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## End of Year Celebration

7 PM - Wednesday  
May 17, 2023

University of the District of Columbia  
Theater of the Arts

4200 Connecticut Ave.  
NW, Washington, DC



32nd Annual End of year Celebration

# Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation

## CONGRATS TO BRYANT-TAYLOR STEM SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2023!

2023

Mikayla Sharrieff, Spelman College, Engineering & Mathematics  
Simone Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University, Health Science  
Toya Tanner, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Biology

## KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!

2024

Anahjah Boone, Xavier University of Louisiana, Chemistry  
India Gerald, Temple University, Biology  
Shana Grant, Spelman College, Biochemistry  
Mekhai Morrison-Gaskins, University of Rochester, Computer Science  
Lauren Stewart, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Engineering

2025

Benjamin Enwesi, University of Maryland - College Park, Computer Science  
Terri Franklin, Howard University, Computer Science  
Khaliq Muhammad, Benedict College, Cyber Security  
Lalah Choice, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Environmental Science  
LaDawnah Best- Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, Architecture

2026

Gibrel Coleman, Virginia State University, Computer Science  
Janiah Long, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Nursing  
Jazmia Quigley, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, Nursing  
Kadi Barber-Anderson, Delaware State University, Chemistry  
Mekhi Fleming, Radford University, Forensic Science  
Valerie Pair, Tennessee State University, Biology  
Zakhiya Graham, Louisiana State University, Pre-Med

***Bryant- Taylor STEM Scholarships are provided annually by the Jerry Taylor & Nancy Bryant Foundation. Scholarships are awarded to qualifying College Bound students for full-time STEM study--science, technology, engineering or math-- at accredited four year colleges or universities. Bryant-Taylor Scholarships are for four years for tuition, living and college-related expenses.***

# Order of Ceremony

"Continue" ..... CB Site Ambassadors

Opening..... Niani Bright (CB '25) and Jackson Lewis (CB '23)

## Parade of Seniors

Welcome.....Kenneth Ward, Executive Director

Greetings.....Dr. Treneisha Jones Gaston, Chair Board of Directors

Alumni Greetings.....Simone Smith (CB'19, VCU'23)

Hall of Fame Award..... Nya Grant (CB '23)

## The United States Department of Education

Community Leadership Award.....Amare Anderson (CB '25)

**Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley**

Alumni Speaker

**Zion Kelly (CB '19, FAMU '23)**

Words of Inspiration

**Jason Reynolds**

Student Performance: "*Black Butterfly*".....Aria Briggs (CB '24)

Aaliyah Purnell-Snowden (CB '26)

Academic Mentoring Site Recognition Awards.....Hailey Royster, Volunteer Coordinator

*Outstanding Partner, Team Work, Most Committed Student, Exemplary Student*

Scholarship Awards.....Jackie Burnett, Program Coordinator

Andre Cox, Program Coordinator

Daniela Romualdo Castro, Program Coordinator

Closing Remarks .....Kenneth Ward, Executive Director

**"Continue"**

**My wish for you  
Is that you continue**

**Continue**

**To be who and how you are  
To astonish a mean world  
With your acts of kindness**

**Continue**

**To allow humor to lighten  
the burden  
Of your tender heart**

**Continue**

**In a society dark with  
cruelty  
To let the people hear the  
grandeur  
Of God in the peals of your  
laughter**

**Continue**

**To let your eloquence  
Elevate the people to  
heights  
They had only imagined**

**Continue**

**To remind the people that  
Each is as good as the  
other  
And that no one is beneath  
Nor above you**

**Continue**

**To remember your own  
young years  
And look with favor upon  
the lost  
And the least and the  
lonely**

**Continue**

**To put the mantle of your  
protection  
Around the bodies of  
The young and defenseless**

**Continue**

**To take the hand of the  
despised  
And diseased and walk  
proudly with them  
In the high street  
Some might see you and  
Be encouraged to do  
likewise**

**Continue**

**To plant a public kiss of  
concern  
On the cheek of the sick  
And the aged and infirm  
And count that as a  
Natural action to be  
expected**

**Continue**

**To let gratitude be the  
pillow  
Upon which you kneel to  
Say your nightly prayer**

**And let faith be the bridge  
You build to overcome evil  
And welcome good**

**Continue**

**To ignore no vision  
Which comes to enlarge  
your range  
And increase your spirit**

**Continue**

**To dare to love deeply  
And risk everything  
For the good thing**

**Continue**

**To float  
Happily in the sea of  
infinite substance  
Which set aside riches for  
you  
Before you had a name**

**Continue**

**And by doing so  
You and your work  
Will be able to continue  
Eternally**

**-Maya Angelou**



# *Greetings*

*College Bound*

*32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration*

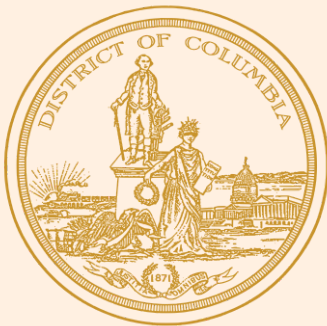
May 17, 2023

As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am pleased to offer greetings and congratulations to organizers, attendees, and scholarship awardees of College Bound's 32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration.



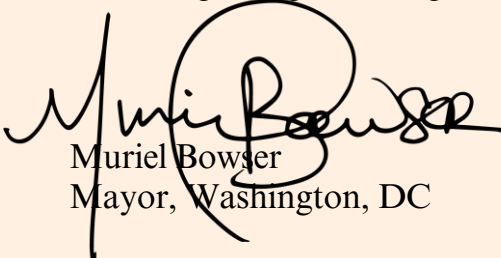
With its founding in 1991, College Bound has been a consistent and reliable partner in helping to prepare public and charter school students in the District of Columbia and our region in matriculating through high school and attaining their collegiate and career goals through tutoring, mentorship, and ACT and SAT preparation, as well as academic and career guidance.

It is my understanding that over \$150,000 in scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors this evening. And, impressively, 100 percent of College Bound's Class of 2023 will graduate from high school with each of those talented scholars receiving a minimum of one college acceptance letter.



I am grateful for the good work of students and parents as well as College Bound's partners and donors. Our collective success depends on our students—the future leaders of our city, businesses and communities! And as such, we are rooting for theirs and College Bound's continued successes.

You have made us all #DCProud. On behalf of the 700,000 and growing residents of Washington, DC, you once again have my wishes of greetings and congratulations for an enjoyable evening!

  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor, Washington, DC



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Chairman

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## *Congratulations College Bound!*



May 17, 2023

Students, Partners, Parents & Contributors:

Congratulations to all who are celebrating this 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual End of Year Celebration!

College Bound has provided support to DC graduates for more than three decades. It is critically important that the DC Government continue to assist and amplify programs that give back to the District's future leaders. Former leader of the United Nations, Ban Ki-Moon once said, "Education promotes equality and lifts people out of poverty. It teaches children how to become good citizens. Education is not just for a privileged few, it is for everyone." College Bound's commitment to preparing students in our region for higher education is vitally important.

