

LEAP FORWARD INC.

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

2020 Scholarship Program

Also Celebrating our Students Involved with the

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE) JR. CASH CHAPTER & Destined4Success

"The Power of Education - Bright Futures Ahead"



PRESENTING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS in Memory of

Wallace LEEPER, Earl THORNE, Raymond HARRIS, Clifton MORSELL/Randolph ADAMS, Violet PARKER, Hamilton and Alice PARRAN, Gloria Mae GROSS, Gladys HENSON, Lawrence MYERS, Iris HARRIS, George and Geneva Green HARROD, Wilson ENNIS, Sr., Billy FINCH, Blanche FINCH, Nannie Pearl Taylor CADE, Evelyn IRVINE, Grace PARKER, Pamela OFFER, Carrie Bertha JONES – In Celebration of Clyde Jones, MacArthur JONES, Ruth REID, Fernande PERSONNA and the THOMAS Family. Also presenting the VICTORIA LODGE #71 Scholarship.

JULY 12, 2020



Thank you for your support!



Lift Every Voice and Sing

by James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
let our rejoicing rise,
high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea sing a song full of faith that the dark past has taught us,
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of a
new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chast'ning rod,
felt in the day when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet,
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
we have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might,
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray
lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee,
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee,
shadowed beneath the hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God,
True to our native land.

Dear Families, Scholarship Recipients, Friends, Supporters, and Volunteers,

On December 31, 2019, as we were proclaiming "Happy New Year," could you have imagined that the year would evolve into a year of so many tumultuous events? At the start of the year, I heard the slogans too. You know: 2020 Vision, Perfect Vision in 2020, and 2020 New Vision. Can you SEE me now?

Not the start of the year we envisioned, right? Events such as the passing of Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and 7 others; the COVID-19 pandemic and its devastation, record deaths, record cases worldwide, stay at home orders, and masks mandates; economic downturn and job losses; canceled Olympics and other sports; no Broadway; limited travel; no vacations; no school, distance learning, interrupted studies, and closed college campuses; no church; no gatherings; brutality with a knee and police shootings; racism rising; health care disparities revealed; Black Lives Matter protests and marches; riots; cities burnings; calls for justice; voter suppression; fear and incompetence are all in our view. Do you SEE? The struggle – an emotional roller coaster for all of us – has been real during the first 7 months of 2020. Undoubtedly, the events were not what any of us could have ever imagined occurring in our lifetimes.

NEVERTHELESS, even in the midst of all of this, we can all gain new insights about vision and visionary thinking. I recently read that visionary thinking gives you a larger perspective. It expands not only what we can SEE, but also what we believe we are able to do (Source WFYT). It lets you SEE deeper into a situation, and take another step, and ask, what can I do? What can I do to bring change? I believe that it will be the power of education and the power of visionaries who will rise and bring forth their powerful plans for change in the future.

I can SEE a little clearer now. I SEE good news. I SEE the possibilities. I SEE talents. I SEE gifts. I SEE dreams. I SEE hopes. I SEE plans. I SEE God. I SEE what's inside of you. I SEE our youth leading the way. We SEE you!

We are disappointed that we could not gather this year to SEE you physically, and that's why it was so important for us to publish our 2020 program booklet. We SEE you through these pages, and we are so very proud. I thank all of you who supported us with this publication. I pray, within these pages, there is something that will inspire or motivate you. SEE and learn as we honor our 43 scholars, celebrate LEAP Forward programs, address voting rights, provide information about COVID-19, present views from our youth about Black Lives Matter, and offer a lesson on Black History.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow – and We are Grateful!

Rhonda Thomas

LEAP Forward Founder and President

"Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble in dread for it is the LORD your God who goes with you. He will not fail you or abandon you" (Deuteronomy 31:6, Amplified).

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To ALL Affected Adversely by COVID-19

In early March 2020, we were living a normal existence. We went to work; children attended school; and churchgoers worshipped in sanctuaries. Athletes played sports and music lovers attended concerts. Friends gathered in restaurants. Students planned for proms and commencements in anticipation of going to college or work. Then came a novel coronavirus and it was a pandemic. This plague called Covid-19 is taking hundreds of thousands of lives. Everything that we took for granted is no longer in place. We were ordered to stay at home. We began to work from home. Parents were required to home school their children. Sports events, concerts, and gathering for a meal with friends were halted. Perhaps the most disconcerting part of this is the necessity to wear masks and gloves when venturing outside our homes, and staying six feet away from one another.

Our hearts are deeply saddened for all who have been infected, died, or lost loved ones from COVID-19. As of this writing, Calvert County has had 398 confirmed cases and 23 deaths https://www.calvertcountycovid19.com. In Maryland there have been 65,337 cases and 3,108 deaths and in the United States 2,376,263 confirmed cases and 121,902 deaths (coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html). COVID-19 has been most devastating in black communities. According to several scientists, this highly infectious disease is going to be around for months to come. We extend our sincerest prayers and condolences to ALL who have been adversely affected. Go to www.cdc.gov to learn more about COVID-19.

