

LEAP FORWARD INC.

ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO LEARN, EXCEL, ACHIEVE, PERFORM, EXPLORE AND RISE

2021 Commemorative Anniversary Program

Celebrating Our Scholarship Program, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr.
and Destined4Success

"Beyond Education – Thriving In Difficult Times"



PRESENTING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS in Memory of

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One hand reaching for another, each grabbing hold of the other. The mind is a magnificent machine, when inspired to reach for its dreams.

Hope dwells within the stars, aligned and sparkling brightly above. Determined, mustering the will to achieve, what my eyes can't see my heart still believes.

Moving forward into the great unknown, unbound, my thoughts are free to roam. My potential limitless, stretching beyond the sky; given wings I aspire to fly.

Empowered by the knowledge others have shared. The paths they carved and the gifts they bared. With my eyes opened wide, I drift toward what I see, the bright light of the future awaiting me.

Propelled by preparation I have promises to keep, the hope of generations residing within me. I inhale the crisp air of success, breathing deep, then prepare to take the forward leap.

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DEAR FAMILIES, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, FRIENDS, DONORS, SPONSORS, SUPPORTERS, AND VOLUNTEERS



On July 26, 2021, as LEAP Forward, Inc., celebrate its 20th anniversary, we say "Thank You." As you might imagine, we are extremely grateful to be marking this milestone. Two miracles define us as an organization. Our first miracle was Mr. Wallace Leeper, the high school guidance counselor, who helped me and more than 20 African American students set our sights on pursuing an engineering degree. Most of us did not have a clue as to what an engineer did for a profession. For me, in particular, the decision to become an engineer was life defining and life changing. To honor Mr. Leeper's excellence in guidance and his commitment to serving his students, I formed LEAP Forward, Inc., and then, I enlisted the assistance of other engineers Mr. Leeper guided.

Our second miracle was around July 9, 2001. Our package was sent to the IRS to establish LEAP Forward, Inc., as a viable 501(c)(3) nonprofit. On July 19, 2001, we received an acknowledgment letter confirming receipt and started the process with the note, "120 days to review." However, on July 26, 2001, we received our official Form 1045 confirming LEAP Forward as a nonprofit organization. Not one question was asked, and approval was received in record time – less than two weeks. What did they see in our package that confirmed our presence in the lives of many underserved youth? They saw that with a few hands we were going to schools and talking about STEM careers, taking our youth out of their rural environment to colleges and universities, and helping students financially with the purchase of college books. Without a doubt, they saw that we were dedicated and committed. Our mission was clear – to serve our youth.

As we fast forward to today, we are proud to say that we have promoted our mission vigorously. Over our 20 years of service, we have been the light in the community that cares and goes above and beyond what is expected to show our youth that they, in fact, do matter. We are so proud of our activities and programs; they are changing lives, influencing expectations, and helping to make dreams come true. Here is a partial list of what we have been doing.

We provided STEM presentations and exhibits to educate and give our students exposure, and we taught and demonstrated STEM through hands-on activities. We toured industries. We initiated award-winning STEM competition teams. We received the NSBE Jr. National Chapter of the Year Awards in 2017 and 2018. Additionally, our teams have garnered over 28 STEM competition awards. We opened the door to conference attendance, giving some students their first-time airplane trip and traveling experiences outside of their rural county. We mentored and we tutored. We provided encouragement and motivation. We advocated for students at local schools, colleges, and universities. We taught classes on resume preparation and interview skills. We supported and helped seek internships and career employment. We also taught leadership skills and provided leadership opportunities. We introduced the Maryland Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) curriculum to Calvert County Board of Education and it adopted throughout the school system. We helped with the college admissions process by paying application and exam fees. We helped complete financial aid forms. We conducted college tours in and out of the state of Maryland. We provided scholarships to over 300 students. We published a book and made it

Dedicated to the Memory of Our Number One Supporter, my Beautiful Mother, Grace Parker



2013 Black Engineer of the Year Award for Community Service

DEAR FAMILIES, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND VOLUNTEERS (continued)



available to students to enhance their college experiences. We added young voices to our Board of Directors. We exposed youth to African American history and culture by taking them on trips and displayed a Black Art and History exhibit in local schools to educate hundreds of students, teachers, and the community. We inspired and motivated youth to learn, give their best, and achieve excellence. And yet, it still isn't enough. We can, and we must, do more.

As we look Beyond Education – we see how the past year has changed life, as we knew it. So many adjustments were made and yet we Thrived in Difficult Times. Has it been easy? By no means. However, we are grateful to God for always leading and guiding us. And during those times when we thought things would not work out, God would provide a "ram in the bush" for us; a word of thanks, an unexpected donation, a new resource, new knowledge, inspired hope, a kind heart, or an opportunity broker. We are grateful.

For our efforts over our 20 years, we achieved recognition and awards, but the greatest reward is being allowed to make a difference in young lives. From our labor, we see productive young men and women enter careers as engineers, lawyers, teachers, accountants, and business owners. Our impact is undeniable. Yes, "Beyond Education – Thriving in Difficult Times."

I believe Mr. Leeper would be extremely proud of our accomplishments. We have continued what he started – a rich legacy of providing 20 years of commitment and service to youth.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow - Thank you God for 20 years of Service.

We are Grateful!

Rhonda Thomas, LEAP Forward Founder and President

PSALM 90:17

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."



Who Are We

Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward (LEAP Forward, Inc.)

Our Vision

To influence a generation of underrepresented youth who accept the challenge to become academically prepared to enter chosen careers by becoming the problem solvers and productive leaders who address the needs of all humanity.

Our Mission

To help prepare underrepresented and underprivileged students for their future.

Our Goals

To serve youth from diverse ethnic backgrounds, providing them a comprehensive awareness of STEM career options, in particular, but other career options as well, and informational seminars; field trips; personal mentoring; social and cultural enrichment activities; and educational support services that foster positive self-esteem and academic excellence.

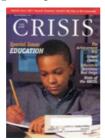
Our Core Values

Excellence V Dedication V Commitment

Our Start

In the late 90s, we quietly observed youth in Calvert County, MD, and recognized a need to expose our youth to more. We noticed that youth were not going to college and most were content with graduating high school and seeking low-paying career jobs in the

local community. Not that this was a bad option, but we saw so much potential. To make matters worse, drug activity was on the rise as well as teenage pregnancies. Our youth needed to be exposed to more. During this period, the NAACP CRISIS magazine began to address academic achievement gaps. The statistics were dismal.



It was the fire that drove us and gave us marching orders to help our youth.

Compelled to be change agents, others were asked to join the journey and start serving. We wanted to share information about our journey and introduce youth to technical career options. We served 4 years before we obtained our nonprofit status. As Founder, Rhonda Thomas solicited support from Wilhemina Greene, and the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation were established. Service included providing personal funds and transportation and loading up the car for a road trip to visit college campuses. Services also included developing an exhibit that highlighted Engineering career options, paying for college exam and admission fees, providing exam prep materials, informal tutoring and an occasional social outing. All of this occurred to help prepare underrepresented students for a better future.

Twenty (20) years is a blessing, but it hasn't been easy. Everyone doesn't share our passion, and having the time to give back is always an issue. We are thankful to God for always sending us a "ram in the bush." Just in time and just enough to let us know that we are providing a valuable service, and that we are making a difference.

Our Servants

It's really good to have friends. Board members were solicited from fellow graduates of Tennessee State University (TSU) and Pax-Tenn program participants. Our initial Board included Engineering Professionals: Rhonda Thomas, Wilhemina Greene*, Conrad White, Wilson Ennis, Maurice Irvine*, Timothy Morsell, Robert Fenwick* and Burdette Wills*. Our Honorary Board Member is the widow of Mr. Wallace Leeper, Mrs. Peggy Leeper. *Terms ended.

In 2020, our Board membership grew! We are extremely grateful to the past benefactors of our educational services for paying it forward. Current Board Members include: Rhonda Thomas, Founder and President, a TSU Electrical Engineering graduate; Trayonna Hutchins, former scholarship recipient, current Vice President, a University of Maryland, College Park Cum Laude Theater graduate; Conrad White, current Secretary, Consultant, a TSU Electrical Engineering graduate; Wilson Ennis, current Treasurer, Consultant, a TSU Electrical Engineering graduate; Timothy Morsell, Consultant, a TSU Technical Aeronautics graduate; Jerrell Jones, former scholarship recipient, Student Outreach, a North Carolina A&T University Mechanical Engineering graduate; Joseph Berry III, former scholarship recipient, Coastal Carolina University Information Science; Triana Carter, former scholarship recipient, Black History Outreach, a Savannah College of Art and Design graduate; Riddicia Mackall, Destined4Success, Finance, a Howard University Accounting graduate; Keshia Capers, Grants Management, a Hampton University Chemical Engineering graduate; Michelle Brooks, Scholarships, a Morgan State University Business Administration graduate; Jessica Brooks, Scholarships and Videography, a Morgan State University Business Administration graduate; Darlene Harrod, Special Projects, a former Federal Government Project Officer; and Honorary Board member, Mrs. Peggy Leeper.



Reflections

from Wilhemina Greene, Former Vice President, Financial Supporter and Co-Signatory on Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation

As a black child growing up in rural St. Mary's County, I knew I wanted to go to college to become a Doctor or Lawyer because there was limited opportunities to make money for black folks. As I got older, I realized that I couldn't stomach seeing blood or other bodily fluids; thus becoming a Doctor was out of the question. Also, I realized that I would feel guilty if I let an innocent person go to jail or a guilty person evade the justice system; thus this was not an option either. The fact that a college education costs money, which my family couldn't afford, led me to start working part-time in high school. While working part-time at Pax River, I was given some advice to look into Engineering as a field of study. I applied to the Pax-Tenn Program and was accepted. The Pax-Tenn program helped with tuition, and earning monies during the Co-Op periods helped with other expenses needed to continue my education. I graduated from Tennessee State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. My times at TSU were good: made friends and met other nationalities from around the globe and received a quality education from professors who cared about us and wanted us to excel.

So when Rhonda proposed creating a non-profit organization to help other minority students attend college and study engineering, I agreed to work with her. I wanted to give back to the local community and provide that opportunity to others to experience college life and what can be accomplished with a higher education.

It's rewarding that we can help minority students fulfill their dreams of going off to a college or university or even traveling outside of the local tri-county area for special events.

It's awesome that what started as a way to provide local minority high school seniors a \$500 book scholarship to the college of their choice has evolved into this: a program for all students of all ages.

It's awesome to see these young black kids excel at this stage of their lives. I only wish I had this organization available to me when I was growing up. It's been satisfying to see the accomplishments of the organization during these past 20 years.

My wish for the future is that LEAP Forward continues to grow for the next 20 years with the help of **LEAPERS** (old/new members) and the local community members and leaders.



Congratulations LEAP Forward on Your 20th Anniversary Thank you for Your Service



Maurice Irvine, our Immediate Past Vice President, graduated from TSU with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. He retired in 2018 from JMT Engineering where he oversaw projects in piping and underground utilities and structures. He was Project Engineer for the 208-mile-long pipeline that will transport natural gas from Rising Sun, Maryland, to Accomack County, Virginia. Currently, he serves as a consultant and CAD operator to several small civil engineering firms in the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

Dedicated to service, Maurice received a Bachelor of Commissioner Science from the College of Commissioner Science and the Baltimore Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, in 1998. As Unit Commissioner, he was the first African American to head up scouting operations in Essex, Maryland, part of the Chesapeake District. He is a proud member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and was awarded Neophyte of the Year in 1980 by the Zeta Alpha Chapter. He presently serves as a member of the Zeta Sigma graduate Chapter and during the pandemic has been involved with large-scale food giveaways to the community.

One of the things Maurice admires the most is the friendships he developed at the "barracks" in the Pax-Tenn days that carried over on the campus of TSU, and now through the leadership of the dynamic Rhonda Thomas, friendships have come together to provide disadvantaged youth the opportunity for a STEM education. He is grateful to have served on LEAP Forward's Board as Immediate Past Vice President, and for the opportunity to increase exposure to STEM careers to Calvert County students. Just to name a few memorable accomplishments, he recalls the following.

- LEAP Forward introduced the MESA curriculum to underrepresented students and the Calvert County Board of Education. It was adopted countywide and provides a platform for students to compete with other districts throughout the country.
- Our "Your Education Serves (YES)" program set up computer labs for after school education assistance and mentoring.
- On a mission to cultivate young inquisitive minds into an engineering organization NSBE CASH Jr., success was achieved when the Chapter was ranked number one in the country, twice.

...All of which started with a Dream, a Prayer...and friendships.... Thank you, God!







(Not all-inclusive)

1997

- Activities financially supported by graduates of Tennessee State University (TSU) in Nashville, TN.
- Began working with youth in the community to expose them to hope and opportunities.
- Conducted first college tour to TSU.
- Conducted college tours to the University of Pennsylvania (PENN) and Howard University.
- Exposed students to the PENN Relays National track and field event.

1998

- Conducted college tour to TSU. Significance is that for many youth, this was their first time out of the State of Maryland.
- Conducted college tour to Hampton University and participated in Open House.
- Began providing book scholarships, and as giving increased, supported tuition scholarships.
- Awarded first 3 Wallace Leeper Memorial Book scholarships.
- Transported and sponsored students to attend the Black Engineers of the Year Award (BEYA) conference in Baltimore, MD. Students participated in Maryland Engineering and Sciences Advancement (MESA).
 Exposed students to this event for 5 years.
- Participated in college fairs and encouraged students to attend summer Engineering Concepts Institute programs sponsored by TSU.

1999

- Conducted college tour to TSU.
- Awarded 4 book scholarships (2 Professional Engineers, Joanita and Brandon).
- Facilitated and sponsored students to attend Minority Introduction to Engineering (MITE) events during 2-week summer sessions at TSU.
- Developed an aggressive outreach program to expose youth to Engineering.

2000

- Conducted college tour to TSU.
- Awarded one book scholarship, visited Virginia
 State University with grandparent, and successfully
 advocated for the student to receive additional
 University support.
- Hosted and organized student participation in the Society of Women Engineers conference in Washington, DC.
- Developed "Is Engineering For You?" traveling exhibit that highlighted African American Inventors, Engineers and Scientists.
- Purchased and distributed free educational tools (puzzles, buttons, and books) to students attending Exhibit and Career Fair events.
- Conducted exhibit and presentations on technical career options to over 200 students at Southern Middle School in Lusby, MD.
- Introduced MESA program to a member of the Calvert County School Board. Subsequently, the program was adopted countywide. Many students now participate in the program, and various county schools have won numerous awards during MESA competitions. Board members continued to support the program as requested.

- Established Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward, Inc. as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization on July 26, 2001.
- Embarked on a new journey LEAP Forward, Inc.
 with confident expectation.
- Organization initially financially supported by Board Members.
- Received first public donations from Bill Finch and Beatrice Clark Jones.
- Exhibit and presentations conducted at Northern High School in Sunderland, MD and Amelia County high school in Richmond, VA. Hundreds of students exposed to technical career options.
- Facilitated and sponsored students to attend Minority Introduction to Engineering (MITE) events during
 2-week summer sessions at TSU.