I join with you in recognizing the hard work of all the College Bound graduates, parents, and volunteers. Wishing you a very joyous celebration!

Sincerely,

Phil Mendelson



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Councilmember, At Large  
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Economic Development

**Committee Member**  
Executive Administration and Labor  
Housing  
Recreation and Youth Affairs



May 10, 2023

# ***Congratulations Graduates!***

Dear College Bound:

As Councilmember, At Large, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate College Bound on their 32nd end of the year celebration! More importantly, I extend a huge congratulations and best wishes to all the graduates. I am so proud of every one of you all. Your determination is truly commendable, and I hope you know what an accomplishment this is, and you are proud of yourselves.

College Bound continues to make college a reality for public school students in the District of Columbia by adequately preparing them to matriculate and graduate from college and allowing them to positively contribute to our communities and society. As you all embark on your next journey, remember what you learned through College Bound, share your talents, and be a positive influence on someone else.

Again, congratulations on the 32nd annual end of the year celebration and to all the graduates!

Best Wishes,

Kenyan R. McDuffie



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Councilmember, Ward 1

**Chairperson**  
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**Committee Member**  
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May 17, 2023

Dear College Bound students, partners, parents, and contributors,

Congratulations on your 32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration!



Since 1991 College Bound has enriched our District of Columbia public and charter school students, transforming lives and communities in DC and creating pathways to success for students. I wish you good luck in your celebration and support your continued efforts to serve the students of the District of Columbia.

Thank you for all the work you do to improve the lives of students in Ward 1 and throughout the District.

Sincerely,

*Brianne K. Nadeau*

Brianne K. Nadeau  
Councilmember, Ward 1





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Transportation and the Environment

May 10, 2023

*Via e-mail*

Dear Mr. Kenneth Ward,

I want to congratulate the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Administration of College Bound, Inc. for 32 years of serving the students of the District of Columbia public schools.

Your work offering academic enrichment, tutoring, mentorship, standardized-test preparation, and career guidance to students in grades 8 through 12 throughout the DC area is indispensable to leveling the playing field for post-secondary education. Our city thrives when our students are given the resources they need to succeed. College Bound is doing the work of ensuring all our students have the opportunity to pursue and thrive in their secondary education and beyond.

I have always believed that the foundation of our neighborhoods, communities, and city are our public schools. Together with organizations like College Bound, we can prepare all our students for a successful future by engaging communities to support children in overcoming whatever obstacles they may face on the path to continuing education.

I look forward to joining College Bound for the next Annual End of the Year Celebration and to the continued impact you will have on students – and their futures –for years to come.

Thank you for your work and congratulations again on 32 years of supporting our students.

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Matt Frumin  
DC Councilmember for Ward 3





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**JANESE LEWIS GEORGE**

Ward 4 Councilmember  
Chair of the Committee on  
Facilities and Family Services

**COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Committee on Transportation and the Environment  
Committee on Executive Administration and Labor  
Committee on Public Works and Operations

**May 17, 2023**

To the College Bound Class of 2023,

On behalf of our Ward 4 community, it is my great honor to commend the College Bound Class of 2023 on the successful completion of your program.

As a first-generation college graduate and a DC Native, I know that it takes a great deal of perseverance and hard work to get to this point. The same dedication that helped you overcome barriers over the past years will help you succeed in the next chapter of your education and open new doors of opportunity. Our city is proud of you, and we will continue to have your back.

Today is also about honoring the amazing village of people that has supported you each step of the way. In an individualistic world, you were blessed with people who believed in you and sacrificed to make your accomplishments possible. So between all the celebrations, please take the time to share your gratitude with everyone who has been in your corner throughout this journey.

The world you are entering is deeply in need of your authenticity, determination, and kindness. The lessons and values imparted in you as a College Bound student will carry you far. Ultimately, success is measured not only by the heights you reach, but also by your ability to lift others as you climb. In the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., *“Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve.”* By serving our community, let us march together towards greatness.

**Congratulations, Class of 2023!**

Sincerely,

Janeese Lewis George  
Ward 4 Councilmember





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ZACHARY PARKER  
COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 5

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# *Congratulations to College Bound on 32 Years of Impact*

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia's Ward 5 community, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations to College Bound as you conclude your 32<sup>nd</sup> year of transformative work preparing public and public charter school students in the D.C. area for college, earning a degree, and achieving their personal and professional goals.

From one-on-one tutoring, to standardized test preparation, to wellness workshops and college tours, College Bound's extensive and effective programs meet students with powerful resources to achieve their goals. As a former educator, it is important to me that we build pathways for student success, and for 32 years, College Bound has done just that. I know the passion and commitment your work requires, and celebrate all you have achieved in your dedication to equipping students.

I look forward to continuing to be a partner and championing your work!

Very truly yours,

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Zachary Parker  
Ward 5 Councilmember  
Council of the District of Columbia





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**Charles Allen**  
Councilmember, Ward 6  
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**Committee Member**  
Business and Economic Development  
Health  
The Judiciary & Public Safety

May 2023

Dear Scholars:

On behalf of the D.C. Council, I write to congratulate you on this celebration of your incredible accomplishments. I know how hard you've worked and how many hours you've dedicated toward achieving your academic and personal goals, and I couldn't be prouder. Your dedication to academic success and college preparedness will reap untold rewards not only for you, but for your families and your communities.

Choosing a path that leads to higher education isn't an easy decision for many, and my deepest thanks to College Bound and your families and mentors for supporting you in that journey. I was also lucky to have partners and mentors along the way who supported me leading up to and during college. The District is equally fortunate to have resources like College Bound that create brighter futures for our young people.

As you reflect on your accomplishments and take the next steps toward your bright futures, please know that your city is proud of you and everything you've achieved. Don't hesitate to reach out to my office as you continue on your paths, and best of luck!

Congratulations again,

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Charles Allen, Ward 6 Councilmember  
Chair, Committee on Transportation and the Environment



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Councilmember, At-Large  
Chairperson, Committee on  
Health

**Committee Member**  
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Judiciary and Public Safety  
Transportation and the  
Environment

May 4, 2023

Dear College Bound,

Educating our youth and preparing them for a successful future is one of my top priorities as a Councilmember. That is why I am honored to write this letter of commendation for College Bound's 32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration.

The outstanding work of the Academic Mentoring Program participants and partners, provides them essential tools that empower our students to succeed in college and beyond. College Bound's accomplishment of helping 100 percent of participating high school students graduate and get accepted into at least one college is impressive and worthy of recognition.

I am deeply appreciative of College Bound's significant impact across the District of Columbia. I wish your organization a wonderful 32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration and to the graduating seniors continued success in the future.

