

# FRIENDSHIP COLLEGIATE ACADEMY



## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 | 9 A.M.  
AUDI FIELD & FRIENDSHIP VIRTUAL AUDITORIUM



# FROM THE CHAIRMAN

## *Congratulations Class of 2023*

Year after year, I watch our impressive graduates walk across the stage with proud, beaming smiles to receive the diplomas that you have justly earned. The opportunity to present these diplomas is a highlight of the year for me, your teachers, your families, and the Board of Trustees of Friendship Public Charter School.

This is a moment brimming over with opportunity. Your next steps will require more of you – more effort, more creativity, and more leadership. But you will persevere because you have persevered and you will succeed because, as this special day acknowledges, you have succeeded!

The day will come some years in the future when you say that you were part of the historic class of 2023. It will happen as part of the recognition as to how the world had to adjust to a pandemic, to tragedy, and to unrest. And you will be among those celebrated as the ones who launched a new era of peace and prosperity.

We celebrate you with congratulations for today and with confidence for the future. The road forward will not be easy, but we are in a time of renewal. We want you to know how very much your lives matter to all of us.

Sincerely,



Donald L. Hense  
*Founder and Chairman*



# FROM THE CEO



## *Be the Change We Seek*

Friendship Collegiate Graduates:

True greatness calls for courage and good judgment. Sometimes it seeks patience, sometimes speed. It always requires respect and deep determination.

The graduates you see before you today know something about greatness. Each one of them has earned his or her way to the podium, through no easy path but by learning, understanding, and practicing the principles of greatness.

At Friendship, our graduates have had the opportunity to see the world through many lenses. They have been exposed to the extraordinary and the uncomfortable. They have learned to communicate, both by speaking up and by listening. They have built bridges they had never imagined and built bonds for life.

Always, they have had to work hard. And along the way, these young men and women have laid the foundations for a lifetime of learning and leadership.

Knowledge is power, never more so than in the hands of the bright, fearless, educated leaders who stand before you today.

Friendship has prepared these graduates not just for college but for all that lies beyond – careers of their choosing. Confidence to face challenges head-on. Contributions to their communities. Most of all, the passion, courage, and capacity to chase their dreams.

And that is truly great. Congratulations 2023 graduates.

We applaud YOU!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Brantley', written in a fluid, cursive style.

Patricia Brantley  
CEO

FROM MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER

# *Congratulations*

*Friendship Collegiate Academy Class of 2023*

May 25, 2023

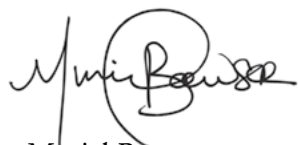
As Mayor of Washington, DC, I am deeply honored to join your family, friends, neighbors, teachers, and your school administrators in extending congratulations to the Friendship Collegiate Academy Class of 2023!

High school is a critical time for self-exploration, personal growth, and taking on new challenges. Even when the challenges you faced were unexpected, such as the global pandemic, you adapted and persevered with the support of the entire District, and I am so proud of you.

Graduating in Washington, DC connects you to the world in a special way. I trust your student experience will continue to empower you to become the best version of yourself and shape your journey beyond graduation into a bright future.

Your future is yours to define. I encourage you to continue to work hard and strive for excellence.

On behalf of the nearly 700,000 residents of Washington, DC, I congratulate you on your accomplishment. May success follow you always.



Muriel Bowser  
Mayor, Washington, DC



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear graduates, parents, members of the board,  
esteemed faculty and staff, honored guests:

It is my greatest pleasure to welcome you to the 21st Annual Commencement Ceremony for the Friendship Collegiate Academy Early College High School. For the last 15 years, I have had the awesome task of sending our young people into the world with what I hope is sage yet practical advice, words of hope and optimism that still carry the weight of the daunting responsibility that lies ahead. Each year, I struggle with the fact that I am one of the last voices they will hear as children because this ceremony is in fact a celebration of their entrance into the adult world. In this ceremony they cross the threshold, leave childhood and childish concerns behind to grandly enter the world of university and work.

As I began to prepare my final words to the Class of 2023, I found myself thinking deeply about world quite different from the world parents, your teachers, or I entered upon graduating high school and college. As a nation, we face unprecedented challenges: an economic recession, an energy crisis, the ongoing cultural wars, and the environmental threat. In our communities, some of us face even bleaker possibilities as we battle addiction, poverty, and a pervasive, persistent sense of hopelessness.