During this unprecedented and unsettling time, we offer the following ways to keep spiritually, mentally, and emotionally healthy:

- Attend church services via conference call or the Internet.
- Pray continuously for God's wisdom, guidance, protection, grace, and mercy.
- o Pray for others.
- o Remain connected with family, friends, and other loved ones.
- o Find something to laugh about (youtube Christian Comedian Michael Jr)
- Do everything possible to stay safe.

COVID-19 is affecting all of us in many different ways. Although we cannot gather for this year's annual award ceremony and reception for the student recipients because of the virus, we are looking forward to next year and future gatherings.

Blessings always!

Mary Bates Washington and Darlene Harrod

YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

Voting is Central to the Equality of all Americans



1776: The Declaration of Independence has just been signed and the right to vote begins in America as a legal privilege almost exclusively available to white, property-owning, Protestant men. 1788: With the ratification of the Constitution, all slaves are counted as 3/5's of a single person on the national census. 1857: In the landmark case Dred Scott v. Sandford, the US Supreme Court rules that "a black man has no rights a white man is bound to respect." African Americans are further deprived of the right to citizenship and, by extension, the right to vote. 1866: The first Civil Rights Act grants citizenship, but not the right to vote, to all persons born in the USA. 1869-70: The Fifteenth Amendment is passed. The right to vote is now legally guaranteed to all male citizens regardless of "race, color, or previous condition of servitude." 1889-1890: Poll taxes and literacy tests specifically designed to reduce African American voting power are introduced in Southern states for the first time. 1919-20: The Nineteenth Amendment is adopted by Congress and ratified by the states into law. The right to vote is now guaranteed to all citizens regardless of gender. 1955: Rev. George Lee, one of the first black people registered to vote in Mississippi used his pulpit to urge others to vote. White officials offered Lee protection on the condition he end his voter registration efforts, but Lee refused and was murdered. 1957: The Civil Rights Act of 1957 authorizes the US Attorney General to file lawsuits on behalf of African Americans denied the right to vote. 1960: The Civil Rights Act of 1960 is passed. 1964: The passage and ratification of the 24th Amendment outlaws poll taxes nationwide. 1964: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is passed, making discrimination on the basis of race, national origin, gender, or religion in voting, public areas, the workplace, and schools illegal. 1965: The Voting Rights Act of 1965 is signed by President Johnson. 2006: The Voting Rights Act is extended for another 25 years. VOTE! Remember people died so you could vote.

Rev. George Lee



Jimmie Lee Jackson

BLACK LIVES MATTER PEACEFUL PROTESTS

Observations from our Youth

NSBE Jr CASH members Ayana and Aya (along with family) participated in the BLM March and share their viewpoints



This photo courtesy of Sarah A. Murray

"We are tired of being discriminated against, so we are here because the movement will make a change" - *Ayana*

I want to help bring about the end of systemic racism in the country, especially the police's behavior towards Black people: "The youth need to be involved. We need to know what's going on." - *Aya*



Even though all lives matter, Black lives are top of mind because, "right now we are the ones being killed. We matter too; we're important too." - *Karli*







This is an excerpt from the Ms. Magazine article "Youth Voices Matter: Students and Young Adults Among Those Protesting Systemic Racism June 16, 2020. We are appreciative to author Shriya Bhattacharya for allowing us to share.

Read more youth voices at: https://msmagazine.com/2020/06/16/youth-voices-matter-students-and-young-adults-among-those-protesting-systemic-racism/

WHAT IF THERE WERE NO BLACK PEOPLE

This is a story of a little boy name Theo, who woke up one morning and asked God, "What if there were no Black People in the world?" Well God thought about that for a moment and then said, "Son, follow me around today and let's just see what it would be like if there were no Black People in the world. Get dressed and we will get started."

Theo ran to his room to put on his clothes and shoes. But there were no shoes, and his clothes were all wrinkled. He looked for the iron, but when he reached for the **ironing board**, it was no longer there. You see Sara Boone, a black woman, invented the ironing board and Jan E. Matzellnger, a Black man, invented the **shoe lasting machine**. "Oh well, God said, go and do you hair." Theo ran in his room to comb his hair, but the comb was not there. You see, Walter Sammons, a Black man, invented the **comb**. Theo decided to just brush his hair, but the brush was gone. You see, Lydia O. Newman, a Black female invented the **brush**. Well, he was a sight, no shoes, wrinkled clothes, hair a mess, without the **hair care** inventions of Madam C. J. Walker, well, you get the picture.