Sincerely,

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Christina Henderson  
At-Large Councilmember  
Council of the District of Columbia



**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER TRAYON WHITE, SR., Ward Eight



***Congratulations!***

**College Bound**

**32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration**

**May 17, 2023**



I am pleased to congratulate College Bound on its work and impact for students across the District of Columbia and to the graduating Class of 2023. The students have worked hard to achieve this significant milestone, overcoming hardship with fierce determination.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it. College Bound has been integral in placing students on a pathway toward success and helping them actualize higher education.

Hard work and consistency combined with enrichment programs and resources make College Bound a great bridge to prepare our students to not only make it to college but to walk away with a degree.

To the Class of 2023: Reach for the stars, dream for tomorrow, and live for today.

Sincerely,

Trayon White, Sr.  
Councilmember, Ward 8



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May 10, 2023

Dear College Bound:

As an At-Large Member of the Council of the District of Columbia, it is my honor to congratulate to board of directors and staff on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual End of the Year Celebration.

Since 1991, many of DC's youth have benefitted from free tutoring, mentoring, ACT/SAT preparation, and academic and career guidance to aide in their efforts to obtain a post-secondary education. The District appreciates College Bound's focus and investment in our students by providing the necessary tools and supports to help them excel. With the resources and guidance provided by College Bound, our youth continue to reach their highest potential by achieving their personal and professional goals.

To this year's cohort, know that you are the author of your own destiny, and this step is the beginning of a new chapter. In the years ahead, I hope you will take up the charge to improve your community, serve our city, and make the world a better place for the next generation.

I offer my congratulations and best wishes for all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. White, Jr.  
*Councilmember-At-Large*  
*Council of the District of Columbia*





# ONWARD & BEYOND

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*PRINCE HALL FREE AND ACCEPTED  
MASONS ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR  
CHARITABLE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION*

Chairman Anthony B. Corbitt  
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Secretary, Kelli McCoy- Burkett  
PHFAMOESCEF Board of Directors







Greetings,

Thank you for joining us for our 32nd Annual End of the Year Celebration. To say that I am grateful for this moment would be an understatement. The last three years have certainly been challenging but they have offered many lessons and many rewards. It's hard to believe that it has been three years since we have gathered in person to highlight the successes of this amazing program. Even during these times, College Bound and our students have continued to thrive. Personally, I've been reminded that it is important to live in the moment and without any regret.

We chose "Continue" as our theme this year. A major part of what we do collectively as an organization is to encourage and support our students in CONTINUING to create the lives that they deserve and want to live. We know that they must continue even when faced with adversities that have been thrust upon them because of where, when, how, or to whom they were born. The simple act of continuing to show up weekly at College Bound speaks volumes about their desire to actively create a brighter future. Parents and adults, please continue encouraging our youth, even when you simply can't understand their dreams. Continue speaking kind words to one another and continue believing that we will create a more just and equitable society.

Tonight we salute the United States Department of Education with our Hall of Fame Award. This award is presented to an individual or institution that supports the mission of College Bound. The Department of Education has supported College Bound programming for over a decade providing immeasurable support to improve our program efficacy. Quite simply, our organization is better because of them. The Community Leadership Award recipient is Reverend Dr. Howard-John Wesley, senior pastor of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, VA. He sets the bar high for community engagement and leadership. With record-breaking donations to HBCUs, he demonstrates what is possible when there is vision fueled by passion and faith. Our students personally benefit from Alfred Street's College Fair and scholarship opportunities and we look forward to deepening our relationship.

The Class of 2023 has spent the majority of their time in College Bound in the virtual space. However, they showed up for the Senior Retreat last summer and in September at site ready for the opportunity. They have modeled what academic excellence looks like for their peers and reminded all of the adults in the room why this is important. Our students have shown incredible resilience in their willingness to face these uncertain times and their optimism about the future continues to deeply inspire me. My personal commitment to each of you is to harness every resource available to make sure that you can CONTINUE to be your absolute best.

Continuing to advocate for those that need it most,

*Kenneth*

## Board Chair, Board of Directors



### **Dr. Treneisha Jones-Gaston**

Chair, College Bound Board of Directors

Welcome to College Bound's Annual End of the Year Celebration. For over 32 years, College Bound has provided mentoring and tutoring services, resources, and other support to public school students in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. I personally have served as an academic mentor, virtual mentor, and writing coach with College Bound and have witnessed

the incredible life-altering transformations within the lives of our students. Thank you to our mentors, community partners, and other volunteers that have dedicated countless hours of service and played a critical role preparing our students to succeed in high school and beyond. To the 2023 College Bound graduates. Graduation is not the end but marks the beginning of a new and exciting journey. Now this journey at times won't be easy. You will encounter adversity, economic and racial inequality, and uncertainty. But you are strong enough to withstand it all. I encourage you to carry on, push through, be persistent, and above all CONTINUE. On behalf of the College Bound Board of Directors and the Executive Team, I congratulate you on a job well done as you celebrate this major accomplishment. I wish you continued success as you choose your path forward. Keep forging ahead and know that you will always be a part of the College Bound family. Thank you to our generous donors, who have continued to support us. Without your support, much of our programming and resources would not exist. Your donations are crucial to our work. Whether you're connecting with us for the first time, or as a member of our Honor Society, we ask that you take a moment today to make a gift donation at [www.collegebound.org](http://www.collegebound.org). Every dollar we raise ensures that more students in the Washington, DC metropolitan area have access to College Bound scholarships and programs. Congratulations again to our graduates and another round of applause to our parents, mentors, and College Bound staff. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment as we work together to make college completion a reality for our students.

Yours In Service,

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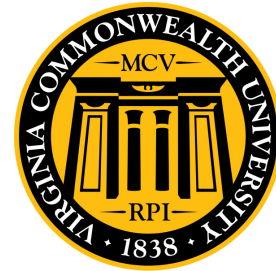
Treneisha Jones Gaston, Ed.D.  
Chair, College Bound Board of Directors

## College Bound Alumni



### **Simone Smith**

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Class of 2023



Simone Monet Smith is a recent graduate at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), where she earned her degree in Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science with a concentration in Health Sciences. She is the recipient of the College Bound STEM Scholarship in 2019, as well as a recipient of the Board of Visitors Award at VCU in 2022. The Board of Visitors Award recognizes the achievements of an outstanding undergraduate student who represented the distinctive attributes of Outstanding Academic Achievement, Leadership and Service to the University and the community at large. Simone will be attending the University of Virginia's Summer Medical Leadership Program at the University of Virginia School of Medicine during the summer of 2023. She is the Vice President of Sisters & Stethoscopes, an organization that supports young Black women pursuing careers in healthcare. Simone also serves on the E-Board for VCU P.R.I.M.E. (Pre-Health and related interests Mentoring Experiences). VCU P.R.I.M.E. connects minority students to healthcare resources specific to their major. In addition, Simone serves as a mentor for five Freshman students through a program called You-First. The You-First Program is for first-year, first generation college students. Simone is interested in pursuing a career as a Family Medicine Physician, and her goal is to create free and accessible health care programs in areas that have low health care resources. Upon completion of her internship at UVA, Simone plans to attend Medical School to further her knowledge in pursuit of a degree in Medicine and her goal of becoming a Family Medicine Physician.