Yet even in the midst of pain and crises, opportunities bloom. There is an abundance of beauty, hope, and optimism. I see this optimistic determination everyday as I travel throughout the building. I see it, as I look out in the audience at your eager, young, gifted faces, so ready to begin the next chapter of your lives. As you can see, the world is desperately awaiting your dogged persistence, unwavering commitment, steady patience, generous compassion, steadfast responsibility, confident leadership, resolute integrity, and noble respect for humanity.

My charge to you is to take these eight essential core values—persistence, commitment, patience, compassion, responsibility, confidence, integrity, and respect, the values that you have spent the last four years mastering, and let them guide you during your successes and your failures to come. Demonstrate to the world the raw intellectual and ethical power a Friendship Collegiate Academy scholar holds: Remember what we have taught you about patience, persistence, commitment and responsibility when you are struggling with a course or a concept as you adjust to the rigors of university; exercise compassion, patience, and respect when you are faced with challenging people and unfamiliar circumstances; show confidence and integrity when confronting difficult moral quandaries and ethical dilemmas.

This is the path that you have been groomed to follow; this is the path you must choose to create your most authentic life. It is the gift you must give to yourself and then to the world. As Barak Obama has taught us, “Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we have been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.” Therefore, in this rich and troubling world, in this time of equality and disparity, hope and fear, I ask you who will you be. How will you serve? How will you use the education that transformed your life to transform the world?

With Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peggy Jones'.

Dr. Peggy Jones  
Principal





**Opening Ceremony** | Mistress and Master of Ceremonies  
Dr. Kaiee Pommells, *FCA Teacher* and Dr. Carlos Richardson, *FCA Teacher*

**Class of 2023 Processional “Pomp and Circumstance”**

**The National Anthem** | FCA Choir

**Acknowledgement of Special Guest** | Dr. Kaiee Pommells, *FCA Teacher*

**Special Presentation** | Tyrell Holcomb, *ANC Commissioner*

**Special Presentation** | Braylon Wims, *Class of 2023*

**Introduction of Speaker** | Jade Mosby, *Class of 2023 President*

**Commencement Remarks**

Eboni-Rose Thompson, *Chair of DC State Board of Education*

**Musical Selection** | FCA Choir | Gabrielle Quick, *FCA Director*

**Community Spirit Award** | Dr. Mary Dunnock, *FPCS Deputy Chief of School Performance & Accountability*

**Presentation of Valedictorian & Salutatorian** | Dr. Arsallah Shairzay, *Dean of Early College & Advance Placement*

**Special Presentation** | D. L. Humphrey, *Office of Vincent Gray*

**Valedictorian Address** | Alisha Wooten, *Class of 2023 Valedictorian*

**Perseverance Award** | Dr. Peggy Jones, *Principal*

**Presentation of Class of 2023** | Dr. Peggy Jones, *Principal*

**Conferring of the Diplomas** | Ricarda Ganjam, *District of Columbia Public Charter School Board*

**Awarding of Diplomas**

Tamara DiRobbio, *College & Career Counselor* | Marion Malone, *Guidance Counselor*  
Quatika Morgan, *Guidance Counselor* | Carmielle Darden, *FPCS Teacher of the Year*

**Words of Wisdom** | Donald L. Hense, *Founder & Chairman, FPCS*

**Charge and Acceptance of the Class of 2023** | Patricia Brantley, *Chief Executive Officer, FPCS*

**Senior Class Charge** | Ms. Jade Mosby, *Class of 2023 President* and Ms. Makala Battle, *FCA Youth Mayor*

**Friendship Collegiate Academy Class Motto** | Dr. Peggy Jones, *Principal*

**Recessional** | Class of 2023

# COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2023

**Qur'an Abdul-Rahim**

Bowie State University, North Carolina Central University,  
University of the District of Columbia

**Chasity Agbaje**

Bowie State University, Mary Baldwin University, New U  
University, Virginia State University

**Khalil Ahmadu**

Prince George's Community College, Shaw University

**Reggie Anderson**

Liberty University, Prince George's Community College

**Makayla Bailey- Curtis**

Jackson State University, Montgomery College, New U  
University, Prince George's Community College, Saint  
Augustine's University, University of the District of Columbia,  
University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Wilberforce University