(Not all-inclusive)

2001

- Awarded five book scholarships (1 Professional Engineer, Larry).
- Purchased and distributed SAT study materials and supported exam fees.
- Provided financial assistance for college admissions fees.
- Provided educational assistance services to collegebound students to include completing financial aid packages and reviewing college applications.
- Received In-Kind support from Lockheed Martin Corporation.

2002

- Conducted college tour to TSU.
- Provided educational assistance services.
- Conducted National Engineering Week activities including video presentations "Engineering Is For You."
- Received In-Kind support from Raytheon Corporation.
- With IRS status in hand, our solicitation of support increased from the community. We are grateful to those who stood by us in the beginning: Victoria Lodge No. 71 F&AM, Dorothy Gomes, Howard Kent, Calvert County Joy Riders Motorcycle Club, and George Davis.

2003

- Conducted college tour to TSU.
- Received In-Kind support from General Motors (GM).
- Received first Corporate donation from United Auto Workers - General Motors (\$500).
- Provided educational assistance services.

2004

- Conducted college tour to TSU. Significance is that some experienced first airplane travel.
- Supported Maryland NSBE Jr members to attend conference and Boys and Girls Club in Annapolis.
- Provided educational assistance services.
- Distributed care packages to students on college campuses.

2005

- Provided SAT study books to students.
- Tuition scholarships provided.
- Provided educational assistance services.

2006

- Sponsored students to attend engineering Summer Camp in Lynchburg, VA.
- Conducted National Engineering Week activities.
- Provided "Is Engineering For You?" exhibit at Potomac Airfield to over 1000 youth.
- Provided educational assistance services.

2007

- Published the first issue of the LEAPERS **NEWSLETTER**. Articles included Scholarship Campaign 2007, LEAP Forward Accomplishments, Notable Events in 2006, and 2006 Wallace Leeper Scholarship Recipients. The newsletter, published for nine years, was distributed to friends, supporters, and scholarship recipients.
- Successful fundraiser NY Motocoach trip sponsored to the Broadway production, The Color Purple.
- Provided Engineering Exhibits throughout Maryland and Washington, DC.

- Held the first Scholarship Reception on July 25 at the Yardley Hills Community Center in Prince Frederick, MD. Seven recipients received scholarships.
- Supported student participation in Summer Engineering Camp in Greensboro, NC.
- Received \$5000 financial support from Toyota Motor **Corporation North America, Inc.**
- Initiated a tutoring program, Your Education Serves (YES) at Carroll Western United Methodist Church in Prince Frederick, MD. For 6 years, led a program that provided transportation, supplemental education books, a small library, access to computers and the Internet, workshops, academic and spiritual enrichments, meals and opportunities to attend events and activities. As a recipient of a CAASA grant, developed an anti-drug campaign and extended it to the Calvert County School System.

(Not all-inclusive)

2009

- Began administration of the first family scholarship, the Rev. Charles Lee Sr. Memorial Scholarship.
- Scholarship Reception held at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD.

2010

- VaShawn Gross delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. He serves as Calvert County's Athletic Director, as well as an educator and coach at Huntingtown High. School.
- Attended the USA Science Festival in Washington, DC on the Mall.
- Served Dinners for Scholarship Fundraiser (\$3000) sponsored by Grace Parker.

2011

- Engineering Day events held at Barstow Elementary School in Prince Frederick, MD.
- Engineering Day events at Bibleway Church in Prince Frederick, MD.
- Sponsored trip to Youth Technology Summit at Charles Flowers High School.
- Conducted TSU college tour.

2012

- Sixty Calvert County motorcyclists and their passengers participated in the first charity bikers' ride to benefit STEM programs.
- Approved to participate in the Federal Government National Fundraising Program - Combined Federal Campaign (CFC #91127).

2013

Established the Creative and Striving Hard to Succeed (CASH) National Society of Black Engineers (NBSE) Jr. Chapter with 13 Charter members. CASH provides a Pre-College Initiative program for K-12 students interested in developing and mastering STEM fields. Shanell Nero, an electrical engineering graduate of Morgan State University and Rhonda Thomas, an electrical engineering graduate of TSU, established the chapter. Wilson Ennis, Jr. also an electrical engineering graduate of TSU supported the program. The Charter member officers for CASH NSBE Jr., include the

- following students: President, Keisha Capers; Vice President, Keontae Campbell, Treasurer, Dorien Minor, and Assistant Treasurer, Imani Watson; Secretary, Joey Berry. Other members included Destiny Dillon, Jocelyn Berry, Kiana Bellemore, Jahmaya Nero, Kayla Gladden, Kyra Williams, Zachary Fox, Nicholas Williams, and Jared Fox. Three members attended our first NSBE Jr. Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Tonya and Kevin Wilkerson, Sr. joined and served as advisors.
- Brittany Dana Brown delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. She was a rising sophomore at the University of Maryland College Park, pursuing a degree in Education. Described as a "quiet storm" and a "generational thinker," Brittany was the Founder of Transitioning Into Excellence, a program at Huntingtown High School that helped students transition from standard-level courses to more challenging courses.
- Founder Rhonda Thomas received the National Black Engineer of the Year Award for Community Service sponsored by Career Communications, Inc.

- Established Destined "4" Success (D4S), a lunchtime mentoring program for high school girls, at Calvert High School. Original advisors included Juanita White, Cynthia Thorne-Carter, Rochell Hawkins, Sherri Barber and Rhonda Thomas. (New advisors include Trayonna Hutchins and Riddicia Mackall.)
- CASH NSBE Jr. competed in their first STEM competition [Kidwind – Wind Energy] in Nashville, TN
- Kevin Coby delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. He is President and CEO of SITEC—a business process automation consulting and IT firm based in Annapolis Junction, MD.
- Juwan Hawkins (CASH NSBE Jr. President)
 honored with the Young Leader's NSBE Award by the Washington, DC NSBE Professionals Chapter.
- Served as Judges for the NSBE Summer Engineering Experience for Kids.
- Provided a STEM exhibit for the Thingamajig Conference held at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro, MD.
- Provided financial donations to the all-male organization MAC Scholars (a student-led program aimed at improving academic achievement) at two area high schools—Calvert and Patuxent.

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- Received financial support, \$10,000, for our STEM program from the Dominion Foundation. Thank you Travis and Doris. The donation allowed us to solidify CASH NSBE Jr. programming and logistics.
- Founder Rhonda Thomas received a personal donation of the seven inventors bronze statues from Mr.

 Charles Lee, Jr. and family. The statues are used in STEM exhibits and presentations to educate audiences about the contributions of African Americans to science and technology. The statues are the work of Ruth Inge Hardison (1914-2016) born in Portsmouth, VA. She was an African American sculptor, artist, and photographer, known particularly for her 1960s busts (or sculpted portraits) entitled "Negro Giants in History."
- Conducted TSU college tour.

2015

- Destined4Success outing to Arena Stage in Washington,
 DC to enjoy the play, Akeelah and the Bee.
- STEM event organized and held during National Night Out events in Calvert County.
- Scholarship Reception held at Calvert High School.
 Guest speaker, Harry Holt, Vice President of Operations at Bithgroup Technologies.
- LEAP Forward receives Southern Maryland Jack and Jill American Foundation donation.
- Presented exhibit at the Calvert County Board of Education STEM Fair at Calvert High School.
- Presented technical career options during Career Fair at Thomas Stone High School.
- Supported End-of-the-School Year Block Party for the Yardley Hills Community.

2016

- LEAP Forward received the Calvert You Are Beautiful Award.
- Received initial financial support (\$5000) from the Calvert County Board of Commissioners to support our STEM programs.
- CASH NSBE JR. enjoyed great competition success at the National Conference in Boston, MA. College tours at MIT and Harvard. Teams also participated in competitions at the regional conference in Norfolk, VA.

- Unveiled the Black History and Art Exhibit during Black History month at Calvert High School. Smaller displays were presented at Northern High School and Patuxent High School.
- Unveiled our book, From Whence We Came, College Survival Toolkit. The resource aims to provide wisdom and real-world experiences to students seeking college degrees. Included are statements from 31 current and former college students to help students transition into college life.
- Founder Rhonda Thomas featured in Calvert Library's Inspiring African American Women of Calvert County.
- Provided new experiences for students who attended the 43rd Annual NSBE Convention in Kansas City, MO.
- Highlights of the 43rd Annual NSBE Conference: named CASH NSBE Jr. National Chapter of the Year (out of 145 NSBE Jr. Chapters) and featured on the front cover of the NSBE Bridge PRE-COLLEGE INITIATIVE MAGAZINE, SUMMER ISSUE.
- Students attended a regional engineering conference in Greensboro, NC; got exposure to hands-on activities, workshops, and STEM competitions; expanded competition-learning program; and initiated a STEM Ten80 Middle School Race (NEXTGEN Calvert Cruisers) team that performed extremely well.
- Offered students opportunities for exposure to cultural events, such as a viewing of the movie *Hidden Figures* and tours of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City, the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial in Washington, DC.
- Donna Edwards delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. She is the former U.S. Representative for Maryland's 4th congressional district (includes most of Prince George's County, as well as part of Anne Arundel County) from 2008 to 2017.
- Received our largest single financial contribution (\$20,000) from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR). Thank you Ed and Raheem.

Historical Highlights and Notable Events (Not all-inclusive)

2018

- CASH Jr. named National Chapter of the Year for the second consecutive year.
- Dr. Christine M. Darden delivered remarks and was interviewed by students during Black History Month.
 She is a NASA HIDDEN FIGURES mathematician.
- Reverend Akil Dickens delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. He was the Senior Minister of Youth at Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, MD and now pastors Emmanuel AME Church.
- Presented 28 scholarships, totaling \$24,150. Several students are pursuing STEM majors, including nursing.

2019

- CASH NSBE Jr. attended the NSBE National Conference in Detroit, MI, regional conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and the local conference at UMBC.
- CASH NSBE Jr. highlighted in the NSBE Convention Magazine.
- During CASH NSBE Jr. competitions, the Math Video team finished in the top 3, and the Ten80 Radio Controlled Race team, NextGen Calvert Cruisers, won 3rd place overall, 1st place Graphic Design, 2nd place for the Points Race, Data Driven Design and Enterprise presentation. The FIRST Lego Jr. Team, Moon Legend, made a debut competition and won Best Show and Tell and Master Programming. Added a middle school FIRST Lego team, Brainiacz.
- D4S participated in college tours to Howard University and Hampton University and visited the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- Completed three community service projects, including a STEM Fair at the local Boys and Girls Club, solicited funds and provided bottled water to residents in Flint, Michigan, and gave a donation to Chef Jose Andres and the World Central Kitchen for his efforts in the Bahamas.
- Evelyn "Vonn" Banks delivered the keynote remarks at the Scholarship Reception. She is a U.S. Navy Retired Command Master Chief.
- Presented 42 scholarships, totaling \$42,500. Twenty-one students are pursuing STEM majors, including nursing.

2020

- Transitioned STEM programs to a virtual environment and provided STEM kits to all members at their homes.
 Thanks to a CARES Act grant from Calvert County, secured the needed infrastructure for virtual setting.
- Maintained membership of 87 students in the NSBE
 CASH Jr. Pre-College Initiative program
- STEM NextGen Calvert Cruisers won the 1st place NSBE CASH Jr. online points challenge and crowned the National Ten80 Middle School Points Race Champions.
- Expanded tours of the Black History and Art Exhibit to include Huntingtown High School, Patuxent High School, and Calvert Middle School during Black History month.
- **D4S** continued to thrive virtually and supported 12 graduating seniors.
- D4S President Dataya Resenois received the Maryland Commission for Women 2020 Women of Tomorrow Award.
- Purchased and shared additional copies of From Whence We Came, College Survival Toolkit to help students prepare for college with other community groups.
- Co-sponsored a trip to the Alfred Street Baptist Church College Expo at the Washington, D.C.,
 Convention Center. Several students received on-the-spot college admissions offers.
- Donated computers to the community for local students to bridge the digital divide.
- Presented 40 scholarships, totaling \$42,700 despite COVID-19. Twenty-one students are pursuing STEM majors, including nursing.

- Received a Maryland Heritage Area Authority grant to help continue to expose youth and the community to the rich history of African Americans through the Black History and Art Exhibit.
- D4S President Dataya Resenois received Concerned Black Women's \$1,500 Scholarship.
- At the NSBE virtual Conference, CASH NSBE Jr.'s first Lego Team won the Innovation Award. Try-Math-A-Lon (9th and 10th grades) placed second in a Jeopardy-style math competition. To date, CASH NSBE Jr. has won approximately 28 Chapter and STEM competition awards.

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2021 (continued)

- Displayed 30 posters of notables, an addition to the Black History and Art Exhibit, at NAACP Juneteenth Community Day.
- Established a new YouTube Channel at https://www. youtube.com/channel/UCbmGOe3or3kiF4ctujqkklg/.
- Developed multiple virtual STEM sessions for the NSBE CASH Jr. students in response to the health risks created by COVID-19. Engaged students in hands-on activities and programs that stimulated their minds and spirits, all while having a TON of fun!
- Presented 38 scholarships, totaling approximately \$45,600. Eighteen students are pursuing STEM majors, including nursing.

Throughout the 20 Years

- To date, over 300 scholarships have been awarded totaling more than \$250,000, providing students with the opportunity to pursue their educational goals.
- Conducted College Tours in and out of the State of Maryland to Bowie State University, University of Maryland Eastern Shore, University of Maryland College Park, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Morgan State University, Johns Hopkins University Robotics Lab, Howard University, University of Pittsburgh, Harvard University, Hampton University, Norfolk State University, Fisk University, Meharry University, Vanderbilt University, UNC Charlotte, Johnson C. Smith University, and NCA&T University, to name a few.
- Invited Informational Speakers have included representatives from Boeing, Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission, Washington Gas, Turner Construction, Federal Aviation Administration, and Exelon.
- Presented math, science, and engineering career options to hundreds of students at career and college fairs held at numerous elementary, middle, and high schools; community events; job shadow days; and other venues. Distributed engineering and science career literature and responded to questions.
- Received Grants and donations from The Dominion Foundation, Toyota, Best Buy, PNC Bank, Walmart, Target, Safeway, Food Lion, National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees, Calvert County Government, The HELP Association, Maryland

- Heritage Area Authority, National Society of Black Engineers, Apple, SMECO, Space Metrics Inc., Parker Simms Management Solutions, LLC, ADF Community Foundation, The Patuxent Partnership, Community Bank of the Chesapeake, Cedar Point Federal Union, and the Combined Federal Campaign. Numerous other businesses and organizations supported our fund raising efforts by purchasing advertisements, going to Breakfast at Applebee's, buying popcorn, etc. and giving financial donations, time and talents for the past 20 years.
- Priviledged to administer scholarships on behalf of families and organizations. Thank you all for entrusting us to honor your family: Mrs. Peggy Leeper, Charles Lee Jr., William Lee, Kelvin Offer, Delvina Offer, Dr. Sheila Moore, Wilma Smith, Carolyn Mosby, Gail Simms, Michelle Perry, Cynthia Thorne Carter, Rose Bourne, Rosalie Harris, Marseta and Baron Dill, Oreal Morsell, Rantessa Anderson, Tonya and Kevin Wilkerson Sr., The Parran Brothers, Larry Gross, Kevin Henson, Melanie Myers, Patricia Camp, Darlene Harrod, Wilson Ennis, Jr, Wilson Ennis III, Lowell Cade, Maurice Irvine, Dawn Ray, Dana Jones, Sandra Jones, Lomone White, Yamilee Dambreville, Theresa and Vaughn Thomas, Conrad White, Joseph Parran Sr., Sheila Harris, Constance Watts, and the Parker/Thomas Family.
- Celebrated Engineering Professionals Brandon, Joanita, Jerrell, Juwan, Terrell, Keshia, Marseta, Martese, Kevin, Ryan, Michael, and other STEM professionals.