The Hall of Fame Award was established to salute individuals and or community groups who demonstrate ongoing support for the mission and services of College Bound. The mission of the Department of Education is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. Since the fall of 2012, the Department of Education has supported College Bound by hosting a weekly academic mentoring site. The site originated at the Federal Student Aid Office location and is currently hosted at ED's headquarters. Additionally, the Department of Education has provided mentors, conducted financial aide workshops, and provided FAFSA assistance for College Bound's staff, students, mentors, and families. For over a decade, ED professionals have used their expertise to improve the quality of College Bound's programming in the preparation of our students to matriculate and graduate from college with minimal debt. We are thankful for their continued support and pleased to present them with the 2023 Hall of Fame award.

**It is our distinct honor to award the Department of Education the 2023 Hall of Fame Award for their ongoing commitment to the College Bound Program.**

## Hall of Fame Recipient

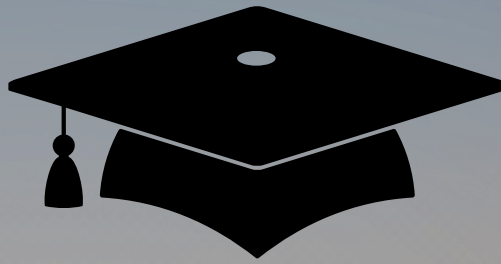


### **Alexis Holmes**

Executive Director,  
White House Initiative on Advancing  
Educational Equity, Excellence, and  
Economic Opportunity for Black  
Americans  
Office of the Secretary



Alexis K. Holmes is the Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans, housed within the U.S. Department of Education. As the first woman and mom to lead the initiative, Mrs. Holmes brings more than 25 years of experience in government, public affairs, and public policy to proactively engage the black community on key priorities such as early childhood education, teacher diversity, black family voices, STEM access, and equitable distribution of federal resources. With an updated focus on equity and economic opportunity, the initiative, under her leadership, works collaboratively with more than two dozen interagency partners and national black organizations to coordinate and increase opportunities for black students, families, and communities. Prior to joining the Biden-Harris Administration, Mrs. Holmes was policy manager in the National Education Association's (NEA) Education Policy and Implementation Center. In this role, she advocated and advanced policies to support public education and working families at the national, state, and local level. Following the passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, Mrs. Holmes was instrumental in coordinating educators across the country to actively engage their state and local policymakers in order to take advantage of the Act's historic resource allocation. Previously, she was responsible for a policy portfolio that included secondary schools, career and technical education, and family engagement. Joining the NEA in 2007, Mrs. Holmes was part of the inaugural team that led the organization's national outreach and engagement of the Black community. Before joining the NEA, Mrs. Holmes was Director of Federal Relations at College Board, where she worked closely with educators, institutions, community advocates, and civil rights allies to advance policies that supported every student's postsecondary aspiration, preparation, and success. Mrs. Holmes is a graduate of West Virginia University's School of Journalism with a focus on public relations and political science. She and her husband reside in Virginia, and are proud parents of a college freshman, high school junior, and spirited Belgian Malinois.



**THE BEST WAY  
TO PREDICT  
YOUR FUTURE IS  
TO CREATE IT."**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!**

**Chuck and Alice Curran**



# Congratulations Graduates of 2023!



*CB Alumnae  
Taylor and Makaila Lofton*

# Senior Graduate Speaker



## **Supreme Court Justice, Sonya Sotomayor**

Justice Sotomayor was born in Bronx, New York, on June 25, 1954. She earned a B.A. in 1976 from Princeton University, graduating summa cum laude and receiving the university's highest academic honor. In 1979, she earned a J.D. from Yale Law School where she served as an editor of the Yale Law Journal. She thereafter served as Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office from 1979–1984. She then litigated international commercial matters in New York City at Pavia & Harcourt, where she was an associate and then partner from 1984–1992. In 1991, President George H.W. Bush nominated her to the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, and she served in that role from 1992–1998. She then served as a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit from 1998–2009. President Barack Obama nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on May 26, 2009, and she assumed this role August 8, 2009.



## Community Leadership Recipient



Reverend Dr. Howard-John Wesley  
Pastor of Alfred Street Baptist Church  
Alexandria, Virginia

Rev. Dr. Howard-John Wesley is the exciting, gifted and anointed senior pastor of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) in Alexandria, VA. A courageous, dynamic, and visionary leader, he is only the eighth pastor in the church's 217-year history of worshipping Christ while serving humankind. Currently, Dr. Wesley is part of the first of its kind in the world; the inaugural cohort of only

ten (10) exceptional students in the PhD in African American Preaching and Sacred Rhetoric program at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Under Dr. Wesley's extraordinary leadership, the Alfred Street Baptist Church has grown from 2,800 members to 10,000 members, 60,000 plus monthly online viewers and 80 active ministries with an emphasis on children's ministries and missions. To accommodate its favor and growth, the church holds four weekend worship services, including one on Saturday night. As a result, Dr. Wesley has launched an initiative to redesign and/or expand the current sanctuary and ministry facility. Dr. Wesley is regarded as one of the most prolific and prophetic voices of justice and grace in our generation. An empathetic pastor who is not afraid to take on social and political issues, Dr. Wesley led community protest marches against the New York grand jury's 2014 decision not to indict an NYPD officer whose chokehold led to the death of Eric Gardner. His sermon, "When the Verdict Hurts," was acknowledged in Time magazine's July 29, 2013 cover story, "After Trayvon" as one of the best sermons preached in the United States following the "not guilty" verdict in the State of Florida v. George Zimmerman, who fatally shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin. Three of Dr. Wesley's sermons, "When the Verdict Hurts," "A Rizpah Response" (and with the black hoodie he donned while preaching this sermon), and "Tell Your Own Story," have been archived in the faith-based collection of the National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) in Washington, DC. With his guidance, Alfred Street Baptist Church became the first and only faith-based institution founding donor of the NMAAHC with a \$1 million donation. Dr. Wesley captivated some thought-provoking leaders of our great nation at the 2019 Congressional Black Caucus Foundation 2019 Prayer Breakfast as the Keynote Speaker with the sermon address of "Let the Church Say Amen".