**Katora Balam**

Prince George's Community College, University of the District of  
Columbia

**Aniya Banks**

Prince George's Community College, Trinity Washington  
University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Ejai Barnes**

Montgomery College, Wilberforce University

**Javon Battle**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Makala Battle**

Jackson State University, Livingstone College, Miles College, New  
U University, Prince George's Community College, Tougaloo  
College, University of the District of Columbia, University  
of Maryland Eastern Shore, Voorhees University, Wilberforce  
University

**Ajayla Beach**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Cornell Beasley**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Erica Bell**

Montgomery College, Northern Virginia Community College

**Aniya Bigesby**

Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University,  
South Carolina State University, West Virginia State University

**Syiquan Boney**

Central State University, Jackson State College, Livingstone  
College, Montgomery College, New U University, Prince George's  
Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Akira Brown**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Q'Adir Brown**

New U University, South Carolina State University, Wilberforce  
University

**Zakiyyah Brown**

Alabama A&M University, Benedict College, Columbia College,  
Delaware State University, Frostburg State University, Howard  
Community College, Livingstone College, New U University,  
Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T University,  
Randolph College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore,  
University of Pittsburgh, West Chester University

**Jamon'D Bryant**

Longwood University, Old Dominion University, Radford  
University, Randolph College, Rider University, Rowan University,  
St. Bonaventure University, St. John's University, Towson  
University, University of Louisville, Xavier University

**Lakyah Burden**

Bridgewater College, George Mason University, Lebanon Valley  
College, Marymount University, McDaniel College, Morgan  
State University, New U University, Norfolk State University,  
Notre Dame University of Maryland, Old Dominion University,  
St. Mary's College of Maryland, Towson University, Trinity  
Washington University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore,  
Virginia Wesleyan University

**Saray Burke**

Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Goldey-  
Beacom College, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion  
University, Tennessee State University, Tougaloo College,  
Wilberforce University

**Eric Calhoun**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Ja'Shaun Campbell**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Evan Cheung**

Langara College, New York University, Simon Fraser University,  
University of Maryland College Park

**Zaria Coachman**

Benedict College, Bowie State University, Clark Atlanta  
University, Juniata College, Messiah University, Montgomery  
College, New U University, Norfolk State University, North  
Carolina Central University, Prince George's Community College,  
Randolph College, Saint Augustine's University, Talladega  
College, University of the District of Columbia, University of the  
Pacific

**Charles Coates**

Delaware State University, New U University

**Malachi Coley**

Bowie State University, Delaware State University, Morgan State  
University, University of the District of Columbia, Winston-  
Salem State University



**Leon Corbin**

Livingstone College, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Jaylen Croskey**

Bowie State University, Georgia State University, Goldey-Beacom College, Kent State University, Louisiana State University, Tennessee State University, Xavier University

**Markalah Dade**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Mikah Davis**

Clark Atlanta University, Delaware State University, Livingstone College, Marshall University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T University, New U University, Old Dominion University, University of the District of Columbia, University of Mississippi

**Tyler Donald**

Albright College, Goldey-Beacom College, North Carolina Central University, Norfolk State University, Northampton Community College, Old Dominion University, Shaw University, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University

**Debria Douglas**

University of the District of Columbia, Tennessee State University

**Michael Dowtin-Powell**

Tougaloo College, Wilberforce University

**Dashana Driver**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Khalil Elias**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**L. Steve Esquina**

New U University, Prince George's Community College

**Blake Ford**

Prince George's Community College, New U University

**Kiere Foster**

Montgomery County Community College, Prince George's Community College

**Steve Frazier**

Bowie State University, Delaware State University, New U University, University of the District of Columbia, Wheeling University

**Wade Goodwin**

Livingstone College, New U University, University of the District of Columbia

**Amir Green**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Carmelo Green**

Claflin University, Livingstone College

**La'sha Green**

New U University, Northern Virginia Community College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Tanai Green**

Georgia State University, Marshall University, Mary Baldwin University, Montgomery College, New U University, Point Park University, Trinity Washington University

**Amari Greene**

Howard Community College, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Miracle Hall**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Raymond Hammiel**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Cai'Re Heath**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Christian Heatley**

Claflin University, Delaware State University, Jackson State University, Lincoln University, Livingstone College, Old Dominion University, Saint Augustine's University, Talladega College, Tennessee State University, Towson University, University of the District of Columbia, Wheeling University, Wilberforce University

