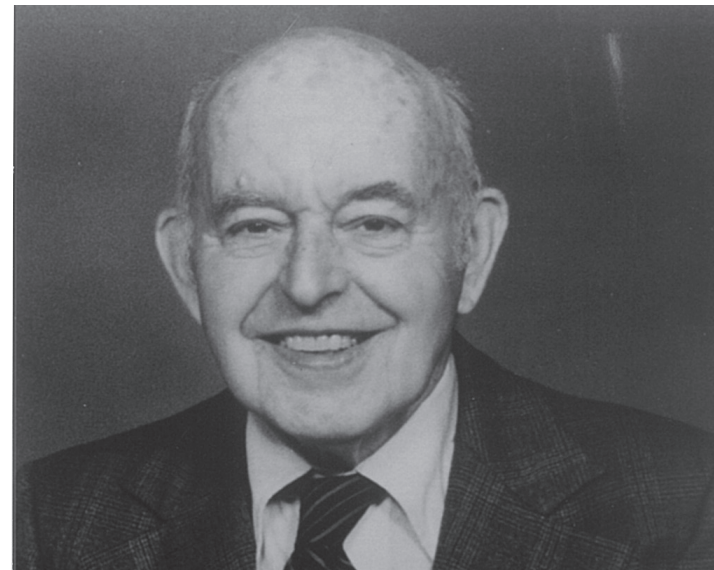
This scholarship is intended to encourage and support other individuals from James Monroe High School with a similar independent spirit and work ethic.





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 pages.

The George D. Taylor  
Scholarship Fund

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Isabella Assefa

Mountain View High School  
University of Southern California



“In the fall, I will begin taking courses at the Viterbi School of Engineering at the University of Southern California as a computer engineering and computer science major. During my time there, I aspire to collaborate on a team with other motivated students to advance innovations in biotechnology and environmental sustainability. I hope to become an entrepreneur before I graduate university.”

Cyria Pearson

Brooke Point High School  
Howard University



“I will be double majoring in biology and chemistry. My ultimate goal is to be a neurosurgeon with the Doctors Without Borders program. I have always felt drawn to helping people, which is the reason I volunteer with my rescue squad. I will continue working hard to make a difference in many lives.”





# The George D. Taylor Scholarship Fund

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## Joshua Van Dyk

Stafford High School  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



“I plan on majoring in systems and industrial engineering. Engineering has been a long-time dream of mine and I want to be able to use my knowledge and community to make an impact on the world. My goal in college is to be able to grow both as a student and member in my community to be able to build connections to help solve any problems thrown my way.”

## Camille Villalobos

North Stafford High School  
University of Virginia



“I am planning to study business marketing at the University of Virginia. I am most looking forward to challenging myself at an academically rigorous school. I cannot wait to attend my dream school, UVA, in the fall!”

# 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 pages.





# The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund

## Mustafa Abdulrazzaq

Brooke Point High School  
George Mason University



“I plan on majoring in computer science at George Mason University. While maintaining a high GPA in college I want to resume my participation in community service to achieve excellence within me. I plan on giving back to scholarship committees upon graduating and starting my full-time job.”

## Sabeeha Ijaz

Colonial Forge High School  
Germanna Community College



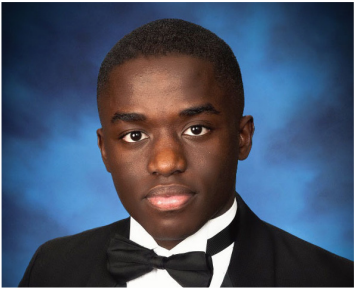
“I aspire to pursue a career as a public accountant and my educational path includes enrolling at Germanna Community College for two years with the goal of transferring to Virginia Tech with a major in accounting and information systems.”

# The Mary B. and Perry A. Thompson Scholarship Fund

## Richard Oti

Stafford High School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“This upcoming fall I plan to major in the interdisciplinary course 6-14 at MIT which encompasses data science, computer science, and economics to research and learn ways in which computer automation can be integrated into society to make resources and tools more accessible to communities of differing development levels.”



## Andrew Stone

Massaponax High School  
The College of William & Mary

“I plan to attend The College of William & Mary in the fall of 2024 as a W&M scholar and will be majoring in computer science on a pre-law track. While at William & Mary I am planning on being an active member of the student body and participating in numerous civic and community engagements. My ultimate career aspiration is to become a prosecutor to assist with maintaining our community’s safety while being a beacon of fairness and equality for all.”



## Salma Tahir

Spotsylvania High School  
University of Mary Washington

“Hello!! I plan to major in biomedical sciences and possibly minor in international affairs or Arabic studies. Afterwards, I intend to go to medical school and become a trauma surgeon.”





# The Ira and Gladys West Scholarship Fund

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## Ashley Hayden

King George High School  
University of Virginia



“I’m extremely excited to continue researching new physiotherapies by pursuing a biomedical engineering major and a minor in psychology! I’m excited to thrive at UVA and expect to gain countless opportunities and memories while in attendance.”



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 Dahlgren Heritage 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 Fund

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## Bryce Jones

James Monroe High School  
Old Dominion University



“Hello, my name is Bryce Jones. I plan to attend Old Dominion university to major in hospital management and minor in dental hygiene. I love football so I intend to try and walk on to the ODU football team to continue my athletic career there. Throughout high school my family has been my biggest supporter.”



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.





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A composite image featuring a large photograph of a green pasture with a herd of black cattle grazing under a clear sky, and a smaller inset photograph in the bottom left corner showing an elderly couple smiling.

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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