**We are pleased to present the 2023 Community Leadership Award to  
Reverend Dr. Howard-John Wesley**



## **Zion Kelly**

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical  
University  
Class of 2023



Zion Kelly is a recent alumnus of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU), having completed his studies in the spring of 2023. Originally from Washington, DC, Zion is a proud graduate of Thurgood Marshall Academy. He is also an alumnus of the College Bound Mentoring Program, where he served as a site ambassador for two consecutive years at Beacon House and Walker Memorial Baptist Church. Zion is widely recognized as an activist and advocate against gun violence. His personal experiences have been the driving force behind his activism. His family has been deeply impacted by gun violence in Washington, D.C., and in 2017, he tragically lost his twin brother, Zaire Kelly, to gun violence. Since then, Zion has been committed to advocating for gun violence prevention and speaking up about issues that affect his community. Zion's advocacy work has earned him many accolades, including the New Founders New Activist Award, the PEN Toni and James Goodale Freedom of Expression Courage Award, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law 2018 Distinguished Civil Rights Advocate Award. He continues to advance his activism by standing up for his community and for all people of color, using his platform to promote social justice and equality. In collaboration with student leaders across the country, Zion has amplified the discussion of gun violence to be inclusive of all communities. He has delivered speeches at numerous events, including the historic March For Our Lives rally in Washington, D.C. Zion has also led his own speaking tour in Italy to promote non-violence and encourage student activism.

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## Keynote Speaker



### **Jason Reynolds,** American Author

Jason Reynolds (born December 6, 1983) is an American author of novels and poetry for young adult and middle-grade audience. Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in neighboring Oxon Hill, Maryland, Reynolds found inspiration in rap and had an early focus on poetry, publishing several poetry collections

before his first novel in 2014, *When I Was The Greatest*, which won the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent.

In the next four years, Reynolds wrote eight more novels, most notably the New York Times best-selling Track series—*Ghost* (2016), *Patina* (2017), *Sunny* (2018), *Lu* (2018),—and *As Brave As You* (2016). *Ghost* was a National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature and *As Brave As You* won the Kirkus Prize, the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work for Youth/Teen, and the Schneider Family Book Award. Reynolds also wrote a Marvel Comics novel called *Miles Morales: Spider-Man* (2017).

In 2017, Reynolds returned to poetry with *Long Way Down*, a novel in verse that was named a Newbery Honor book, a Printz Honor Book, and best young adult work by the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Awards. In 2019, he wrote *Look Both Ways*, for which he won a Carnegie Medal.

Reynolds was named as the Library of Congress' national ambassador for young people's literature in January 2020-2022. He has appeared on *The Late Show* with Stephen Colbert, *The Daily Show* with Trevor Noah, *Late Night* with Seth Meyers, *CBS Sunday Morning*, *Good Morning America*, and various media outlets. He is on faculty at Lesley University, for the Writing for Young People MFA Program and lives in Washington, DC.



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# Student Ambassadors



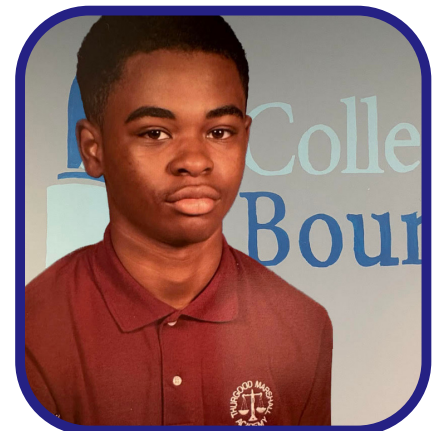
**Brin Ridley**  
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School: Banneker AHS  
Grade: 9th



**Lee Thomas**  
Site: Beacon House  
School: McKinley Technology HS  
Grade: 10th



**Jalynn Stubbs**  
Site: Department of Education  
School: Bard Early College  
Grade: 11th



**Phillip Daniel**  
Site: Department of Education  
School: Thurgood Marshall Academy  
Grade: 10th



**Kennedy Harrison**  
Site: MLK Library  
School: Coolidge Senior HS  
Grade: 11th



**Ares Brown**  
Site: MLK Library  
School: Jackson-Reed HS  
Grade: 11th

# Student Ambassadors



**Sarah Isichei**  
Site: Shaw Library  
School: CMIT North High School  
Grade: 11th



**Jaiden Fogle**  
Site: Shaw Library  
School: Duke Ellington School of Arts  
Grade: 11th



**Niani Bright**  
Site: Sherwood  
School: Banneker AHS  
Grade: 10th



**Aaron Weeks**  
Site: Sherwood  
School: McKinley Technology HS  
Grade: 11th



**Camille Pair**  
Site: Union Wesley  
School: McKinley Technology HS  
Grade: 11th



**Ethan Pair**  
Site: Union Wesley  
School: School Without Walls  
Grade: 9th

2022-23

# Student Ambassadors



**Elaya Newman**  
Site: Walker Memorial  
School: Duke Ellington School of Arts  
Grade: 11th



**Pierce Lilly**  
Site: Walker Memorial  
School: DC International School  
Grade: 10th

## *The Justin Carl Holman Memorial Award*

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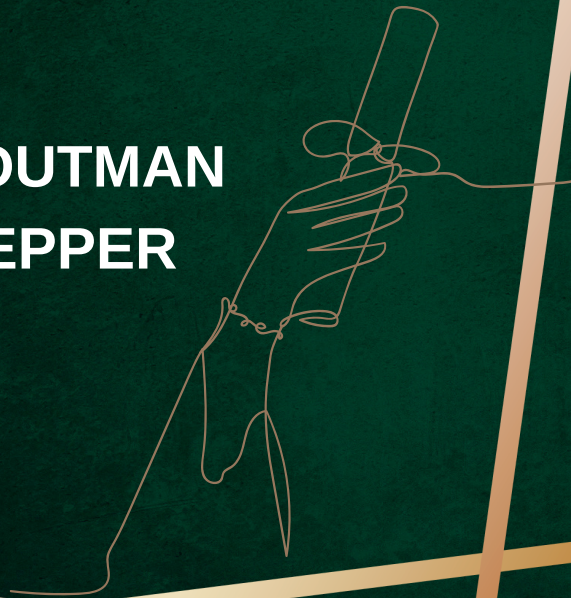
**YOUR LIFE IS YOUR STORY, AND THE  
ADVENTURE AHEAD OF YOU IS THE  
JOURNEY TO FULFILL YOUR OWN  
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PEPPER**





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# College Bound Senior Class

<b>Bailey</b>	<b>Allen</b>	Duke Ellington School of Arts
<b>Joana</b>	<b>Antwi</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
<b>Kian</b>	<b>Asonwed</b>	McKinley Technology High School
<b>Kaidyn</b>	<b>Aull</b>	Bard High School Early College
<b>Makayla</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	Friendship Collegiate Academy
<b>Zariah</b>	<b>Bailey</b>	Frederick Douglass High School
<b>David</b>	<b>Barrow</b>	Maurice J McDonough High School
<b>Nigel</b>	<b>Bronson</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
<b>Kennedy</b>	<b>Brooks</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
<b>Kendall</b>	<b>Childs</b>	Jackson-Reed High School
<b>Ciahna</b>	<b>Chloe</b>	District of Columbia International School
<b>Treasure</b>	<b>Clarke</b>	E.L. Haynes Public Charter School
<b>Christian</b>	<b>Davis</b>	District of Columbia International School
<b>Aniyah</b>	<b>DePeazer</b>	McKinley Technology High School
<b>Nina</b>	<b>Enwesi</b>	Academy of Health Sciences At PGCC
<b>Charles</b>	<b>Eze</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School