**Monae Herman**

Baylor University, Bethune-Cookman University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Livingstone College, Louisiana State University, Norfolk University, North Carolina A&T University, Old Dominion University, Salem College, South Carolina State University, Spelman College, Temple University, Trinity Washington University, University of Louisville, University of South Carolina

**Jordan Herring**

Columbus State University, National University, Prince George's Community College

**Mariah Hill**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Tatyana Holloman**

Claflin University, Coppin State University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, George Mason University, Goucher College, Kent State University, Morgan State University, New York Institute of Technology, Norfolk State University, Northern Virginia Community College, Ohio University, Prince George's Community College, Radford University, South Carolina State University, State University of New York- Oswego, Talladega College, Tougaloo College, Trinity Washington University, Voorhees University, Washington College, West Chester University

# COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2023

**Micah Holt**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Jamaree Howard**

New U University, Prince George's Community College

**Azayla Hunter**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Dominique Jackson**

Livingstone College, Montgomery College, Norfolk State University, Trinity Washington University

**Mya Jackson**

Emmanuel College, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology, Hood College, Marshall University, Mary Baldwin University, Marymount University, New U University, Radford University, South Carolina State University, Southern New Hampshire University, Tuskegee University, University of Pittsburgh

**Ja'Nyiah Jenkins**

Bethune-Cookman University, Delaware State University, Jackson State University, New U University, Prince George's Community College, Tougaloo College, Trinity Washington University, Virginia State University

**Kanye Johnson**

Jackson State University, Montgomery College, New U University, Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Tania Johnson**

TyeShay Johnson Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Jamonee Jones**

Hood College, Jackson State University, Trinity Washington University, Virginia State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Kaviya Jones**

Livingstone College, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Khairi Jones**

Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Micheal Joyner**

New U University, State University of New York- Brockport, State University of New York- Buffalo, State University of New York- Oswego

**Amenah Kitchens**

Clafin University, College of Southern Maryland, Frostburg State University, George Mason University, Morgan State University, Randolph College, Trinity Washington University

**Jayden Lee**

Alabama A&M University, Delaware State University, North Carolina Central University, Penn State University, Tennessee State University, University of Pittsburgh

**Amar Lewis**

Juniata College, Livingstone College, Morgan State University, Robert Morris University, University of the District of Columbia

**Logan Lewis**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Khalia Lewis**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Breanna Mallory**

Full Sail University, Mary Baldwin University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Temple University

**Jayla McQueen**

Prince George's Community College

**Yodit Mehari-White**

Bowie State University, Garrett College, Marymount University, Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Adrian Miller**

Garrett College, Prince George's Community College, West Virginia State University

**Amari Minnis**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Sevin Mitchell**

Alabama A&M University, Benedict College, Bowie State University, Fayetteville State University, Georgia State University, Jackson State University, Marymount University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Shaw University, South Carolina State University, Tennessee State University, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

**Destiny Monroe**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Quinae Morton**

Alabama A&M University, Benedict College, Bowie State University, Claflin University, Delaware State University, Elizabeth City State University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Marshall University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Rowan University, Salisbury University, Shaw University, Southern University of New Orleans, State University of New York- Fredonia, State University of New York- Morrisville, Tennessee State University, Trinity Washington University, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University

**Jade Mosby**

Alabama A&M University, Bethune-Cookman University, Bridgewater College, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Delaware State University, Fayetteville State University, George Mason University, Georgia State University, Jackson State University, Kent State University, Lane College, Lincoln University, Livingstone College, Marymount University, McDaniel College, Morgan State University, New U University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina A&T University, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, Shaw University, Talladega College, Tennessee State University, Trinity Washington University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of the District of Columbia, West Chester University, Winston-Salem State University

**Gary Murray**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Ahmad Nash**

Arizona State University, Delaware State University, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology, Livingstone University, New U University, Old Dominion University

**Sh'Nyiah Nettles**

Benedict College, Delaware State University, Georgia State University, Jackson State University, Johnson C Smith University, Livingstone College, New U University, Norfolk State University, South Carolina State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Voorhees College

**Demone Nichols**

Livingstone College, University of the District of Columbia

**Vanessa Onyeka-Ben**

American University, Marymount University, Sweet Briar College, University of Richmond, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Voorhees University