Scholarship Receptions

Scholarships: Mr. Russell Costley made us aware that a prior initiated scholarship for Mr. Wallace Leeper was no longer active. We volunteered to lead this effort because Mr. Leeper was so instrumental in our journey to college and engineering. With the charge to reignite the scholarship, we formed and funded the Wallace Leeper Memorial Foundation. While pursuing our nonprofit status, the name was changed to Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward (LEAP Forward, Inc.). In 1998, we issued our first book scholarships. At that time, books could be purchased for \$25 each, so our first awards of \$250 and \$500 was able to cover those costs. Not today! Our very first scholarships, were provided to Kristen, Johnny, and Gordon. We caught up with them for an update.

1998 Scholarship Recipients



Kristen A. Taylor

1998 Graduate

of

Calvert Senior High School



Johnny Coates

1998 Graduate

of

Northern Senior High School



Gordon Taylor III

1998 Graduate

of

Calvert Senior High School

Our first scholarship reception was held in 2008 at the Yardley Hills Community Center and continues to be a public event to celebrate our scholarship recipients. In 2010, we were welcomed at Mt. Olive United Methodist Church.

20 years later, we have awarded over 300 scholarships for approximately \$250,000. In 2021, every undergraduate student will receive a minimum award of \$1000. Our first family scholarship initiated was the Rev. Charles Lee Sr. Memorial Scholarship. Today, we manage 28 family and organization sponsored scholarships.

We can't thank Board Member Maurice Irvine and his wife Sheilah enough for sharing their culinary skills and giving of themselves to personally donate and prepare our scholarship reception repasts. Maurice started serving in 2008. What dedication!











Scholarship Receptions

















Kevin Coby







VaShawn Gross

Scholarship Receptions















Scholarship Receptions



Riddicia Mackall



Master Chief Evelyn Banks



Rev. Akil Dickens







College Tours 1997 to 2019

In 1997, we conducted our first college tour to Tenneesse State, Fisk, Vanderbilt and Meharry Universities in Nashville, TN. Soon after we toured Hampton Univerity, Norfolk State University, the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania. LEAP Forward Board Members used their personal vehicles most often for transportation and donated funds for lodging and college activities. Exposure to college was key to our mission and our desire to encourage the next generation. Funding allowed us to expand our services and since 1997, we have toured numerous college campuses. Yes, tours have led students to choose college and specifically, those Universities toured.



















Tennessee State University



College Tours 1997 to 2019



Hampton University



Howard University



NC A&T





Naval Academy



UMBC

Bowie State University

Awards

It is a honor to be appreciated for your work and your service. Although it is not our driving force, we don't take these occasions lightly. We know that it's TEAM WORK that gets the job done! We are grateful to all who have recognized LEAP Forward. Thank you Concerned Black Women of Calvert County, Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth, Maryland State Education Association, NSBE Professionals Washington, DC, Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (Tau Lambda Lambda), Career Communications Group – Black Engineer of the Year Award, the Calvert County Commissioners, and others. Equally exciting is our participation in NSBE STEM competitions. We have awesome advisors, coaches and volunteers who have led CASH NSBE Jr. to receive approximately 28 recognitions, which includes individual student awards.



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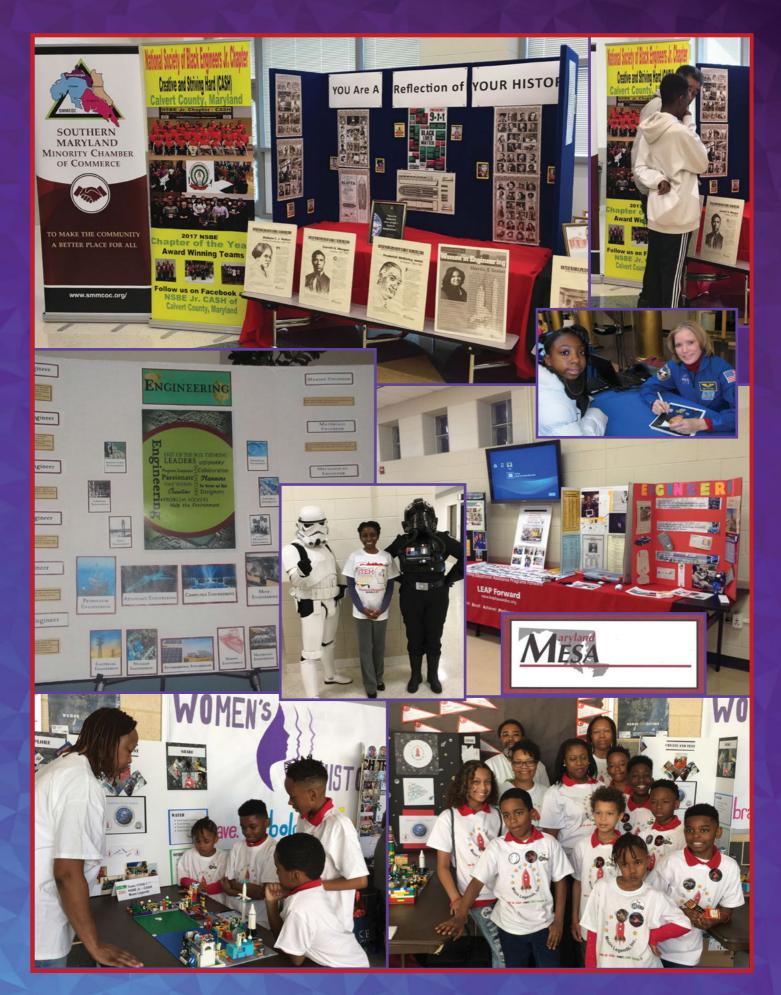
Down Memory Lane



Down Memory Lane





























2021 Scholarship Recipients

2021 IRIS ANNE HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Cedrick Hawkins Bowie State University Elementary Education

To me, being a teacher is more than lesson plans or giving out homework and tests; it's about being a leader to children. I want to make a difference in a child's life



Imani Roberts
Charles Herbert Flowers
High School
Towson University
Elementary Education

When I become an educator, I want to instill core values in my students as well as become a positive role model and mentor for them.

2021 VICTORIA LODGE #71 F&AM, P.H.A. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Jaron Scott
Huntingtown High School
Hampton University
Math Education

During my career I would like to share the importance of STEM education and develop programs to instill college readiness in students.

2021 EVELYN V. IRVINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Dia Brown University of Vermont Civil Engineering

The most rewarding part of starting and maintaining my non-profit organization was giving and receiving mentorship. A key aspect of leadership to emphasize is that it means giving power to others so they too can grow.

2021 MICHAEL J. MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Chandler E. Bell Morgan State University Architecture

I have earnest goals to use the knowledge I gain from a degree in Architecture by making changes to public housing and creating

an affordable living environment for our most impoverished citizens and communities.

2021 HAMILTON, SR. and ALICE PARRAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Callie Walker Huntingtown High School Loyola University Computer Science

Knowing that one has support from their community supplies motivation and encouragement to succeed in their education. I am very grateful and honored to be exposed to and sponsored by such a great program.

2021 GLADYS HENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Sophia Goins Calvert High School Randolph College Agribusiness and Environmental Studies

Especially in times like these, it is important for us to be able to obtain the vast resources amongst us. In communities of need we could grow and obtain resources right within the community.



2021 RUTH NUTTER REID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Alexis Hill Towson University Integrated Early Childhood & Special Education

I have decided that my ultimate career goal is to change the world one heart, one mind, and one student at a time. Pursuing my goals will allow me to provide a strong foundation for my students.

2021 BILL & BLANCHE FINCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Dataya Resenois Calvert High School Howard University Nursing

My future goal is to become a family physician practicing in a medical office. Through my career, I will be giving back to the world by caring and healing others.



Tiara Nicole Baker Bowie State University Nursing

I feel becoming a nurse will honor my loved ones who passed; I want to make my family proud. I envision myself walking down the hospital corridor greeting my patients and colleagues.



2021 VIOLET PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Biology



Imani Tookes Westlake High School Howard University

I want to become an Epidemiologist and work for the World Health Organization (WHO) or National Institutes of Health (NIH) to become a global

epidemiologist to ensure that communities that are more prone to getting these chronic diseases are finding solutions to reduce the number of dwindling communities.

2021 THOMAS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Arrington Gutrick Morgan State University Social Work

My future goal is to pursue a career as a probation officer. Everyone makes mistakes; everyone deserves a second chance. I want to be there to make them feel like they have

someone who will listen and help. I want to see more kids get back on their feet and go on to do great things instead of kids continuously going in and out of jail.

2021 GRACE PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Grace Henderson

Northern High School Washington University in St. Louis Biochemistry

I highly encourage all students who qualify to apply for the multitude of LEAP Forward Scholarships available. Because of

their generosity, I am able to lessen the burden on my family and pursue my future in pharmacy. I plan to enter the field of pharmaceutical studies and conduct research behind drug development.

2021 LAWRENCE MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Kara Lawson
George Washington Carver
Center for Arts and Technology
Biola University
Cinema & Media Arts

My identity as a visual storyteller and goal to touch the lives of others have led me to fall in love with the art of filmmaking. My

goal is to establish an independent filmmaking career and create a production company that stands for the values I care about and produce films with impactful stories that positively influence the lives of others.

2021 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ciarra Grady
St. Charles High School
University of Maryland
Psychology

I chose to pursue psychology because I have noticed that there is not enough effort in identifying the causes of the emotional and mental crises that young people often experience.



Laiya Saunders
Reservoir High School
Temple University
Finance

After college, I plan to be a Financial Manager or Financial Analyst. Looking back and seeing that all of my hard work is paying off with great results is extremely

fulfilling to me. It is something that I will always strive towards.



2021 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mackenzie Dixon Suitland High School Morgan State University Biology

As both an African American and young woman, I am passionate about mental wellness health specifically targeted towards minority youth. My future goal is

to create mental health services for minority youth.



Tracey Montilus Suitland High School Morgan State University Political Science

I want to help strengthen the justice system. Being able to fight for people's rights and help the citizens that have been failed by this country's legal system is my number one goal.



Jamari Morgan

Frostburg State University
Health and Physical Education
I haven't always known what I
was stepping into as an education
major because I don't know
many people with an interest
in teaching. So I've had to be
courageous and constantly step
outside of my comfort zone to

exceed the trials of becoming a teacher.



Jaiden Mosley DeMatha Catholic High School Tufts University History

I plan to study history and I hope to work in education. I would like to eliminate the achievement gap and change the curriculum.

2021 PAMELA OFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Tayla Mann Towson University Business Administration/ Marketing

Just as important as where I'll be in four years, is the journey along the way, which will be chockfull of challenges and triumphs,

but it's the struggle which builds character and insight. I'm thankful for the struggle, because it helps me appreciate the blessings.

2021 EARL THORNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Jeanelle Ford Bowie State University Business Analytics

The SURI program gave me the chance to connect with hundreds of other students who have struggled tremendously through the pandemic but despite their adversities continued to work for

their education. Having that enlightening experience drives me even more.



Tarah Carter
Temple University
Advertising

After my undergraduate, I plan to attend law school to be an immigration lawyer. I want to help people who the system is inherently against.



Janae Ackerman Bridgewater College Biology

I plan to apply to medical school after graduating from Bridgewater College. I believe success cannot be achieved without hard work. Therefore, I continue to give the best of my ability towards my education, work and community.

2021 GEORGE H. AND GENEVA GREEN HARROD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lauratu Bah University of Maryland College Park Music Education

As soon as I realized that I wanted to become a music teacher, I knew that I had to continue working hard academically and musically. I would like to

give back to my community by teaching in Prince George's County Public Schools, but I would also like to run a private saxophone studio, create after school programs, perform throughout the DC Metropolitan area and much more.

2021 CLYDE (APPRECIATION) AND CARRIE JONES (MEMORIAL) SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

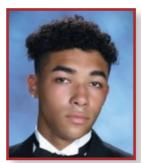


Alina Creek Northern High School Coastal Carolina University Communications

My future goal is to become a Sports Journalist. There will be times where my major will be a struggle, but I know I will make the best out of it. With motivation.

I know I will go far in life and succeed.

2021 GLORIA MAE GROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Gavin Gross Patuxent High School University of Maryland College Park Computer Science

IT'S THE END of an old you, the DAY you defy all odds, and the MOMENT you realize you are destined for greatness. You are

now a new you. You promise yourself to never give up and that the impossible is never impossible. Since then, you have overcome more odds than you ever thought you would. You have made it so far in life and set yourself up for an even brighter future.

2021 GLORIA MAE GROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Dorien Minor Georgia Institute of Technology Earth and Atmospheric Science

I have always wanted to be a meteorologist who used my resources, research and reverence to develop an innovative

and revolutionary approach to the study of the changing atmosphere. I will continue to maintain the same diligence to my collegiate studies, making education and service to others my top priority, while representing your organization well beyond college.

2021 NANNIE CADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



MacKenzie Catherine Nicolas

Huntingtown High School North Carolina A&T University Information Technology/ Education

After I complete my bachelor's degree, I plan to obtain a doctorate degree with the

goal of becoming an entrepreneur and owning a software development consulting firm. My dream is to employ and mentor other minorities in the STEM field.

2021 ELIZABETH SIMMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Psvchology



Serenity Jackson Thomas Stone High School Morgan State University

I would like to become the psychologist that works with teenagers when they have no one else.

2021 RAYMOND HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Destiny Johnson Towson University Criminal Justice/Abnormal Psychology

After graduating with my bachelor's degree, I plan to either work for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) or the Federal Bureau of Investigations

(FBI). I want to be able to help other people and help bring positivity and change to our current criminal justice system.



Malachi White Calvert High School High Point University Computer Science

My career plan is to become employed with a credible agency that will allow me to grow and develop in my career and in due time open my own application development business.

2021 DOROTHY MAE HURLEY SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Egypt Butler Thomas Stone High School University of Maryland College Park Computer Science

I know I can inspire others to join the computer science field and break the stereotypical concepts that the world has generalized.

2021 MARILYN PRESTON KILLINGHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Leslie Wiafe Surrattsville High School Morgan State University Nursing

Although I love all subjects, science — specifically biology and anatomy — are my favorite. Learning the intricate functions of the human body intrigues me.

With this being said, I aspire to be a nurse anesthetist.

2021 WILSON ENNIS SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Tania Frederick-Allen University of Maryland Eastern Shore Human Ecology

I plan to graduate with a bachelor's in Human Ecology and work in a children's hospital to help children with their diets.



Dezmon Estep
North Carolina A&T University
Mechanical Engineering,
Robotics Engineering

My goal is to become an Embedded Systems Engineer and design VR/Simulation software and hardware to aid in learning, stress, and overall success. I

want my inventions to help people learn and gain the skills necessary to cope with situations like a death in the family, a close relative becoming terminally ill, or just the struggles of school and pursuing careers.