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# College Bound Senior Class

<b>Skye</b>	<b>Gill</b>	McKinley Technology High School
<b>Nya</b>	<b>Grant</b>	BASIS DC Public Charter School
<b>Dylan</b>	<b>Green</b>	Washington Latin Public Charter School
<b>Marcus</b>	<b>Hall</b>	Paul International High School
<b>Mekhi</b>	<b>Hamilton</b>	Charles Herbert Flowers High School
<b>Weslee</b>	<b>James</b>	District of Columbia International School
<b>Nikyah</b>	<b>James</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
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<b>Logan</b>	<b>Lawrence</b>	Crossland High School
<b>Jackson</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	Washington Latin Public Charter School
<b>Ayanna</b>	<b>Lovelace</b>	McKinley Technology High School
<b>Chimamanda</b>	<b>Smith</b>	BASIS DC Public Charter School
<b>Siyam</b>	<b>Tekle-Habtegabir</b>	BASIS DC Public Charter School
<b>Kalynn</b>	<b>Tobin</b>	Calvin Coolidge Senior High School
<b>Zakaiya</b>	<b>Walker</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
<b>Robert</b>	<b>Washington</b>	McKinley Technology High School
<b>Clarke</b>	<b>Weathersby</b>	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School



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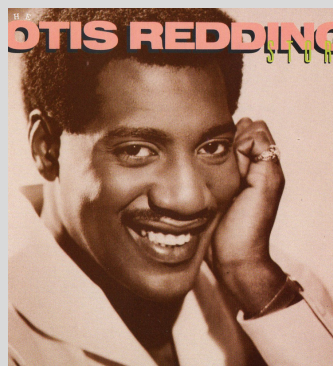
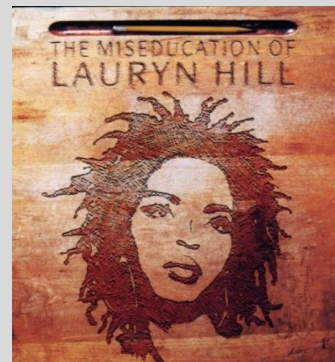
# College Acceptances

Alabama A&M University  
Alcorn State University  
Alfred University  
Allegany Community College  
America University  
Arizona State University  
Barry University  
Bowie State University  
Bucknell University  
Catholic University of America  
Clark Atlanta University  
College of Wooster  
Delaware State University  
Dillard University  
Drexel University  
Eastern Mennonite University  
Elizabeth City University  
Fisk University  
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida Memorial University  
Florida Southern College  
Florida Southern University  
Garret Community College  
George Mason University  
Georgia State University  
Grambling University  
Hampton University  
Harris-Stowe State University  
Hood College  
Houghton University  
Jackson State University  
Johnson and Wales University  
Kean University  
Kent State University  
Lincoln University  
Long Island University  
Louisiana State University  
Marshall University  
McDaniel University  
Michigan State University  
Miles College Bridge Scholarship  
Morehouse College  
Morgan State  
Mount St Mary's University  
NewU University

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
North Carolina Central University  
North Carolina Greensboro  
Oakwood University  
Oglethorpe University  
Ohio University  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University  
Penn State  
Pittsburg University  
Prince George's Community College  
Randolph College  
Robert Morris University  
Rutgers University- Camden  
Rutgers University- New Brunswick  
Rutgers University- Newark  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Shaw University  
South Carolina State University  
Southern University  
Spelman College  
St. Johns University  
SUNY Oswego  
Temple University  
Tennessee University  
The University of the District of Columbia  
Towson University  
Trinity Washington University  
Tuskegee University  
University of Alabama  
University of Louisville  
University of Maryland  
University of Maryland Easternshore  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
University of Memphis  
University of Pittsburg  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Virginia State University  
Voorhees University  
Washington Adventist University  
Washington and Jefferson University  
Washington State University  
Wilberforce University  
Winston Salem University  
Xavier University

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**TAKE PRIDE IN HOW  
FAR YOU'VE COME.  
HAVE FAITH IN  
HOW FAR YOU CAN  
GO. BUT DON'T  
FORGET TO ENJOY  
THE JOURNEY.**

Diana Brown  
Memorial  
Scholarship



**Beacon House**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Jeanine Howard
<i>Team Work</i>	Hana Chabinsky & Kanihya Glover
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Joana Antwi
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Nikyah James

**Department of Education**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Carla Reed
<i>Team Work</i>	Catherine Grondine & Logan Lockley
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Mekhi Hamilton
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Zakaiya Walker

**MLK Library**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Meredith Graves
<i>Team Work</i>	Jackson Morgan & Ares Brown
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Kennedy Harrison
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	David Barrow

**Shaw Library**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Lezlie McBride
<i>Team Work</i>	Pedro Caballero & Amare Anderson
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Madison McCauley
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Ayanna Lovelace

**Sherwood**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Joe Dempsey
<i>Team Work</i>	Matt Aksamit & Jackson Lewis
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Joshua Lewis
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Dylan Green

**Union Wesley**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	Danielle Da Costa
<i>Team Work</i>	Nicole Durant & Raigan Watson
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Camille Pair
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Marcus Hall

**Walker Memorial**

<i>Outstanding Partner</i>	David Fitz
<i>Team Work</i>	Erin Leonardson & Naomi McRoy-Cole
<i>Most Committed student</i>	Pierce Lilly
<i>Exemplary Student</i>	Siyan Tekle

**Scholarship Finalists**

Bailey Allen, Joana Antwi, Kian Asonwed, Kaidyn Aull, Makayla Bailey, Zariah Bailey, David Barrow, Nigel Bronson, Kennedy Brooks, Kendall Childs, Ciahna Chloe, Treasure Clarke, Christian Davis, Aniyah DePeazer, Nina Enwesi, Charles Eze, Skye Gill, Nya Grant, Dylan Green, Marcus Hall, Mekhi Hamilton, Weslee James, Nikyah James, Nina-Skye Johnson, Logan Lawrence, Jackson Lewis, Ayanna Lovelace, Chimamanda Smith, Siyan Tekle-Habtegabir, Kalynn Tobin, Zakaiya Walker, Robert Washington, Clarke Weathersby

# Student & Partners

Student	Grade
Logan Booth	8
Ishmael Childs	8
Dominick Jackson Jr.	9
Aaliyah Purnell-Snowden	9
Lailah Purnell-Snowden	9
Brin Ridley	9
Tate-Oriel Thomas	9
Devin Worsely Jr	9
Trinity Barnhill	10
Kaylee McManus	10
Lee Thomas	10
Aria Briggs	11
Kanihya Glover	11
DeAnna Mozee	11
Robert Price	11
Joana Antwi	12
Kian Asongwed	12
Assata Bates	12
Kennedy Brooks	12
Jamie George	12
Nikyah James	12