**Amani Parker**

Albright College, Bridgewater College, Central State University, Delaware State University, Jackson State University, Lane College, Langston University, Livingstone College, Marshall University, Mary Baldwin University, Montgomery College, Morgan State University, New U University, Prince George's Community College, South Carolina State University, Tougaloo University, Trinity Washington University, University of Hartford, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia Union University, Voorhees University, Wilberforce University

**Dann Parker**

New U University, University of the District of Columbia

**Quron Parrott**

Voorhees University, West Virginia State University, Wheeling University, Wilberforce University

**Tynise Phillips**

Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, Morgan State University, Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**DeVonta Powell**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Jakari Powell**

Bridgewater College, Greensboro College, Marymount University, New U University, Norfolk State University, Rockford University, Virginia Wesleyan University

**Cemaj Ray**

Jackson State University, Montgomery College, New U University, Prince George's Community College

**Nikkel Reeves**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Jayla Richardson**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, University of the District of Columbia

**Khadija Richardson**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Ra'kiya Richmond**

Alabama State University, Claflin University, Fayetteville State University, Jackson State University, New U University, North Carolina Central University, South Carolina State University, Tougaloo College, Trinity Washington University, University of the District of Columbia, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Wilberforce University

**Canai Robinson**

Arizona State University, Clark Atlanta University, North Carolina A&T University, Spelman College, Trinity Washington University

**Jont'a Ross**

Benedict College, Georgia State University, Jackson State University, Louisiana State University, New U University, Trinity Washington University, University of the District of Columbia

**Alexander Santos**

New U University, Universal Technical Institute

**Christy Schell**

Garrett College, Longwood University, Montgomery College, New U University, Prince George's Community College

**Zyheira Scroggins**

Livingstone College, North Carolina Central University, Prince George's Community College, Virginia State University, Virginia Union University

**Heaven Singleton**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

**Christian Slater**

Howard County Community College, Jackson State University, Prince George's Community College, Northern Virginia Community College

**Shaniyah Small**

Central State University, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, West Virginia State University

# COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2023

## **Damaya Smart**

Albany State University, Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Fayetteville State University, Georgia State University, Jackson State University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, North Carolina Central University, Old Dominion University, Tennessee State University, Towson University, Wilberforce University

## **Jaylen Speller**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

## **Michelea Starke**

Delaware State University, Mary Baldwin University, Mount St. Mary's University, Tougaloo College, Trinity Washington University, Voorhees University, Wilberforce University

## **Ganiyah Stewart**

New U University, Prince George's Community College

## **Chrishon Stroman**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

## **Keylan Swann**

Montgomery County Community College, Prince George's Community College, Tougaloo College, Voorhees University

## **Da'Miya Tucker**

Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College

## **Bryce Turner**

Drexel University, Hampton University, Kent State University, Louisiana State University, Morgan State University, North Carolina Central University, Pace University, Temple University

## **Makhi Turrentine**

Livingstone College, University of the District of Columbia, West Virginia State University

## **Aniya Walker**

Garrett University, Montgomery College, Prince George's Community College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

## **Zachary Wall**

Delaware State University, Prince George's Community College, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

## **Ja'Khia Walton**

Benedict College, Fayetteville State University, Hampton University, Jackson State University, Kent State University, Langston University, Marshall University, Morgan State University, New U University, Norfolk State University, University of Hartford, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia State University, Winston-Salem State University

## **Alonso Washington**

Delaware State University, George Mason University, Marymount University, Ohio University, Old Dominion University, University of Arizona, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

## **Nickolas Washington**

Eckerd College, Knox College, Lawrence University, Ursinus College, Wisconsin Lutheran College

## **Khamari Wideman**

Alabama A&M University, Bowie State University, Claflin University, Coppin State University, Jackson State University, Marymount University, Marshall University, Morgan State University, Norfolk State University, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Shaw University, Tennessee State University, University of Hartford, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, Virginia Commonwealth University, West Virginia State University, Western Oregon University

## **Deion Wiggins**

Shaw University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore

## **Damon Williams**

Howard Community College, Jackson State University, Prince George's Community College, Virginia Union University

## **Eliana Williams**

Garrett College, Prince George's Community College

**Zaakirah Williams** Baltimore City Community College, Prince George's Community College

## **Elon Wilson**

Albright College, Bowie State University, Delaware State University, George Mason University, Marshall University, Ohio University