2021 WILSON ENNIS SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Nusaybah Williams Bowie State University English

I would like to reach a point of success in my life when I possess the ability to give back to my community, and to spend my time and resources on non-profit work and fighting to better public health services.

2021 VIVIAN ROGERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



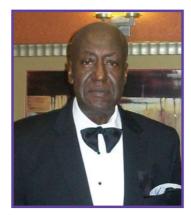
Kaniya Rogers
Columbia University (Graduate
School)
Journalism

I plan to become a journalist and magazine writer after completing my program at Columbia University. After graduation, I plan to open a

recreational center for the children in my community, write fiction novels and become a best-selling author.



Every nonprofit survives on the generosity of others. What you believe in, you typically support. In 2001, our first public donations were received from Mr. Bill Finch and Ms. Beatrice Clark Jones. When they gave, we blessed others. Donations make scholarships for our youth possible.





Evolution



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Wallace Leeper Memorial Foundation, Inc. Rhonda Thomas, Director 2290 Adelina Road Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Dear Ms. Thomas:

It is with a great deal of pride and appreciation that we thank you and your organization for your efforts with the Engineering Program at Southern Middle during Black History Month 2000.

Your effective use of time, resources, technology and materials were greatly appreciated by all in attendance. We applaud your organization for its efforts and we welcome your continued support towards our academic program at Southern Middle School.

Your visit with the variety of activities enhanced our students' awareness and knowledge of African Americans in engineering and more importantly you gave our students valuable information to assist them with career choices.

It is my hope that we can make this an annual event that will continue to grow and will foster a win win relationship for the both of us.

Again, thank you and please share our gratitude to the other members of your organization.





Mr. Leeper

Original Board Members



Left to right: Burdette, Tim, Rhonda, Principal Evans, Wilhemina, Conrad, Wilson

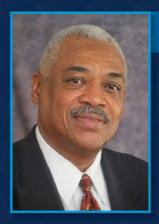








Honoring the Richness of Their Lives and Service



MICHAEL JOSEPH MOORE

SCHOLARSHIP

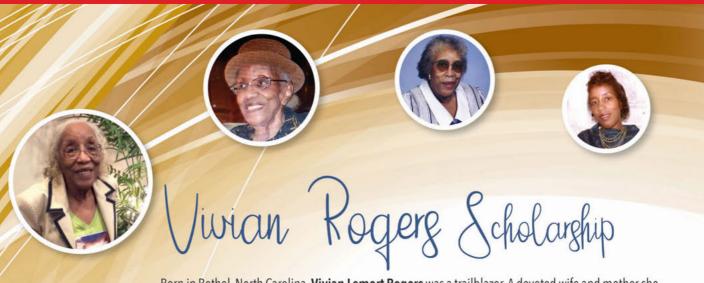
When we look for a champion of civil and equal rights for all, we look to **Michael Joseph Moore**. Michael, affectionately known as "Mike", was a loving husband, father, Pop-Pop, brother and friend. He always initiated family time and would never miss the opportunity to join the kids in some fun, family line dancing, singing to Gospel. R&B and Jazz music, cooking crabs and fishing. He constantly showed up effortlessly to support his daughters and grandchildren at every available opportunity. His easy spirit, friendly interactions, interest in being a business owner and his concern for the betterment of both people and community, was admired by both his family and friends and eventually led him to become an entrepreneur and community advocate, of Calver County, Maryland.

As a founding Board member of the Calvert County Minority Business Alliance, Mike was always an advocate and a man of duty and service. His many tenures of service include the following organizations: The Board of Directors for the Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce; Serving on the Calvert County Housing Task Force, which is charged with addressing affordable housing for all; and serving as the First African American Commissioner in Calvert County. Mike was also the Co-Founder of the local chapter of the Concerned Black Men of Calvert County, which provided mentoring and support to young African American males.

Though he willingly served as a community servant, Mike's most important act of servitude was in his love for the Lord Jesus Christ. As a longtime member of Brooks United Methodist Church, where he served as a Deacon and sang in the Men's Choir, Mike was devoted and always went above beyond to uplift the people and the ministry. And in recent years, he also served at the Calvert County Baptist Church in Prince Frederick.

Commissioner Moore was a pillar in the community and his presence and legacy will leave a lasting impression for years to come. He was a Historian and a Trailblazer, so much so that he was recognized with a display of honor at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum in Baltimore. He leaves a rich legacy of love, faith, work ethic, and a genuine care for people and it is with great pleasure that Mike's lovely wife, Dr. Sheila Moore, daughters, Nicole Moore Waddell and Michele Moore Bowman; sons-in-love Anthony Waddell and Timothy Bowman initiate this scholarship. This scholarship also pays tribute to Mike's grandchildren Taylor, Omari, Erin, Lena and Isaiah. It is their desire that this scholarship provides needed financial support to help youth fulfill their academic dreams. And it is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Moore family, sponsors this scholarship in memory of Michael Joseph Moore.





Born in Bethel, North Carolina, **Vivian Lemort Rogers** was a trailblazer. A devoted wife and mother she provided great care for her family and families for whom she provided many years of employment. She was an alumnus of Washington High, the first public high school for Blacks in Raleigh, North Carolina. Raised a Christian at an early age, she raised her own family on Christian principles and beliefs. Vivian transitioned to Baltimore in the late 70s to care for her brother after the death of their mother. She resided in the family-owned home on Mulberry Street, where she became an active member of the community. She loved and welcomed everyone into her home.

It was in this neighborhood where Vivian earned the name "Ms. V." Everyone would come running when they knew Ms. V was cooking, which was often! Vivian developed a love for cooking at an early age. Stories have been told that Vivian would stand on a stool to reach the stovetop in order to prepare meals for her father after his long days of work at the local sawmill in Bethel, NC. They loved her fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, and seafood salad (really, anything she cooked would send an alarm)!

On Mulberry Street, her home was open to all and became the place of friendly gatherings for news, laughter, and fellowship. She was famous for her fun-filled conversations, humorous personality, good food, and hospitality. One could always find a fun and exciting card game at her home on the weekends; however, Vivian was most known and loved for her true friendship and compassion to others in their time of need. Whenever a neighbor died, Vivian would walk for miles to collect food and monetary donations for the family of the deceased.

Vivian always said, "May the work I've done speak for me" and "If I can help somebody, then my living won't be in vain".

Vivian loved to celebrate her birthday. Moreover, no doubt her 4 children, 21 grandchildren, 50 great grandchildren, and 11 great great grandchildren loved celebrating her birthday with her. Throughout her 89 years, she shared the love, the light and the life that was within her with anyone she encountered!

In her memory, this scholarship is established for high school graduates, current college students and graduate level students majoring in English with a concentration in Journalism. It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward administers this scholarship on behalf of her loving devoted daughter Minister Jean Michelle Perry.



Dorothy Mae Hurley Smith

Scholarship



1927-2014

Dorothy Mae Hurley Smith was born in February, the same month but 10 years later than her twin siblings, Violet and Vernon. What a joyous birthday celebration and gathering it often was for all of them! Dorothy was a graduate of Brooks High School in Calvert County, Maryland but soon found herself traveling north to continue her life as a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. From country living to city living, her life encompassed so much. Soon after relocating to Baltimore, she became employed by the May Company Department Store, (which is now known as Macy's Department Store). She was a serious fashionista and enjoyed all things that the world of fashion had to offer, in her position with the May Company. But soon Dorothy would find something else to become more passionate about when she fell in love and married her husband, William. Her family then became her priority. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and homemaker. She found joy in the little things and was exceptional in many areas such as baking, sewing, and gardening. There was never a time you would leave from visiting her without going home with her infamous, freshly baked, scrumptious sugar cookies or tomatoes picked fresh from her garden. Her delicious cakes and pies were also a fan favorite of her family and friends, as well. It was a treat for all who had the opportunity to experience the generosity and thoughtfulness she consistently showed, to all who she encountered.

Dorothy loved with her whole heart and cared about everyone. What a sweet and gentle spirit. It was a joy to be around her. She was so grateful and appreciated anything you did for her. A card, a photo in the mail, a short visit, or even a single rose all brought her pleasure. She gave so much and asked for so little in return. Just spending time with family and pleasure filled road trips brought her joy. Her humbleness was admirable as it was rooted in her love for God. She put God first and loved reading her Bible. She loved sharing the good news of "The Good Lord". She was truly a Proverbs 31 woman.

She was a proponent of education and was pleased with the academic achievements of her children, nieces and nephews. She was so proud of every accomplishment and desired that they all lived fulfilling successful lives; never forgetting to honor God. It is with this same desire to see others succeed, that LEAP Forward proudly offers this scholarship in the memory of Dorothy Mae Hurley Smith, to continue her legacy of "giving."





Elizabeth Simms SCHOLARSI

MRS. ELIZABETH SIMMS was born in 1915, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and soon after her birth, she moved to Calvert County, Maryland, where she was raised. However, she would ultimately make Baltimore, Maryland her home. Mrs. Simms was a devoted wife and mother. She loved her children and was very protective of them.

While her first loves and priorities were God and her family, Elizabeth was also a dedicated and hardworking member of the Elks. She also worked at the Maryland Shipyard in the cafeteria and within the Baltimore school system as a cafeteria worker, from which she later retired. She loved working in the school system and would go above and beyond to assist the students in any way she could.

Her reflections of the old times really warmed our hearts. We appreciated the stories about two friends, Elizabeth and Violet, sharing clothing, food from the garden and just being neighborly. Though not uncommon during their time period, Mrs. Simms and her friend Violet never learned to drive. When asked once about this, she replied "Why? Clarence and Ben took us everywhere we needed to go!" Hilarious!

Mrs. Elizabeth Simms was truly a wonderful woman of God and we are thankful for the privilege to have known her and to have been in her presence. Her singing, preaching and poetry recitations, will always be cherished. You could never be in her presence and not witness her giving God the praise. Her faith increased our faith. You left her presence forgetting about your circumstances and focusing on God, while simultaneously being entertained with a good laugh because of her quick wit and idle threats!

What a jewel the Lord loaned us when He gave us Mrs. Simms. By her life, she showed us how to love, how to care, how to help others, how to appreciate life, how to give God the glory, how to laugh, how to be forgiving and how to take pride in our accomplishments as a race. We know she is watching over us all.

You often heard her quoting her favorite scripture Isaiah 6:8, "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Who shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." And the Lord could not have selected a more beautiful soul. And it is for these, among many other reasons, that LEAP Forward administers this scholarship, with great pleasure, in memory and honor of Mrs. Elizabeth Simms.



Marilyn Joyce Brown Preston Killingham So



Afrocentric, Activist, Revolutionary,
Fighter, Advocate, and Human Rights Supporter,

Marilyn Killingham celebrated many honorable titles during her life time. Her life's journey began in Nashville, TN. However, she was raised in Gary, Indiana and she would then go on to reside in Chicago, before making Washington D.C. her home, in the early '80s.

As a proponent of education, Marilyn lived the life she preached. As a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, she was always known to be studious and passionate about her education. After graduating from high school, she attended Tennessee State University (TSU), where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She then went on to earn her Master's degree while attending Vanderbilt and Ohio Universities, where she also completed all of her coursework, with the exception of her dissertation (ABD), for her PhD.

Marilyn was employed as a teacher at her alma mater, Roosevelt High School, in the early 60's, which did not come as a surprise to all who knew her because she took great joy in helping and educating others, whenever the opportunity presented itself. Her love for children then propelled her to become the Executive Director of Head Start, for Cook County, Illinois. Further progressing as an administrator for the City Colleges of Chicago, she was instrumental in changing the names of two of those colleges to Malcom X and Kennedy-King. Marilyn also did social work in Maine and New Hampshire and was the administrator of the nation's largest Job Corps Center in Poland Spring, Maine. As a college professor, she taught in Japan, Mississippi, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Washington, D.C.

Marilyn faced many challenges in her life as an educator and an executive. However, she could have never imagined her biggest challenge was yet to come when she sustained a life-threatening injury caused by an automobile accident, which crushed her from her waist, to her knees. This life altering experience, and the miracle of her surviving such horrendous injuries, inspired her to crusade as a human rights activist for the physically challenged.

Known to many as a lifelong "activist," the highest point in Marilyn's professional career was experiencing a great ovation from delegates from around the world when she spoke at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. As a nongovernmental organization delegate, she represented the International Human Rights Association of American Minorities on the United Nations Economic and Social Council, Commission of Human Rights Sub-commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The speech was translated into five languages simultaneously and was shown on the international news telecast that evening. She was the recipient of the Human Rights award, presented by the United Nations Association of the National Capitol Area and was affirmed in her appointment to serve as a Judge for the World African Diaspora Union.

As a revolutionary over the years, she held many positions. She was Deputy Chair of the UMOJA Party, the first female national chair of the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Africa, founding chair of D.C. N'COBRA, and a leader in the Stand Up for Democracy in D.C. Her goal was to fight for the elimination of racism, injustice, unequal education and numerous other issues within academia and within our global society. She could be seen frequently on Capitol Hill and around the Nation's Capital advocating for reparations and other issues. She was also a panelist and guest lecturer on CNN and C-SPAN, while also being a faithful member of the Washington DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and the Washington DC TSU Alumni Association. She was blessed to be a member of so many positive, life-changing organizations and to be the recipient of many accolades.

As a deeply spiritual Christian, Marilyn was dedicated to helping and speaking out for the poor and elderly. Her outgoing personality drew many to her life's mantra; once a friend, always family. And it is with great pleasure that the family and friends of Marilyn Joyce Brown Preston Kilingham, establishes and supports this scholarship to serve our youth.





IRIS ANNE HARRIS

Memorial Scholarship

ris Anne Harris, the second oldest of six children grew up in High Point, North Carolina, where she attended elementary school and graduated from William Penn High School as valedictorian of her class of 1953. She enjoyed singing on her church choir, participating in band, basketball, and in high school was one of two official taps players for the military funerals in her African American Community.

Iris graduated from Southern University and A & M College in Baton Rouge, Louisiana with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a major in Math and Minors in Chemistry and General Science. Later, Iris earned a Masters Degree in Math from American University. She was inducted into the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (AKA).

Ms. Harris' teaching career started at John J. Wright High School in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. Later, she was hired by the Calvert County Public School System as a math teacher. She taught at W.S. Brooks High School, Calvert Senior High School and retired from Northern Middle School in 1997.

Highly motivated to be involved in politics, she participated in: the 1962 sit-ins; campaigns to elect Presidents Clinton and Obama, Delegate/Senator Joanne Benson in Maryland and other pro-education candidates; Civil Rights marches -Washington, D.C.; action to declare Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday a holiday; and dedication of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

There were many "firsts" and challenges for Ms. Iris Anne Harris. As a member of the Calvert Education Association (CEA), she was instrumental in the merger of the black and white teacher associations in Calvert County and at the state level in Maryland in the 1960's, as we transitioned from segregation to integration in the public school systems. CEA recognized Ms. Harris for her exemplary service as a member of the CEA Negotiations Team and Committee, the Political Action Committee, and "Project Happiness" (Christmas Baskets to families and seniors in Calvert County), her leadership during five (5) non-consecutive terms as CEA president, between 1967 and 1980. As part of a Training Cadre for the Maryland State Teachers Association (MSTA), she provided leadership training for minorities. She was also a faithful chairperson of MSTA/MSEA "Crisis Trust Fund" for numerous years.