# Beacon House

Mentor
Joseph Hilton
*Andre Cox
Trey Minter
Angela Dunnham
Kristian Lauren
Jennifer Melot
Jason Odoom
Michael Herman
Whitney Davis
Tania Mathurin
Colin Henry
Candace Elloitt
Hana Chabinsky
Kristiana Woodis
Kyle Mayans
Olivia Peterson
Stuart Duffield
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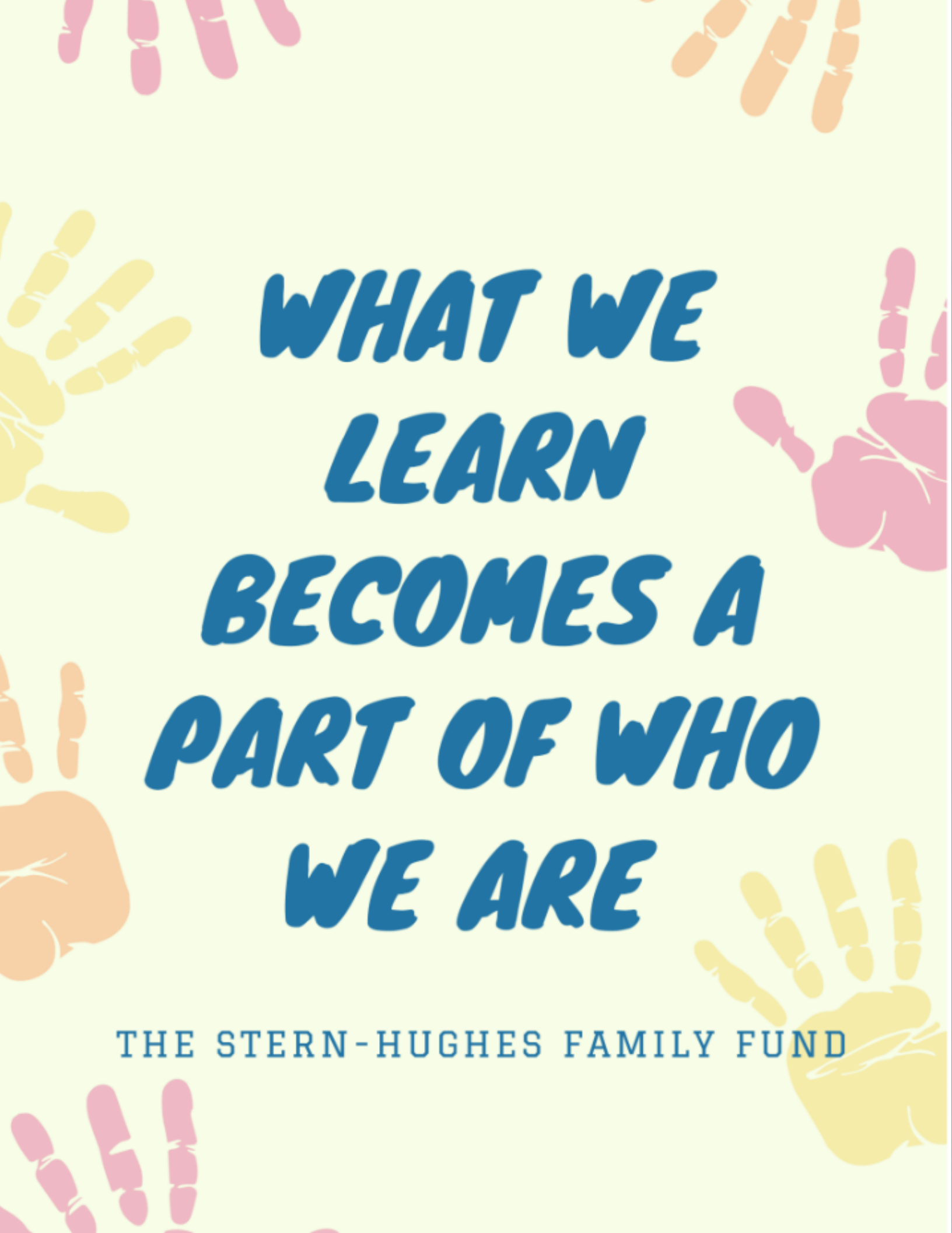
# Department of Education

Student	Grade	Mentor
Jaden Anderson	8	*Jackie Burnett
Shaunah Boone	8	Juliana Parra
Miyanna Fennell	8	Samantha Sadiv
Vontayvia Fuller	8	Ilana Rocke
Shyanne King	9	Minneh Kane
Mecca Muhammad	9	Deidre Harrison
Tristan Salaam	9	Django DeGree
Simone Coker	10	Neha Acharya-Harless
Phillip Daniel	10	Donal Charnley
Mery Jans Vergara-Sanchez	10	Steffani Carrera
Darnell Darlington	11	William Blake
Liza Gassaway	11	Carla Reed
Nehemiah Johnson	11	King Mungro
Logan Lockley	11	Catherine Grondine
Peace McFarland	11	LaShonda Henderson
Willow Singleton	11	Tandees Najimi
Jalynn Stubbs	11	Cassandra Speights
Zariah Bailey	12	Emma Nechamkin
Kendall Childs	12	Arkesha Moses
Christian Davis	12	David Williams
Mekhi Hamilton	12	Lucas Mavromatis
Clarke Weathersby	12	Linnita Hosten
Zakaiya Walker	12	Kyra Sadovi
Robert Washington	12	Abdullah Jeffers

# Students & Partners

# MLK Library

Student	Grade	Mentor
Bailey Briscoe	8	Brichette Reid
Kimberly Greenhill	8	Cortney Robinson
Naila Williams	8	Heather Bacon
Harmony Brown-Johnson	9	Taliyah Robinson
Lailan Fells-Watson	9	Nili Ezekiel
Winston James	9	Perry Chen
Autumn McDaniels	9	Paris Gholston
Kennedy Cordle	10	Meredith Graves
Brianna Dutch	10	Lindsey Lang
Leyah Harris	10	Megan Levy
Aniyah Harris	10	Jennifer Davis
Nilah Johnson	10	Devon King
Akilah Quashie	10	Thejasa Jayachandran
Samara Tymus	10	Shannon Carcelli
Salome Akinsanya	11	Emma Veon
Ares Brown	11	Jackson Morgan
Derek Emons	11	Jason Swartz
Adorre Fells-Watson	11	Ayeona Hopkins
Kyler Grant	11	Chuck Curran
Jamia Hardy	11	Melanie West
Kennedy Harrison	11	Khadijah Akeem
Christopher Hickman	11	Gilbert Fiedler
Zamiya McDaniels	11	Ellen Prokop
Gabriella Singh	11	Debbie Cohen
David Barrow	12	Scott Burton
Nigel Bronson	12	John Chibnal
Nya Grant	12	Chelsey Turner
Weslee James	12	Vijeth Iyengar
Chimamanda Smith	12	LaNysha Adams