## **Braylon Wims**

Clemson University, DeSales University, High Point University, Morehouse College, St. John's University, University of Alabama, University of San Francisco, Xavier University

## **Tamiyah Wingard**

Benedict College, Coppin State University, Fisk University, Georgia State University, Hood College, Jackson State University, Kent State University, Louisiana State University, Morgan State University, New U University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University

## **Alisha Wooten**

Clarkson University, Clemson University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Livingstone College, Louisiana State University, New U University, Penn State University, Salem College, St. John's University, Tougaloo College, University of Arizona, University of California- Davis, University of Kentucky, University of Texas- Dallas, Widener University, Wilberforce University, Xavier University

## **Xavier Wright**

New U University, Prince George's Community College

## **Janira Yelverton**

Prince George's Community College, Radford University, St. John's University, Wilberforce University

## **Auli Young**

Alabama State University, Livingstone College, Marshall University, Norfolk State University

# 2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Albright College	\$120,000.00	North Carolina Central University	\$24,000.00
Altruist Club	\$2,500.00	Notre Dame University of Maryland	\$192,000.00
American University	\$294,224.00	Ohio University	\$44,000.00
Arizona State University	\$50,000.00	Old Dominion University	\$104,000.00
Bowie State University	\$40,000.00	Pace University	\$114,000.00
Bridgewater College	\$404,500.00	Pell Grant	\$484,096.00
Claflin University	\$84,000.00	Penn State University	\$42,000.00
Clarkson University	\$120,000.00	Point Park University	\$48,000.00
Clemson University	\$94,444.00	Radford University	\$164,000.00
College of Southern Maryland	\$16,000.00	Randolph College	\$244,000.00
Coppin State University	\$24,000.00	RSA/DDS	\$896,100.00
David M Rubenstein/Economic Club Scholarship	\$60,000.00	Rider University	\$51,000.00
DC College Access Program	\$92,000.00	Robert Morris University	\$60,000.00
DC College Savings Plan Essay Competition	\$1,000.00	Salem College	\$286,880.00
DC Tuition Assistance Grant	\$230,000.00	South Carolina State University	\$3,000.00
Delaware State University	\$45,920.00	St. Bonaventure University	\$92,000.00
DeSales University	\$84,000.00	St. John's University	\$416,000.00
Drexel University	\$104,400.00	St. Mary's University of Maryland	\$18,000.00
Eckerd College	\$92,000.00	State University of New York- Buffalo	\$38,000.00
Friendship Public Charter Schools	\$30,000.00	State University of New York- Oswego	\$36,000.00
George Mason University	\$158,000.00	State University of New York- Rockford	\$48,000.00
Goldey-Beacom College	\$33,250.00	Sweet Briar College	\$44,000.00
Goucher College	\$88,000.00	Temple University	\$74,792.00
Harrisburg University of Science and Technology	\$109,600.00	Trinity Washington University	\$688,000.00
Hood College	\$176,000.00	University of Alabama	\$185,936.00
Juniata College	\$128,000.00	University of Hartford	\$196,000.00
Kent State University	\$110,000.00	University of Kentucky	\$20,000.00
Knox College	\$170,056.00	University of Louisville	\$88,000.00
Lawrence University	\$84,000.00	University of Pittsburgh	\$6,000.00
Lebanon Valley College	\$112,000.00	University of Texas- Dallas	\$40,000.00
Lincoln University	\$40,000.00	University of the District of Columbia	\$101,736.00
Little Lights Urban Ministries	\$2,000.00	Ursinus College	\$199,320.00
Livingstone College	\$405,712.00	Virginia Commonwealth University	\$48,000.00
Longwood University	\$12,000.00	Virginia Wesleyan University	\$152,000.00
Louisiana State University	\$164,400.00	Washington College	\$116,000.00
Marshall University	\$26,500.00	West Chester University	\$40,000.00
Mary Baldwin University	\$150,000.00	Wheeling University	\$176,000.00
Marymount University	\$722,000.00	Widener University	\$140,000.00
McDaniel College	\$232,000.00	Wisconsin Lutheran College	\$56,000.00
Morgan State University	\$44,000.00	Xavier University	\$380,000.00
Mount St. Mary's University	\$88,000.00		
MPD Cadet Corp	\$52,200.00		
New U University	\$784,500.00		
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