In the 1960's, during a time in our history, when Black educators and support personnel were not able to get loans through their local banks, a small group of black teachers started the "CAL-CO Federal Credit Union". Ms. Harris, Mr. Wilford Bullard and Mr. Robert Booth were the first officers of CAL-CO. For over twenty (20) years, the original and new officers managed CAL-CO, working tediously

and expertly, as volunteers (without pay or other compensation), after a full day's work in the classroom. Most employees of the Calvert County Public School System were members of CALCO until it merged with the current "Educational Systems Federal Credit Union" (ESFCU), which already had its own paid staff.

Starting in 1978, Ms. Harris, founder and first chairperson and Ms. Oreal Morsell, co-founder and first secretary of the Minority Caucus-MSTA worked together for about forty (40) years representing minority educators in Maryland. In recent years, since its membership now includes support professionals, it has been renamed the Minority Caucus of the Maryland State Education Association (MC-MSEA).

In the spring of 1984, Ms. Harris' advocacy for Black educators and support personnel, Black students, and Black parents was evident in an organization named "The Concerned Black Educators of Calvert County" (CBECC"). With Ms. Harris as both founder and Chairperson, this group sponsored workshops and programs focusing on how to deal with discrimination of Black students in the public school system.

In the 1980's, "The Leeper/DeLee Scholarship Committee" was established in honor of two deceased teachers of W.S. Brooks High School to provide college scholarships to Black high school students each year. This committee was composed of about 10-12 alumni, mostly from the Class of 1965 and two teachers -Ms. Iris Anne Harris and Mr. Russell Costley.

Ms. Harris was one of the founding members of the Banneker –Douglas Museum Foundation in Annapolis, Maryland. This museum, dedicated in 1984, focuses on a community approach to building collections and exhibitions and provides tours, public programs and various services.

On a more personal note, Ms. Harris had a "big heart". She was constantly buying books and historical items from the national teacher conventions and wherever she traveled. These were often given as gifts to adults and children. She adopted children in Ghana, who are now adults, and provided for their education and materials through college. She has tutored and mentored many students and helped them to overcome the challenges of graduating from high school and getting a college education. It was not unusual for Ms. Harris to even use her personal funds to help students further their education.

Ms. Harris' family, friends, co-workers, associates, former students and parents, will probably agree that she was "one of a kind". She leaves a legacy of love that we are proud of because she unselfishly gave of her life to assure that others would have the opportunity for a better life.





RUTH NUTTER REID

Memorial Scholarship

Wh Nutter Reid was raised in Wicomico County, Maryland, where she excelled in Wicomico's Public Schools. Her education pursuits continued as she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Junior High Education at Bowie State College (now University). After attending Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she transferred to the Washington Metropolitan Area and earned a Master's Degree in Guidance and Education at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Her love of education was exemplified as she began her career in Calvert County, Maryland, in 1956 as a Junior High School Teacher at William Sampson Brooks High School. She served at Brooks until 1960. Ruth held many outstanding educational positions. When Mt. Harmony Elementary-Junior High in Owings was organized in 1960, she transferred to that staff as a teaching Guidance Counselor. The teaching duties were later dropped. Because of her keen interests in troubled children and her ability to work skillfully with their families, she was appointed the first Calvert County Pupil Personnel worker in 1964. Her additional duties consisted of coordinating the County's Adult Education and Work Incentive Programs. She later became Assistant in Pupil Services. In 1971, the title of Supervisor of Instruction was added to her job description in a part-time position. In 1972, Ruth became the full-time Supervisor. This title involved Coordinator of Child Development and Neighborhood Youth Corps Programs and Regional Coordinator for Calvert County at the Maryland State Department of Education. Ruth used her vast knowledge in the area of Pupil Personnel Services work to become an assistant professor and later a professor at Bowie State from 1971 to 1982. From 1974 to 1975, she assumed the key role in Special Education supervision and provided leadership in the development of programs and services for disabled children. She concluded her career as a Supervisor in the Special Education Department from 1976 to 1990 when she retired. What a remarkable commitment to education that spanned over 34 years! The lives touched by her desire to teach others are innumerable.

A caring individual, Ruth was very devoted to community service. Her professional and civic affiliations included Chair of the Tri-County Selective Services Board; 4-H Leader; Governor's appointment to the State Nominating Committee for Appointment of Judges in Tri-County; Past President, Links (Southern Maryland Chain Chapter); Past President, Delta Kappa Gamma (Epsilon Chapter); member of the Calvert County Nursing Home Board of Directors, Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department, NAACP, Calvert County Liquor Licensing Board, Tri-County Bowie State University Alumni Association; and honorary member of the Calvert County Joy Riders, Inc. She also held various positions with the Calvert Retired School Personnel Association.

Over the years, Ruth earned many awards, including the Outstanding Citizen of the Year from the Tau Lambda Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Maryland's Most Beautiful Person for Volunteer Service (Calvert County), Commission For Women WOW (NAACP Honoree), and American Cancer Society's Pace and Lifesavers.

With all due respect for her academia and community involvement, Ruth's first love was her church, Plum Point United Methodist in Huntingtown, where she served faithfully. There, she was Director of the Fellowship Choir and the Men's Choir. She was also Chair of the Finance and Scholarship Committees, Finance Secretary, and Church Secretary.

It is with great pleasure that Plum Point United Methodist Church Choirs, in conjunction with LEAP Forward, Inc., sponsors the Ruth Nutter Reid Memorial Scholarship.



THOMAS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Thomas Family Scholarship is in honor of our lineage past, present and future. Our family history dates back to the 1800 with **Lemuel and Mary Frances Hutchins Thomas** raising their children in Calvert County, Maryland.

Lemuel and Mary raised their children to be anchored in the Lord and to be people of good moral character.

As the generations have increased, we have had some ups and downs, as many families have experienced. Through it all, the Thomas family has been steadfast in their faith. To date our career paths covers all spectrums

as we continue to be an integral

influence in society and in our communities.

Like
branches
on a tree,
we all grow
in different
directions,
but our roots
keep us all
together.

We represent family and community. This will be our first year awarding a scholarship to a Calvert County resident that is a college sophomore or junior attending a Historically Black College and University (HBCU). Our main focus is education and giving back in support of Calvert County students. It is our great pride and humble honor to support the Leap Forward organization.

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

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BLANCHE NEWTON FINCH Memorial Scholarship

is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward Inc. presents this scholarship in memory of BLANCHE FINCH. As a native of Greenville, South Carolina, she was overjoyed to have a close-knit family. She knew how important family ties were and she valued her family her entire life. Family was everything to her. She left an imprint that will mold her legacy for years for come.

After graduating from Sterling High School, she moved to Washington DC and attended Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing. Freedmen Hospital, the predecessor to Howard University Hospital, was established during the Civil War to address the needs of thousands of African Americans who poured into the city seeking freedom.

She was a very skilled operating room nurse who worked at hospitals throughout the Washington Metropolitan area. She soared in her career. It is understandable why she choose nursing. Blanche had a heart of compassion and was the nicest person you could ever meet.

Blanche was very active with the Washington DC Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association and helped to provide scholarships for under-served students planning to study nursing.

Blanche along with her husband, Bill has supported LEAP Forward for numerous years. It is with great pleasure that we continue to keep her commitment to our youth through this scholarship named in her honor for nursing students.

Her family joins in the celebration of this great honor to establish the Blanche Finch Memorial Scholarship. Thank you for keeping her memory alive with the gift of "giving".





MR. WILLIAM (BILL) FINCH 1946-2019 Memorial Scholarship

is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward Inc. presents this scholarship in memory of Mr. William (Bill) Finch. As a native of Robertson County, Tennessee, Bill was the 5th oldest of nine children. Growing up on the farm, he enjoyed the fellowship of a very close-knit family.

Bill was educated at Robertson County Public Schools and graduated from Bransford High School, Class of 1964. He served in the Navy for six-years. After his tour, he matriculated and graduated from Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN. His love for helping people led him to a career in the medical field. He was employed at the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital in Washington, D.C. were he excelled beyond measure. Many credit Bill with their career success as he trained, mentored, and taught many at the VA Hospital.

Bill had a good heart. He never met a stranger. His gift of gab made it easy for him to strike up a conversation with any and everybody. He was very opinionated and thought that he knew everything. He was always right and as soon as you realized that, the better off you were. He was a very giving man. If he could help you, he would without questions. He loved to laugh and his very dry sense of humor most often made you the butt of his jokes. He loved long and he loved hard. Once a friend, always a friend and many speak of their 20, 30 and 40- years of acquaintance. In spite of his physical setbacks, he loved life. We are grateful for everything that he got to experience in life with his family and friends.

His love of education was undeniable as he encouraged and sponsored many family members and friends with their college endeavors.

Bill and his wife, Blanche supported LEAP Forward for numerous years. It is with great pleasure that we continue to keep his commitment to our youth through this scholarship named in his honor for students seeking a career in the medical field. His family joins in the celebration of this great honor to establish the Bill Finch Memorial Scholarship. His departure from this life in December 2019, left many sad and in a state of unbelief. Thank you for keeping his memory alive with the gift of "giving."



In Loving Memory



PAMELA RENEE OFFER Memorial Scholarship

amela Renee Offer was a free spirit who lived her life joyfully. She was a 1982 graduate of Calvert High School and had a GREAT love and desire for education. Her matriculation extended to the Charles County Community College, and the University of Maryland University College where she earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees. She was dedicated to her studies and excelled beyond measure. She was unstoppable in her pursuit of education!

Proving that a good education leads to a worthwhile life, Pamela shined during her 25 year career with the Federal Government at the FBI, Census Bureau and the Commander Navy Installation Command.

Pamela was a giver who was faithful in her ministry and to her family. You didn't have to ask her twice to lend a hand, she was a willing worker. Her support of others was commendable. She was a woman of faith and oh what great love she shared. She lived Proverbs 18:24 and was a friend to many.

It is with great honor that her brother Kelvin establishes this scholarship in her memory and her honor to be a blessings to others with a love for education.

LEAP FORWARD is pleased to administer this scholarship in memory of Ms. Pamela Renee Offer.



In Loving Memory March 14, 1913—January 30, 2009



GLADYS IRENE HENSON Memorial Scholarship

ladys Irene Henson was loved by all and was well known as a wonderful loving wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, grandmother, great grandmother, great grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend. To just say that she loved God would be an understatement. Her love for God was lived every day and she made God the center of her life. From sun up to sun down, you would find her reading her Bible. Her greatest desire was to have her family know the God she served. She laid a foundation for her family and taught them by setting the best example of strength and selflessness. As a pillar of the Adelina community, she shared her wisdom and wise counseling with all. She was a generous woman who gave all she had to give without expecting or wanting anything in return.

As a faithful member of Carroll Western United Methodist Church, she devoted her time to the Health and Welfare Committee. Her love for others was demonstrated as she visited the sick and shut-in. She was known for her good cooking and she assisted when called upon to help with social gatherings.

Her life work included domestic work and babysitting for all of her thirty-one grandchildren. This gave her numerous occasions to impart her faith in God. As a teacher of life, she truly valued education. None of her children can say they didn't know or weren't taught because she led the way to knowledge.

It is with great love that her grandson, Kevin initiates this scholarship in her memory. The two shared a special bond and he is grateful for her prayers, laughter, and life lessons. She gave him all she had to give and her love was priceless. His life continues to be blessed by her memory. She gave him everything he needed to get to through his life journeys. Her blessing to him is now being payed forward by blessings others with this scholarship.



Clifton Morsell Sr. and Randolph Adams Memorial Scholarship

LEAP Forward, Inc. administers the Clifton Morsell and Randolph Adams Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of two outstanding men who were raised and educated in Calvert County.

Clifton Morsell was born in July 11, 1920. He was drafted into the United States Army/Air Force in 1943, where he served during World War II. He received several honors including the Good Conduct Medal, African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, and the World War II Victory Ribbon. In November of 2010, he was honored by the Calvert County NAACP along with other Calvert County and Washington, DC veterans. His children remember him as a very caring and devoted father who always stressed the importance of education.

Randolph Adams was the son-in-law of Clifton Morsell. He was born in August 7, 1947. He graduated from Calvert High School in 1967. He was a sand and travel truck driver. His hobbies included softball, cards and dancing. From his first marriage with Mae Morsell, he had two daughters, Rantessa Anderson and Marseta Dill. His oldest daughter is an educator in Calvert County public school system. Through the community outreach activities of Leap Forward, his youngest daughter was introduced to careers math and science and ultimately pursued an engineering degree.

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, Inc. sponsors this scholarship in the name and memory of Clifton Morsell and Randolph Adams.





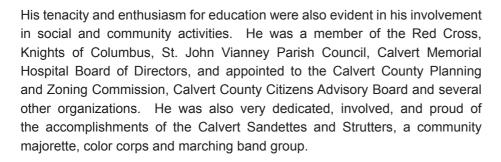
LEAP Forward, Inc. is also committed to service to others.

May we continue to keep their memory alive in all that we do. LEAP Forward is a not for profit 501 (c)3 organization whose mission is to encourage disadvantaged underrepresented students to Learn, Excel, Achieve, Perform, Explore and Rise!

Earl S. Thorne Memorial Scholarship

"It's better to be prepared and not go, then to go, and not be prepared." This was the motto by which Earl S. Thorne did his job and lived his life. He also tried to impart this theory on the many youth he encountered in his 36-year career as an educator in the Calvert County Public Schools.

Doing his job meant more than just going to work. As a classroom teacher, he most enjoyed teaching children with challenges, and took great pride in seeing them as active adults. As a principal, he encouraged and supported his staff in any endeavor that he felt would be beneficial for the children. He tried to attend any activity in which his school was represented.

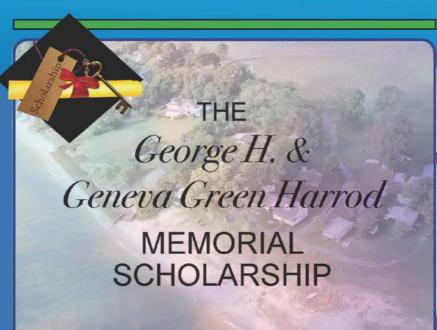


In later years, he made sure his children and grandchildren were prepared for whatever they felt they wanted to do in life. Part of being prepared was that one should always do his/her best at whatever he /she tried.

In an effort to continue his theory of being prepared and to do your best, we are proud to offer The Earl S. Thorne Memorial Scholarship to a deserving returning college student.









It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Harrod family, sponsors this scholarship in honor of George and Geneva Harrod.

In July 2018, Arlene, Harry, Marion, Darlene, and Carlene established The George H. and Geneva Green Harrod Memorial Scholarship to honor their late parents' loving memory, hard work, and tireless support of their children, grandchildren, and people in the community. Both natives of Plum Point in Calvert County, Maryland, they raised their seven children and also helped to raise three grandchildren in Huntingtown.

George and Geneva were extremely proud of all their children and their accomplishments. They also thoroughly cherished their grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their accomplishments, especially a new milestone – obtaining college degrees and trade school certificates or diplomas.

Launching Educational Assistance Programs Forward (LEAP Forward), Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c(3) organization whose mission is to encourage disadvantaged underrepresented students to Learn, Excel, Achieve, Perform, Explore and Rise!