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WE ARE**

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# Students & Partners

# SHAW Library

Student	Grade	Mentor
Kody Britton	8	*Daniela Romualdo Castro
Daniel Fowler	8	Mark Ball
Rickie Jones	8	Sam McBride
Saadiq McCauley	8	Tom Mounteer
Elijah Mixon	8	John Holland
Jevon Arrington	9	Emily Mitchell
Bryan Diaz	9	Marc Hernandez
Rena Enwesi	9	LeToria Coleman
Christopher Purvis	9	Christopher Ashley
Amare Anderson	10	Pedro Caballero
Kennedi Featherston	10	Jenelle Howard
Madison McCauley	10	Michelle Andrade
Lena Webb	10	Sara Simmons
Tigist Yohannes	10	*Daniela Romualdo Castro
Jaiden Fogle	11	Trevor Haren
Tyreke Harris	11	Aaron Henry
Sarah Isichei	11	Yazmeen Kelly
Ayrrika James	11	Ashley Krupa
London Littlejohn	11	Leia Terrell
Sheena Nnam	11	Torey Walsh
Roberto Rivera	11	Alex Rees
Miracle Spencer	11	Kali Thompson
Bailey Allen	12	Elena Dale
CiAhna Chloe	12	Cara McKee
Treasure Clarke	12	Grace Lyons
Aniyah DePeazer	12	Micheline Tusenius
Nina Enwesi	12	Lezlie McBride
Ayanna Lovelace	12	Leksey Hannemann
Kalynn Tobin	12	Yosan Mascio

\*Represents the students that are still in need of mentors

# Student & Partners

Student	Grade
John Barnes	8
Esavier Dejesus	8
Marcus Dunbar	8
Joshua Lewis	8
Jacque Patterson	8
Melia Phillips	8
Alyssa Tucker	8
Aaron Tucker	8
Mariama Coneth	9
Paul DeVerger	9
Damon Tucker Jr.	9
Niani Bright	10
Mason Ewers	10
Khalya Johnson	10
Aaron Weeks	11
Demirio Wimbush	11
Darwin Zapata	11
Kaidyn Aull	12
Makayla Bailey-Curtis	12
Skye Gill	12
Dylan Green	12
Nina-Skye Johnson	12
Logan Lawrence	12
Jackson Lewis	12

# Sherwood

Mentor
*Andre Cox
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Robert Meier
John Docter
*Andre Cox
*Andre Cox
Tyler Remick
Jessica Artis
Mark Acquaye
Neil KC
Alyson Aguerrebere
*Andre Cox
Kausarat Yekini
Joe Dempsey
Jarod Lowe
Alexander Goya
Anna Humpton
Laiken Cleary
Ellen Weiss
Dillon Hagus
Kelly Lienhard
Ameyali Salazar
Matt Asamit

*Congratulations*  
**GRADUATES**

**Legrand Lindor**

# Student & Partners

Student	Grade
Lilia Choice	8
Myles Jackson	8
Robert Smith	8
Zoey Ali	9
Sydney Chloe	9
Thomas Hall	9
Lauren McKie	9
Zahria Moore	9
Ethan Pair	9
Cole Tyler	9
Paulette Vinson	9
Glen Yonkers	9
Lea Grave	10
Mell Maloney-Lopez	10
Brooke Oliver	10
Cydney Roberts	10
Ethan Swan	10
Raigan Watson	10
Antoinette Jean-Baptiste	11
Camille Pair	11
Marcus Hall	12

# Union Wesley

Mentor
Danielle De Costa
* Andre Cox
Obinna Onuegbu
Rainna Strauss
Amelia Rudisill
Warren Boyd
* Andre Cox
* Andre Cox
Caleb Hart
* Andre Cox
* Andre Cox
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* Andre Cox
Temisan Shebi
Tina Williams
Trina Tanner
James Gaston III
Nicole Durant
Hayley Myers
Kashanna Fair
DuBois Ford

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WISH IT  
DO IT  
ACHIEVE IT

The  
Emma Smith  
Fund

# STUDENT & PARTNERS

## Walker Memorial

Student	Grade	Mentor
Dakari Rudisill	8	* Andre Cox
Christopher Burch	9	August Wei
Jazarah Wise	9	Amanda Hu
Justin Clark	10	Kevin Goodwin
Taylor Freeman	10	Olivia Kerrigan
Ethan Kilgore	10	Mark Reardon
Pierce Lilly	10	Chris Larkin
Natalie Martinez	10	Debora Washington
Rainelle MCNeil	10	Paige Mulry
London Wright	10	Susannah Burrage
Paris Wright	10	Deb Hodge
Amani Hylton	11	Samantha Cade-Mnisi
Marcus McCritty	11	David Fitz
Naomi McRoy-Cole	11	Erin Leonardson
Kristen Murphy	11	Molly Walsch
Elaya Newman	11	Kate Garmer
Donye' Rhea	11	Jasmine Senior
O'Semi Thomas	11	Nick DiFiore
Charles Eze	12	Marlon Butler
Siyan Tekle-Habtegabir	12	Sarah Devellis

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who can.”**

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MEMORIAL AWARD***



## Virtual Mentoring Program

### Class of 2022

Arnett Horne- *Tennessee State University*  
Kaela Briscoe- *Temple University*  
Gregory Cousart- *Alabama A&M University*  
Laila Hood- *Prince George's Community College*  
Tzai Robinson- *Temple University*  
Cierra James- *George Washington University*  
Nassir Purnell- Snowden- *Montgomery Community College*  
Damonie Robertson- *George Mason University*  
Jaylee Davis- *Ohio University*  
Jabari Preston- *Morgan State University*  
Caroline Rey- *US Naval Academy*  
Gibrel Coleman- *Virginia State University*  
Janiah Long- *North Carolina A&T University*  
Jazmia Quigley- *North Carolina A&T University*  
Kadi Barber- Anderson- *Delaware State University*  
Mekhi Fleming- *Radford University*  
Valerie Pair- *Tennessee State University*  
Zakhiya Graham- *Louisiana State University*  
Shaina Adams- *Harvard University*  
Ivone Cherif- *George Washington University*  
Janelle Cosbert- *Alabama A&M University*  
Segen Mebrahtu- *George Washington University*  
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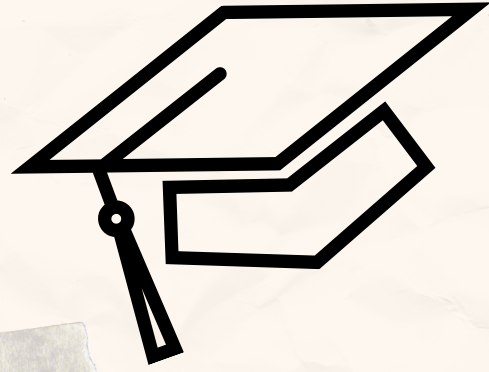


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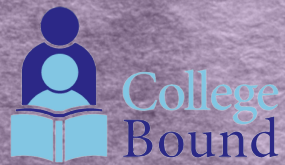


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