In recognition of their parents' unwavering support and willingness to lend a helping hand, the Harrod children enthusiastically establish The George H. and Geneva Green Harrod Memorial Scholarship to help second-, third-, and fourth-year students further their education.





<u>Gloria Mae Gross</u> <u>Memorial Scholarship Fund</u>



Gloria Mae Gross, a Calvert County native was committed to the academic excellence of all children. She constantly instilled in youngsters the need to do well in school by being attentive and studying hard. Her employment in Calvert County Public School system for over 20 years as a cafeteria employee gave her the platform to provide encouragement, support, guidance, and nourishment to countless numbers of students. Her generosity has helped many young adults pursue their scholarly interests and careers. This scholarship is established to honor her life and continue the legacy of academic excellence and generosity.

1952-2016

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Gross family sponsors this scholarship in Gloria Mae Gross' name and memory.

MACARTHUR JONES MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Jones family sponsors this scholarship in honor of MacAthur Jones.



MacArthur Jones lived in Calvert County all of his life. He attended Mount Hope Elementary School, graduated from Brooks High School, received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Coppin State College, received his Masters Degree from Bowie State University, and earned sixty hours toward his Doctorate Degree in Education. Mac began his educational career in 1965. Mac retired after thirty years of service to the Calvert County Public School System, in 1996.

Mac completed a six year term on the Elected School Board for the Calvert County Public School System and was appointed by Governor Robert Erlich to serve on the Board of Directors of the College of Southern Maryland. Mac was a Lay Leader and Lay Speaker at Patuxent United Methodist Church for twenty years. He loved his church and church family and worked in the church, in many different capacities.

Mac spent much of his time giving back to His community. He was a member of the following organizations: Huntingtown Methodist Men, Master Mason of the Dunkirk Lodge #77 F. & A.M., PHA., Maryland Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Calvert County Vo-Tech Foundation, Executive Board of the Maryland Association of School Curriculum Development, Calvert County Hospice, Calvert County Planning Commission, 50 Member Panel-Schools for Success/Goals 2000, Life Member CEA, MSTA, and NEA, Life Member NAACP, Calvert County Kiwanis, Board Member American Heart Association, Concerned Black Men of Calvert County, Board Member, Friends of Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, Treasurer Calvert County Credit Union, Chairman, Southern Maryland Investment in Character Campaign for the Boy Scouts of America and President, Calvert Association of Supervisors and Administrators (CASA). Mac also received many awards and recognitions in his lifetime for the many committees and organizations in which he served and for the help that he gave to others.

Mac's passion was displaying the love of God by helping better the lives of children and adults alike.



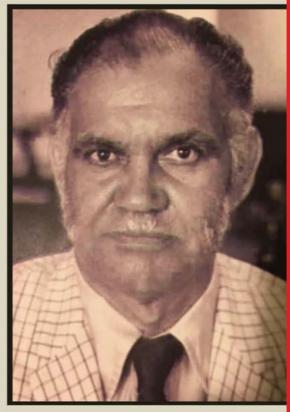
LEAP Forward, Inc. administers the MacArthur Jones Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of an outstanding educator.

LAWRENCE ROY MYERS

LEAP FORWARD, INC. ADMINISTERS THE LAWRENCE ROY MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. THIS SCHOLARSHIP HONORS THE MEMORY OF A HUMBLE, COMMUNITY-MINDED MAN, ONE DEDICATED TO HELPING OTHERS.

"Roy" Myers lived a useful life. He was born in Jamaica as one of eight children. His father died when he was 4 and growing up without a father, he showed himself a devoted family man. He was married to a nurse and the father of three girls - Melanie, Hillary and Trudy. He was always available and interested in children's activities. Known for his listening skills, integrity, and caring nature, he lived God's commandment "to love thy neighbor as thyself." He esteemed education very highly being a self-taught accountant at the Jamaica Banana Producers Steamship Company where he labored there for over 30 years with a sense of quiet dignity.

He was instrumental in forming and taking an active role in a Residents Association that provided scholarships for needy children in the neighborhood. For over 20 years, Roy served as Treasurer and fund-raiser of the Wortley Home for Girls orphanage.



1924 - 1987

A man of tremendous courage, he had a great zest for life. His wisdom and non remunerated advice were sought by many and yielded fortunes for others in the Jamaican stock market.

Mr. Myers passed in January 1987, leaving Godly examples and numerous contributions from which many benefit today. What a selfless person!

LEAP Forward Inc. is proud to administer the Lawrence Roy Myers Memorial Scholarship established by his eldest daughter, Melanie Myers.

Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship

LEAP Forward, Inc. administers the Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of an outstanding businessman.



Raymond Harris: Activist • Community Leader • Businessman.

Raymond Harris lived in Prince Frederick all his life. He graduated from Brooks High School and completed one year of college at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Committed to his country, he served in the U.S. Army from 1960 to 1962 and was a member of the American Legion Gray-Ray Post #220. Raymond's career span included positions at BG&E Power Plant and the Calvert County Highway Department. He was the first African-American member of the Prince Frederick Fire Department.

His real success, however, was realized as a businessman. He owned Ray's Groceries, Harris Citgo and Rose's Deli. He was also a school bus contractor for many years and often drove because of his love for the children. Raymond felt a strong need to give back to the community he loved. He served many capacities including master of Carroll/Victoria Masonic Lodge #71, NAACP, CAASA, 40&8 club, and business manager of union #832. local One Raymond's greatest strengths was his ability to quietly use his resources to bring about positive changes. He devoted his life to encouraging others to be the best that they could be and had a special place in his heart for our vouth. He was instrumental in getting a baseball team started for young boys who would not have been able to play. uniforms provided the and transportation! His impact to our community is unquestionable and his legacy continues as the family honors his memory, so that our youth can continue to be the best they can be!

Wilson E. Ennis, Sr. Memorial Scholarship



1932 - 1990

Wilson Ennis was a son, a veteran, a husband, a father, a teacher, a coach and a mentor. He was born the son of a share cropper in Laurel, Delaware. After completing high school, he joined the newly established and integrated U.S. Air Force. After serving his country he attended Maryland State College (now University of Maryland Eastern Shore) on the GI bill. Wilson earned a B.S. in Mathematics.

Upon graduation, Wilson Ennis begin his teaching career in 1959 at Brooks High School in Calvert County, Md. Brooks High School was Calvert County all Black High School because in 1959 the schools in Calvert were not integrated. He also began his famous coaching career in1959 by coaching the Brooks Basketball team with Wallace Leeper. Wilson's teaching career lasted over 30 years, until 1990. During his career he taught at Brooks High, Calvert Middle, Calvert High, Our Lady Star of the Sea and St. Mary's Ryken High School. He believed education was the key to success, especially for young black men and women. He went out of his way to get his students into college.

Wilson Ennis's greatest accomplishment was his family, his wife Mary and his 11 children, six girls and five boys. All of his children attended college. Five of his children followed in his footsteps and became teachers, two went into Engineering fields and two went in the programming fields and two went into Business.

Wilson Ennis was truly committed to education but is most remembered for his contribution to coaching. He coached Basketball, Football, and Track. He was the first coach in the Southern Maryland Athletic Conference (SMAC) to win two State Championships, both in track. He started the Park and Recreation Basketball Program in Calvert County. He helped start the Park and Recreation football program in Calvert County. He started the first track team at Our Lady Star of the Sea School. Because of his teaching and coaching career, he became a mentor to many of his students. Wilson Ennis passed away in 1990 doing what he loved, teaching and coaching.





Victoria Lodge #71 Free and Accepted Mason, Prince Hall Affiliated Scholarship

LEAP FORWARD, INC.
ADMINISTERS THE
VICTORIA LODGE #71 F&AM
P.H.A. SCHOLARSHIP.

Victoria Lodge #71 F&AM, is PHA a fraternal organization that was chartered in 1923 in Prince Frederick, Maryland. Victoria Lodge has been serving the community for over 90 years through various community activities. membership has included many of the African American Calvert Leaders in County. Victoria Lodge would like to further its community outreach by sponsoring this scholarship to worthy students.





It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, Inc. sponsors this scholarship in the name of Victoria Lodge #71 as they are dedicated to education and the betterment of others.

LEAP Forward, Inc. is also committed to service to others.

LEAP Forward is a not for profit 501 (c) 3 organization whose mission is to encourage disadvantaged underrepresented students to Learn, Excel, Achieve, Perform, Explore and Rise!

Clyde Jones Jr. and Carrie Bertha (Kent) Jones Scholarship

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Jones family sponsors this scholarship in honor of Clyde Jones Jr. and in memory of Carrie Jones.



Mr. Clyde Jr. Jones

In memory of Mrs. Bertha (Kent) Jones March 3, 1925 - December 7, 2014

Clyde (Babyboy) and Carrie Jones were both born and raised in Calvert County during a time when education for minorities was not highly valued by society. Nonetheless, they were both educated in the Calvert County Public School System and Carrie even went on to pursue a collegiate degree. Bertha as she was lovingly known had a lifelong passion for education and knowledge that was contagious to those in her presence. She prided herself on ensuring that her children and their children received a proper and thorough education. Clyde and Bertha strongly believed that education was a means of upward mobility within the Black community and they valued it as such. As a way to honor and continue her wishes, we (The Jones Family) are establishing the Clyde and Bertha Jones Scholarship Fund to help local Calvert County youth as they pursue their educational dreams.



Hamilton Sr. and Alice Parran

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP





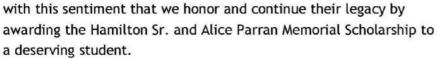




Big Daddy and Big Momma...

Hamilton Maurice Parran, Sr. and Alice Annie (Jones) Parran,

both Calvert County natives, were committed to the academic excellence of not only their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, but to all who knew them. Mr. and Mrs. Parran, known affectionately as "Big Daddy" and "Big Momma" were very active in Plum Point United Methodist Church and their community and were fervent supporters of various Parent Teacher Associations. They cheerfully provided spiritual and financial support to anyone in need. They consistently motivated the youth in their family, church and community to continue their education and to reach their fullest potential. After the death of Mr. Parran, Mrs. Parran continued their ministry through her prayers, encouraging words, and "giving a little piece of change" to youth as she encountered them. Mrs. Parran always said "God is not finished with me yet" because she still had "a lot of work to do IN THE NAME OF JESUS". It is





It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Parran Family sponsors this scholarship in Hamilton Sr. and Alice Parran's name and memory.

In Loving Memory March 2, 1922–November 22, 2011



EVELYN V. IRVINE Memorial Scholarship

orn the daughter of a share cropper often spoke with pride and accomplishments as their family navigated the rigors of a Jim Crow south in Virginia. She always stressed to her children how we must value not only the value of education, but what we shared after being Blessed with the opportunity to learn. She shared how they had to walk miles to school through fields and be heckled by the white students that passed them by on buses making their way to their one room schoolhouse. For this mighty woman of God, man imposed obstacles was not a deterent, but her motivation to keep striving to fulfill her mission in life.

She lived through the teachings of her favorite passage Psalm 91. With her long life, she filled it with the caring and nurturing of others. Always having an open door policy to the community where she fed and housed those in need. She was a beacon in the community, a place where young folk flocked to, to seek help with issues concerning their parents and life in general. She visited those in prisons and in nursing homes. Every Friday night in her home was prayer and Bible reading.

Her compassion and caring set the tone for her life's calling. She was an exceptional Nurse and nursing was the pride of her life.

She served God faithfully and was an usher at First Baptist Church. God also blessed her with the gift of creativity and as an amazing artist, she enjoyed creating masterpieces on canvas. Little known fact, she was also a prolific songwriter.

We thank her son, Maurice Irvine for establishing this scholarship in memory of his beloved mother for those who have exceled in serving their communities. As he hopes the recipient of this scholarship uses it as a steppingstone to better serve the needs of a community.

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward Inc. presents the Evelyn Irvine Memorial Scholarship.







NANNIE PEARL TAYLOR CADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward Inc. presents this scholarship in memory of NANNIE PEARL TAYLOR CADE. As a native of South Hill, VA, she was a comforter, supporter, advocate, caregiver, babysitter, retail worker, and retiree. Nannie always put her family first. Through her dedication, she extended herself beyond measures to help her parents, siblings and others.

She was a proponent of education, and attended the public schools of Luenburg County, Virginia. After finishing her education, Nannie moved to Washington, D.C., met, and fell in love with the love of her life, the late Warren T. Cade Sr.

She loved the Lord and at an early age, she was baptized and joined the Flat Rock Baptist Church, located in Kenbridge, Virginia.

A dedicated employee, Nannie was employed with a variety of retail stores during her working years, ending her career at Giant Food as bakery manager. She retired from Giant Food Corporation after 18 years of faithful service, receiving a special recognition award from Israel Cohen the Founder of Giant Food.

Nannie was kind and selfless. Her caring heart propelled her to care for her father and brother for weeks and months to give other family members a much-needed respite. Her love and support during these difficult times was commendable and truly displayed the essence of her "Giving" spirt. Her life truly reflected I Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." She willingly cooked, cleaned, helped with meds and provided comfort and support.

When time allowed, Nannie enjoyed gardening, fishing, being with family, cooking, traveling and sitting outdoors, especially under the big oak tree in South Hill, VA.

In memory of one who gave her all, the Nannie Pearl Taylor Cade Memorial Scholarship gives a portion of the love she gave, to enrich the lives of our youth.

Her family joins in the celebration of this great honor to establish the Nannie Pearl Taylor Cade Memorial Scholarship. Special recognition to sons; Warren T. Cade, Jr., and Lowell Cade; sister; Eunice King; brother-in-law, Robert King; grandson Jarrett Cade; great-grandson Aiden Cade and her nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Thank you for keeping her memory alive.



Violet Parker Memorial Scholarship



1917-2006

Though formal education has its place, a lot can be said of education that comes naturally from life experiences. It is true that being smart doesn't always equate to book knowledge.

Mrs. Violet Parker was a woman who never benefited from a college education but she was a very wise and knowledgeable woman. She was an "I'm Every Woman."

Educated by life, this Calvert County resident's joy was toiling in her gardens and tobacco crops. Those who knew her benefitted from her "life-years" as she freely shared all.

Though Violet never mastered Websters or the verbal section of the SAT, her words moved mountains as she prayed her family through difficult situations.

She always wanted the best for her children, grandchildren, great grand children, great grandchildren, neighbors and strangers.

In desiring the best for everyone, she was excited and proud of those who pursued higher education. Many recall her gift of scholarship as she graciously provided "dollars" to encourage and inspire.

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, in conjunction with the Parker family sponsors this scholarship in Violet Parker's name and memory.

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Grace Parker MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Though this honor is befitting of a mother who gave her all to her children and their education, the establishment of the Grace Parker Memorial Scholarship comes with a wide span of emotions. We miss her greatly, but we are glad to honor her memory by helping others.

Grace was a hard worker and from her childhood, she often recalled how hard she had to work every day. She would say kids today have it so easy. As a youth, her days included fetching water, cutting wood, raising chickens and hogs. Moreover, if that wasn't enough, her labor was required in the tobacco fields. Though probably not desired, this physical labor gave her fortitude and set her on the path toward her becoming a very strong and hard-working woman.

Grace was educated in the public school system of Calvert County and attended Brooks High School in the 50s. As an example, to her family and to stress the importance of an education, she completed her studies some 40 years later through an adult education program. Indeed, a proud moment for her family to witness her lauded accomplishments and graduation.

Often through struggles, she provided and sustained her family with minimal resources and a determined spirit. Life wasn't easy for her but what she could do; she did. God blessed her throughout her journey with many answered prayers.

She supported every educational endeavor and was a big supporter of LEAP Forward. She attended every award program and helped to raise funds for the organization.

Her children and grandchildren Rhonda (Fannie), Tammie, Emory, Pam, Kim, Tron, Joey, Dorien and Jocelyn are proud to establish this scholarship in her memory.

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The Fernande Personna Memorial Scholarship



Ferrnande Personna was a native of Jacmel, Haiti. She migrated to the United States in 1971, and embarked upon a ten-year career in the healthcare industry, working as an Assistant Nurse at Letchworth Village in Thiells, NY. After retiring, Mrs. Personna became a well-respected business owner in Haiti. A driven, hard-working and compassionate woman, she was—and still is—a role model to her family and her community in both the United States and Haiti.

Mrs. Personna arrived in the U.S. during a time of turbulence and prejudice toward immigrants, minorities and women. Yet, she didn't allow language barriers, the color of her skin or financial challenges to stop her! These obstacles only fueled her tenacity and her passion as she relentlessly pursued her dream of entrepreneurship. Through hard work and determination, that dream became a reality in the late 1980's, when she opened the doors to not one, but two, retail stores in Haiti, funding the operations with her own savings.

Establishing a business in the 1980's in the midst of a politically-divided country proved to be a daunting task, but Mrs. Personna persevered, nonetheless. She was not swayed or deterred by the unrest the country faced under the tumultuous Duvalier regime from the late 1980's until 2002, even while the uncertainty threatened not only her livelihood, but her life. For her, the business was more about more than just income; it was a means to serve her community by providing jobs and financial assistance to those in need, particularly orphaned children. Her business was her precious legacy, and she fought for it—each and every day. Her unwavering resolve benefited countless people.

To know Mrs. Personna was a privilege, an honor and a blessing. She left an imprint on the soul of everyone she met. She was a warm, kindhearted and vibrant woman who always sacrificed to help others—no matter what. She exuded pride, dignity and lived a life of passion. Her wonderful sense of humor endeared her to everyone she came in contact with, and her many long-lasting friendships are a true testament to her nature. She was, and will always be, loved.

One of her greatest desires was to see her family and others educated. She truly believed that a good education was priceless. For this reason, Mrs. Personna sponsored educational opportunities for many children, some related to her and others not. If a child displayed their drive to pursue an education, she was there to lend her support—no questions asked.

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, Inc. sponsors this scholarship in name and memory of Ferrnande Personna. The Scholarship provides an award of up to \$1,000 to a student of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at State University of New York (SUNY) Albany who wishes to continue his or her university education. The funds will be used to defray expenses associated with study at SUNY Albany (e.g., books, computer hardware and/or software, child care, transportation).

Our efforts allow the spirit and legacy of Mrs. Fermande Personna to continue to bless and uplift others. She shared so much of herself with the world, and so we honor her by continuing to do what she cherished most—giving.



Wallace Lorenzo Leeper Memorial Scholarship

LEAP FORWARD, INC. ADMINISTERS THE WALLACE LORENZO LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. THIS SCHOLARSHIP HONORS THE MEMORY OF ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING COUNSELORS WHO SERVED AT CALVERT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND.

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper graduated from the Richmond, VA public schools and Virginia Union University (also in Richmond) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He later received his Masters Degree in Guidance from Indiana State University. His teaching career started in Calvert County as a History and English Teacher at Brooks High School. He continued to work in the school system as a coach and guidance counselor at Calvert Senior High and the Calvert Vocational-Technical Center.

His greatest enjoyment in his work was being able to secure employment for students upon graduation and even for those who quit school for various reasons. He was particularly instrumental in helping students obtain entrance into college or other postgraduate schools.

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper was heavily involved with the Pax-Tenn program, which was a cooperative education program that provided minority students college funding and employment at the Patuxent Naval Air Station (now known as Naval Aviation Warfare Center) in Patuxent River, MD. More than 20 Calvert County students earned college engineering degrees and obtained engineering work positions through the Pax-Tenn program under Mr. Leeper's guidance.

A great number of people owe their successes in life to Wallace Lorenzo Leeper. He worked tirelessly to support students and provided an extremely personal touch to counseling. Truly a rare gift that is not prevalent in our school systems today. He really cared and it showed through his actions. What dedication! What sincerity!

It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, INC. sponsors this scholarship in Wallace Lorenzo Leeper's name and memory. Wallace Lorenzo Leeper lived the motto "Each One - Reach One" and when he helped "one" to succeed, he looked for another.



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LEAP Forward, INC. is also committed to service to students. May we continue to keep his memory alive in all that we do.

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LEAP Forward, Inc. Past Scholarship Recipients

1998 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kristen A. Taylor – Calvert High School Johnny Coates – Northern High School Gordon Taylor III – Calvert High School

1999 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Terrell Ennis – Northern High School Joanita Gross – Calvert High School Danielle Johnson – Northern High School Brandon King – Northern High School

2000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lynette Johnson – Calvert High School

2001 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Rebecca Fields – Calvert High School Tiffany Gray – Patuxent High School Larry Mackall – Patuxent High School Patrick Robinson – Calvert High School Kirby Spence – Great Mills High School

2002 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Leeann Nicole Bryant – Calvert High School Shalonda Hope Chew – Calvert High School William J. Colbert Jr. – Northern High School Ralph Gray, Jr. – Calvert High School Stacy Goldring – Patuxent High School Chante R. Jones – Calvert High School

2003 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Vasmin Natascha Edwards – Calvert High School De'Maris Renee' Hannon – Calvert High School Tiffany Shanae Norman – Lackey High School Shionta Wyquita Pumphrey – Calvert High School

2004 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jessica Brooks – Calvert High School Candeia Holland – Calvert High School Alexis Howard – Fairfax Baptist Temple Academy Quindara King – Great Mills High School Charise Watts – Calvert High School

2005 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Raymond Abad – Great Mills High School Montell Rothwell – Patuxent High School Justin Stepney – Calvert High School Tiffany Caldwell – Great Mills High School Ebony Charmaine Williams – Cardozo High School

2006 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tashrya A. Jones – Calvert High School Dominique Reid – School Without Walls Terrance M. Hall-Sutton – Calvert High School Shoron Waul – Calvert High School Nicole C. Greenfield – Calvert High School

2007 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kendra A. Edwards – Patuxent High School Jermaine Mason – Calvert High School Gerard Steven Muschette – Calvert High School Courtney A. Sutton – Calvert High School

2008 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dynika Gross – Huntingtown High School Jhalita Holland – Calvert High School Ashley Jerre Jones – Calvert High School LaQuita Jones – Calvert High School Ashley Nicole Lindsey – Great Mills High School Eugene Plater III – Huntingtown High School Quonte Stewart – Calvert High School

2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Michelle Brooks – Calvert High School Jo'nel Roxanne Barnes – Calvert High School Jasmin Nicole Brown – Calvert High School Kelsey Edwards – Patuxent High School Michael Ellison – Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Jameela Hendricks – Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

Nalynn Y. Holland – Huntingtown High School Ameellah S. Isley – Calvert High School Jay Little Jr. – Baltimore Polytechnic Institute

2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jasmine Adams – Northern High School
Kyle Hutzler – Huntingtown High School
Sharnice Long – Calvert High School
Devin Harrington – Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Anitra Brooks – Calvert High School
Caira Cartwright – Home Schooled
Keiva Cole – Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Monica Dureja – Northern High School
Shaunice Fenwick – Great Mills High School
Dai Quan Garner – Calvert High School
Breanna Harrod – Patuxent High School
Marcus Holland-Combs – Huntingtown
High School

Ashley Madariaga – Northern High School Crystal Trice – Calvert High School

2011 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kelsey Edwards – Patuxent High School
Riddicia Mackall – Huntingtown High School
Jordan Wilson – Northern High School
Sonya Crane – Northern High School
Tiffany Toye – Calvert High School
Jared Adam – Huntingtown High School
Tyler Austin – Patuxent High School
Turquoise Biscoe – Calvert High School
Daneya Boyd – Patuxent High School
Tierra Cooke – Calvert High School

Randl Dent – Northern High School Shameka Harvey – Calvert High School Pierce Jordan – Huntingtown High School Travon Long – Calvert High School Latara Swann – Calvert High School Malik Tonkins – Northern High School Dashawn Torney – Huntingtown High School Ranesse Tyler –Calvert High School Briana Wilkerson – Huntingtown High School

2012 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Darius Jones – Patuxent High School
Riddicia Mackall –Huntingtown High School
Shakira Chapman – Calvert High School
Lachelle Stewart – Calvert High School
Torez Cooke — Calvert High School
Michael Greene — Baltimore Polytechnic Institute
Brittany Brown — Huntingtown High School
Tonique Butler — Calvert High School
Markeisha Creek — Calvert High School
Sylvester Phillips — Calvert High School
Jalen Scalyes — Calvert High School

2013 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Brittany Brown – Huntingtown High School
Karrah Findley – Calvert High School
Kortina Moore – Patuxent High School
Symphony Love – Patuxent High School
Raneese Tyler – Calvert High School
Torez Cooke – Calvert High School
Danielle Deville – Patuxent High School
Erik Haskell II – Patuxent High School
Keisha Capers – Calvert High School
Matthew Doxie – Patuxent High School
Eric Gross — Patuxent High School
Malaysia Johnson – Calvert High School
Kaitlyn Torney – Patuxent High School

2014 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Juwan Hawkins – Huntingtown High School Martese Johnson – Patuxent High School A'Miya Williams – Patuxent High School Dillon Longo - Calvert High School Reika Haskell - Northern High School Malik Washington – Patuxent High School Eric Gross - Patuxent High School Kadesha Mitchell – Calvert High School Anthony Jefferson – Calvert High School Beth Mead - Patuxent High School Kevin Jackson Jr. – Patuxent High School Simone Nicholes – Calvert High School Jabrena Milburn – Chopticon High School lysha Dent – Northern High School Trinity Mitchell – Huntingtown High School Kayla Bush – Calvert High School

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2015 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Sydney Buckmire – Calvert High School
Breona Buck– Calvert High School
Ryan Adams – Northern High School
Joseph Berry III – Calvert High School
Shala Thomas – Northern High School
Monae Mackall – Calvert High School
Joshua Bell – Calvert High School
Autumn James – Huntingtown High School
Chardee Gross – Huntingtown High School
Karissa Fenwick – Patuxent High School
Brianna Mason – Calvert High School
Madison Tonic – Calvert High School
Kailyn Hutchins – Calvert High School
Raesha Estep – Calvert High School

2016 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jamal Holtz – Friendship Collegiate Academy Aniya El-Wahhabi – Patuxent High School Jerrell Jones - Northern High School Jonathan Parks - Northern High School Andre Jones - Calvert High School Ryan Briggs - Northern High School Dominique Jenkins – Patuxent High School Chardenae Butler - Patuxent High School Sha Niesha Johnson – Calvert High School Trayonna Hutchins - Huntingtown High School Jordyn Taylor – Huntingtown High School Jaquan Kelley – Patuxent High School Wilbur Robinson – Calvert High School Cedric Fowler – Calvert High School Isaiah Lewis – Annapolis High School Dana Wiggins – Huntingtown High School Taylor Jackson - Patuxent High School Oluwaseyi Kintunde – Patuxent High School

2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Aiyonna White - Northern High School Cierra Morsell - Northern High School Nia Adams - Northern High School Nehemiah Stewart – Huntingtown High School Kevin Wright - Northern High School Sydney Slappy – Patuxent High School Marcus Pratt Phelps - ACE High School Sydney Houston - Patuxent High School Alex Fletcher – Frederick Douglas High School Zoe Walker – Huntingtown High School Davaugh Reid – Huntingtown High School Derrice Smith - Patuxent High School Harleigh White- Huntingtown High School Isaiah Ridley-Calvert High School Marquise Bodley – Calvert High School Brenae Mcleish - Calvert High School Kalaya Hodges – Calvert High School

Lauren Cunningham – Northern High School
Trinity Parker – Patuxent High School
Alexis Adams –Northern High School
Dia Brown – Huntingtown High School
Ananda Claggett – Northern High School
Imani Watson – Calvert High School
Kevin Creek – Northern High School
Quenterrius Mason – Huntingtown High School

2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Tiffany Jackson - Northern High School Anna Kelly - Calvert High School Taylor Jackson - Northern High School Jalaysia Weems - Calvert High School Tarah Carter – Calvert High School Dorien Minor - Calvert High School Jaeden White - St. Mary's Ryken High School Cedric Hawkins - Huntingtown High School Grantley Bourne - Huntingtown High School Destiny Dillon - Calvert High School Kayla Williams - Calvert High School Angela Arnold – Huntingtown High School Samirah Brown – Northern High School Trinity James - Northern High School Nehemiah Stewart - Huntingtown High School Aiyonna White - Northern High School Mikayla Salazar - Calvert High School Nia Adams - Northern High School Lauren Cunningham - Northern High School Joseph Berry Jr. – Calvert High School Kayla Bush - Calvert High School Alexys Adams - Northern High School Kenadi Wilkerson - Huntingtown High School Kennady Ford - Calvert High School LaVonne Alston - Northern High School Brandon Hooker - Calvert High School Robin Freeland – Huntingtown High School Rache Cogborn - Calvert High School

2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dezmon Estep – Patuxent High School Justin Holland – Northern High School Herbert Carrington IV – Thomas Stone High School

Alexis Hill – Huntingtown High School
Anita Pope – Calvert High School
Amari Weems – Patuxent High School
Michaela Bell – Calvert High School
Desmond Creek – Calvert High School
Kendall Dent – Northern High School
Jalaysia Weems – Calvert High School
Sierra Butler – Huntingtown High School
Michaela Hawkins – Northern High School
Danielle Frye – Huntingtown High School

Kennady Ford - Calvert High School James Cogborn - Calvert High School Cedric Hawkins – Huntingtown High School Maleah Smith – Huntingtown High School Marcquan Fenwick-Davis – Calvert High School Lauren Cunningham – Northern High School Trayonna Hutchins – Huntingtown High School Imani Watson – Calvert High School Joshua Janey – Calvert High School Kierra Stevens – Northern High School Janae Ackerman - Northern High School Lamar Keith – St. Mary's Ryken High School Joseph Berry III - Calvert High School Dorien Minor – Calvert High School Jocelyn Berry – Calvert High School Journey Davis - Northern High School Daezha Kirk - Northern High School Destiny Dillon - Calvert High School Nyshia Hickson – Dr. Henry Wise Jr. High School Jasmine Holland – Northern High School Matthew D'Haiti – Westlake High School Akilah McLean - Calvert High School Melvin Davis - Calvert High School Joseph Bannister – Huntingtown High School Jalen Bembry – Patuxent High School McKenzie Eller – Calvert High School Christopher Evans – Northern High School Elysia Cooper – Patuxent High School Arrington Gutrick – Calvert High School

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Cedrick Hawkins – Huntingtown High School Shannon Wiggins – Huntingtown High School Dia Brown - Huntingtown High School Camryne Free – Calvert High School Chandler E. Bell – North Point High School Jeanelle Ford – Calvert High School Coerra Hutchins – Huntingtown High School Julyssa Simms - Calvert High School Kayla Mac – Patuxent High School Lamine Fofana – Northwood High School Jeanette Ford – Calvert High School Arrington Gutrick – Calvert High School Joshua Stubbs – Indian River High School Jabril Robinson - Northern High School Robert Hollins – North Point High School Justin Evans – Northern High School Selena Balanta – Ryken High School Tiffany Taylor – Northern High School Tarah Carter - Calvert High School Dorian Tonic - Calvert High School Jasmine Holland – Huntingtown High School Alexis Hill - Huntingtown High School Charity Smith - Northern High School

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2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS (cont.)

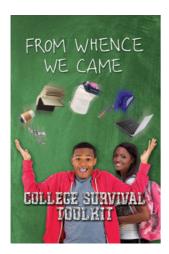
Jaiden Ruffin — Huntingtown High School
Bryce Howard — Northern High School
James Cogborn — Calvert High School
Aiyonna White — Northern High School
Zoe Walker — Huntingtown High School
Michaela Hawkins — Northern High School
Ashanti Ford — Calvert High School
Dorien Minor — Calvert High School
Kendall Andrews — Charles Herbert Flowers
High School

Kourtney Goldring – Huntingtown High School
Tia Jackson – Northern High School
Lauren Murphy – Northern High School
Tania Frederick-Allen – North Point High School
Dezmon Estep – Patuxent High School
Justin Holland – Huntingtown High School
Herbert Carrington IV – Thomas Stone High School
Nusaybah Williams – Al-Qalam Academy

2021 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Gavin Gross
Dorien Minor
Tarah Carter
Janae Ackerman
Lauratu Bah
Destiny Johnson
Malachi White
Dia Brown
Imani Tookes
Grace Henderson
Tayla Mann
Alexis Hill
Dataya Resenois

Tiara Nicole Baker Sophia Goins Alina Creek Callie Walker Jeanelle Ford Jaron Scott Arrington Gutrick MacKenzie Nicolas Ciarra Grady Laiya Saunders Mackenzie Dixon Tracey Montilus Jamari Morgan Jaiden Mosley
Kara Lawson
Dezmon Estep
Nusaybah Williams
Tania Frederick-Allen
Cedric Hawkins
Imani Roberts
Chandler Bell
Serenity Jackson
Egypt Butler
Leslie Wiafe
Keniya Rogers



Our Book, "From Whence We Came College Survival Toolkit" was published in 2017. It includes a compilation of advice from 31 former college students. Specific messages areas shared includes the following: embrace the Ivy League experience, transferring may enter your thoughts, use study groups, prepare for homesickness, do not abuse your unsupervised freedom, always be yourself, keep God first, friendships will gravitate to you, where there is a will, practice good work ethics, have no fear, and do not doubt. High school students may contact us for a free copy.

THE RECIPIENTS OF LEAP FORWARD, INC.



GORDON TAYLOR

Taylor is a 1998 recipient who studied business administration, majoring in economics at Towson University. He is a District Sales Manager for Sherwin-Williams in Palm Beach, Florida, the largest paint company in the world. He manages sales reps. He has been with the company for 18 years.



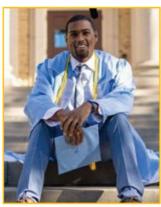
JOHNNY COATES

Coates is a 1998 recipient who went on to the University of Tampa to pursue a Criminal Justice Degree. After school, he served a 4-year tour in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Johnny was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant (E-6). He returned home to Calvert County to use his degree as a Deputy with the Calvert County Sheriff's Office Patrol Division. While there, he later became a Civilian Duty Officer due to an on-duty accident. Johnny retired after 20 years of service in 2018.



KRISTEN A. TAYLOR

Taylor is a 1998 recipient and a certified veterinary technician who is doing what she loves. She is the epitome of "paying it forward." Kristen has worked with LEAP Forward's CASH NSBE Jr chapter for the past 6 years. She has served as a coach of our Math Counts and Math Video teams. She also took the lead when the middle school members wanted to start their own division of the Ten80 race car competition. Through her insight and dedication, NEXTGEN Calvert Cruisers was birthed and thrived, wining numerous awards and becoming a competitive team Nationally. "I am grateful for the support I received from LEAP Forward and I am proud to serve the organization and my community."



NEHEMIAH STEWART

Stewart is a 2017 and 2018 recipient who received a B.S. Degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. For his academic prowess, Nehemiah was awarded the Venable Medal of Chemistry honor—a distinction bestowed upon two graduating seniors each year that denotes Nehemiah as the top chemistry student at UNC out of more than 5,000 chemistry students at his university. Nehemiah will continue his medical studies by attending Carolina School of Medicine as a member of its MD-PhD program. In this NIH funded program, he will receive his MD (medical doctorate) and PhD (Doctor of Philosophy for Research) completely free.



IMANI WATSON

Watson is a recent December 2020 Magna Cum Laude Graduate from Johnson & Wales University. She started interning at Enterprise Rent-A-Car on June 8, 2020 and landed a full-time position in October 2020. She is the proud CEO of Rare (Rise Above Regular Expectations) Creations by Imani (ShoprarecreationsbyImani.Com) and enjoys baking in her spare time. While working her full-time job, she is working hard to obtain her Master's degree online by January 2022.



TASHYRA JONES

Jones is a 2006 scholarship recipient who received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Maryland Global Campus in August 2020. Currently, she is working in ophthalmology. Her plans are to become a case manager. In this position, she will be able to help others on a daily basis with their health care and social service needs by developing plans and ensuring their access to many services.



TRINITY MITCHELL

Mitchell is a 2014 recipient who received a B.S. in Sports Entertainment and Event Management from Johnson & Wales University in 2018. Initially, she did event coordinating in Miami for the leading marketing and promotional company Headliner Market Group, where they worked closely with local clubs in South Beach, curated pop-up events with major artists, and did a lot of community outreach in the city of Overtown. She recently switched careers and locations. She currently resides in Arlington, Virginia, where she is now working in commercial property management for one of the largest development firms Brookfield Properties. She looks forward to excelling in her new career field!



KEVIN WRIGHT

Wright graduated from St. John's with a degree in Biology. He minored in Chemistry, and Philosophy of Science. He has plans to attend medical school with a concentration on Infectious Diseases.



ERIC GROSS, JR.

Gross is a May 2020 graduate from the College of Southern Maryland with an Associates in Arts and Sciences and a certificate of General Studies. He is currently attending the University of Maryland Global Campus in pursuit of his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. He is currently working for the Department of Defense in Washington, D.C.



JOANITA GROSS

Joanita Gross Ayers is a scholarship recipient who participated in a LEAP Forward college tour to Tennessee State University and a summer Minority Introduction to Engineering program. Currently, she is a Senior Principal Systems Engineer with Northrop Grumman Aeronautics Systems. Joanita received an Electrical Engineering degree from TSU in 2004. "It's so awesome LEAP Forward has been able to help so many families for two decades," she said.



KENDRA EDWARDS

Edwards will be starting law school at Lincoln Memorial University's Duncan School of Law, located in the heart of downtown Knoxville, Tennessee, this fall.



KELSEY EDWARDS

Edwards received her PA from Lincoln Memorial University – DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is currently working as an Obstetrics & Gynecology Physician Assistant at NYU Langone Health.



ISAIAH LEWIS

Lewis is a recent graduate at Frostburg State University Class of 2020. He majored in Communications Studies with a focus in Leadership. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity, FSU Rugby Club and The National Society of Leadership and success.



LAUREN CUNNINGHAM

Cunningham finished her Bachelor's degree in Speech-language pathology in December 2020. She will be starting her Master's degree in Speech-language pathology this Fall 2021. She graduated with honors (Magna Cum Laude).

Her advice for students would be "Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. College allows you a unique experience to take advantage of so many classes, experiences, opportunities, and meet so many people from varying backgrounds. The time will fly so definitely make the most of every day and challenge yourself to do something different."



CIARA CARTWRIGHT

Cartwright graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from St. Mary's College of Maryland. She began working for the Department of Human Services in 2015 and has since been promoted to a Lead, then a Supervisor. She enjoys being a part of the large running community in the Baltimore area. She and her husband, George welcomed their first child in August 2020. The LEAP Forward Scholarship allowed her to graduate college and positioned her to live well after graduating. This opportunity was deeply appreciated and the impact it will have on future students is exciting!



ROBYN COLLINS

Collins is a 2021 graduate of the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Bioengineering. For her, LEAP Forward has encouraged her to pursue a STEM career and gave her access to mentors in engineering. Leap Forward inspired her, and through her work she hopes she can also inspire others to pursue a career in STEM.



MARSETA ADAMS DILL

Marseta Dill graduated from Northern High and attended Tennessee State University (TSU) summer engineering program. After completion of that program, she received a full engineering scholarship. She graduated with honors and held summer internships with GM and HP and full-time positions with Accenture and the Federal Aviation Administration. Marseta Dill is currently the Deputy Chief Data Officer at the Federal Aviation Administration. Ms. Dill is helping the agency to leverage data as a business asset through governance, technology, and innovation. With over ten years at the FAA, Ms. Dill served in various roles including Chief of Staff, Technical Advisor, and Portfolio Manager. She has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Tennessee State University and a Master's in computer and Systems Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Paying forward her gratitude to LEAP Forward, she initiated the Randolph Adams and Clifton Morsell Memorial Scholarship.

"I cannot thank you enough for your support and hope you continue to encourage other minorities to attend college, especially TSU."

- July 10, 2001



KAILYN L. HUTCHINS

Hutchins graduated one year early, and summa cum laude, from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University in 2018 with a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a certification in crime scene investigation. From 2018-2020, she worked as a legal assistant for Davis, Upton & Palumbo, LLC in Prince Frederick, Maryland, with five litigation attorneys. Kailyn worked on civil litigation and criminal defense matters, domestic/family law matters, property matters, and estate planning matters. During fall 2020, she started law school at Elon University School of Law ("Elon Law") as an Elon Law Scholar and Advocacy Fellow, and just concluded her first year. She made the Dean's List and joined the executive board of two student organizations: The Innocence Project, Vice President of Training; and The Black Law Student Association, Academic Co-Chair. This summer, she will serve as a Law Clerk for the United States Environmental Protection Agency and will be working with federal officials and environmental specialists on various tasks. She will graduate from law school in December 2022, as Elon Law has a 2.5 year accelerated law program. After law school, she would like to work with the United States government as a litigation attorney, primarily working on federal criminal matters.



SHIONTA JONES

Jones is the owner and Founder of Shades of Health ®, Registered Hematology-Oncology nurse of 13 years and Yoga Teacher from Southern Maryland. She received her Bachelors of Science degree from Hampton University in 2008 and started her career at the world renowned The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Shionta incorporates her skill set as a nurse and yoga practitioner to work with every 'body' type including students that have cancer, rare genetic conditions, musculoskeletal disorders, acute and chronic pain, mental imbalances, anxiety, and depression. She has worked with UF Health Cancer Center of Orlando Health's Integrative Medicine team, Northside Hospital's Pastoral Care, Georgia Tech's Horizon Enrichment program, Black Nurses Association, The Wellness Sanctuary Inc., Black Women Who Plan and Create, and with UCLA Bowver Outpatient nursing staff. Shionta has been recognized for her accomplishments by Black Girls Run, the Black Yoga Teacher Alliance, Voyage Atlanta and Los Angeles Magazine, and made an appearance on podcasts Mediocre to Masterful and Mindfully Integrative to discuss finding freedom in Yoga. She has grown through many setbacks throughout her journey, but she continues to explore collaborating with herself in order to serve well in collaborating with others. Shionta has recently been accepted into UCLA MSN/APRN Nurse Practitioner Program where she will not only pursue her Master's but her Doctorate in Nurse Practice as an Integrative Family Nurse Practitioner.

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I will definitely make sure to keep in touch!"

- Destined4Success President Dataya

Art and History Display

LEAP Forward, Inc. is pleased to announce that we are the proud recipients of a grant from the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to help continue to expose youth and the community to the rich history of African Americans through our Black History and Art Exhibit. Through the grant, new exhibit pieces have been purchased. They include 50 new posters highlighting notables such as Katherine Johnson, James Baldwin, Misty Copeland, and Hatshepsut. In addition, five Southern Maryland notables are featured.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to display our wonderful exhibit at our local schools or at all events as we had planned. However, Community Day at Jefferson Patterson Park was supported in June 2021. Look for us in in your community in the Fall 2021 and February 2022. We have so much knowledge to share, and we are grateful for the opportunity to do so.



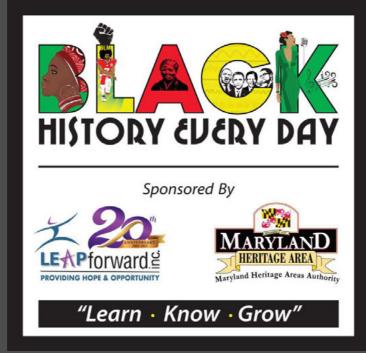








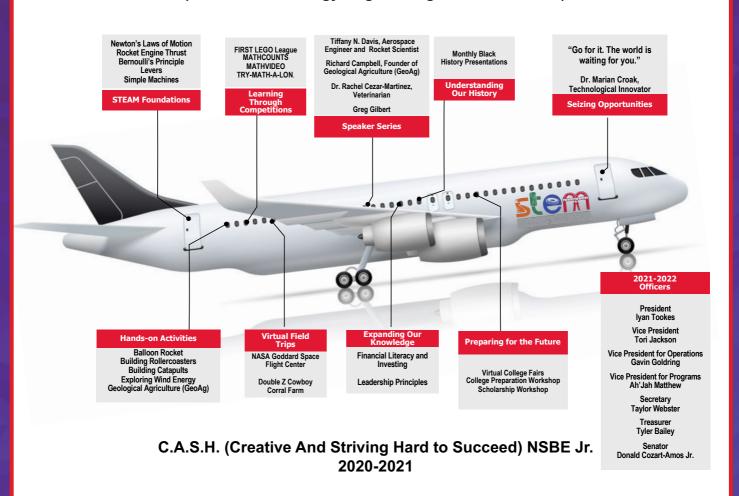






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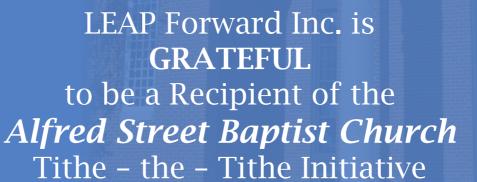
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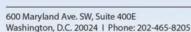
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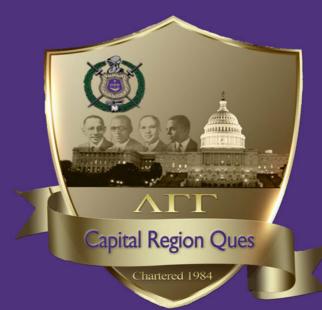
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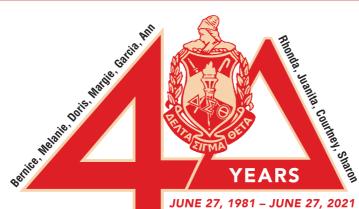
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Because He, He's never failed me yet.

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He's never failed us yet.
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