God told Theo, "Let's do the chores around the house and then take a trip to the grocery store." Theo's job was to sweep the floor. He swept and swept and swept. When he reached for the dustpan, it was not there. You see, Lloyd P. ray, a Black man, invented the **dustpan**. So he swept his pile of dirt over in the corner and left it there. He then decided to mop the floor, but the mop was gone. You see, Thomas W. Stewart, a Black man, invented the **mop**. Theo thought to himself, "I'm not having any luck." "Well son," God said. "We should wash the clothes and prepare a list for the grocery store." When he was finished, Theo went to place the clothes in the dryer, but it was not there. You see, George T. Samon, a Black man, invented the **clothes dryer**. Theo got a pencil and some paper to prepare the list for the market, but noticed that the pencil lead was broken, well he was out of luck because John Love, a Black man, invented the **pencil sharpener**. He reached for a pen, but it was not there because William Purvis, a Black man, invented the **fountain pen**. As a matter of fact, Lee Burridge invented the **type writing machine**, and W.A. Lavette, the **printing press**.

So they decided to head out to the market. Well, when Theo opened the door, he noticed the grass was as high as he was tall. You see, John Burr, a Black man, invented the **lawn mower**. They made their way over to the car and found that it just wouldn't go. You see, Robert Spikes, a Black man, invented the **automatic gearshift** and Joseph Gammel invented the **supercharge system** for internal combustion engines. They noticed that the few cars that were moving were running into each other and having wrecks because there were no traffic signals. You see Garrett A. Morgan; a Black man invented the **traffic light**. It was getting late, so they walked to the market, got their groceries and returned home. Just when they were about to put away the milk, eggs and butter; they noticed the refrigerator was gone. You see, John Standard, a Black man, invented the **refrigerator**. So they put the food on the counter. By this time, they noticed it was getting mighty cold. Theo went to turn up the heat and what do you know, Alice Parker, a black female, invented the **heating furnace**. Even in the summer time, they would have been out of luck because Frederick Jones, a Black man, invented the **air conditioner**.

It was almost time for Theo's father to arrive home. He usually took the bus, but there was no bus because its precursor was the **electric trolley**, invented by another Black man, Elbert T. Robinson. He usually took the elevator from his office on the 20th floor, but there was no elevator because Alexander Miles, a Black man, invented the **elevator**. He usually dropped off the office mail at a nearby mailbox, but it was no longer there because Phillip Downing, a Black man, invented the **letter drop mailbox** and William Barry invented the **postmarking and canceling machine**. Theo sat at the kitchen table with his head in hands. When his father arrived he asked, "Why are you sitting in the dark?" why? Because Lewis Howard Latimer, a Black man, invented the **filament within the light bulb**. Theo quickly learned what it would be like if there were no black People in the world. Not to mention if he were ever sick and needed blood. Charles Drew, a Black Scientist, found a way to **preserve and store blood**, which led to his starting the world's first blood bank. And what if a family member had to have surgery, this would not have been possible without Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, a Black doctor, who performed the first **open-heart surgery**. So if you ever wonder, like Theo, where we would be without Blacks? Well, it's plain to see, we could very well still be in the DARK!



An Engineer's Job

by Dia Brown (2020 Scholarship Recipient)

Oh, how do I find the motivation?

Amidst the uncertainty of a life,

That deems people essential based on the value of their work,

Rather than the notion that all people are essential.

Pandemic bus drivers, freedom riders, "invisible enemies" and Hidden Figures

Coughed on, beat up, ignored and fired based on a collective,

Who prefer a lighter complexion and wealth, a collection,
For the select few. But what they lack is a motive
That's rooted in passion for the people instead of stocks and figures.
They shout their hate for welfare yet help out the well-off and fair, whose lives
Don't need to be deemed essential
Because they are assumed to be; an idea built on the backs of stolen work.

But I will work,

To bring about a collective,

Who build safe homes for the essential,

Which is all the people. I'm motivated

To take every breath of my life

Designing homes for the minimum wage worker, the under-paid teacher, the mother or father figure,

Whose value is not figured
Into the American economy. Their work
That makes someone's day or changes a life,
But doesn't afford them the ability to pay off a collection
Of bills or food, or water, or shelter. My engineering degree is motivated
By the idea that a place to call home is essential.
And, in the next decade, running for mayor of Baltimore is essential
So that I am not only creating housing, but figuring
Out how to make policy motivated
By the people, rather than the work
That they do. I will notice the color purple collected
in the field by God and remove the red lines in my field over the course of my lifetime.

I want to transform engineering so that it is not just seen as a high paying job, but a way of saving lives. Because the engineer is important, but community is essential.

I want people to know and feel that they matter, and that we are part of a collective.

That we are more than just a jumble of stats and figures.

If there is one thing COVID-19 has shown, is that with or without a job our work

Matters. And that's how I stay motivated.

For the one thing that is certain in life, is that our collective

Motivation is powerful, and that we are all essential.

I'll be a community figure

That can get a million to march and make a safe place to rest. It's not a job; it's my life's work.

2020 Scholarship Recipients

\$750 - \$2,100

2020 IRIS ANNE HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Cedrick Hawkins

College of Southern Maryland 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 difference in a child's life.

2020 VICTORIA LODGE F&AM, P.H.A. #71 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Shannon Wiggins

Huntingtown High School Hampton University Computer Engineering My chosen field of study is Computer Science with an emphasis on cybersecurity. I chose this field of study, due in

large part, to the many career-enhancing experiences I had in my high school years including leading computer coding competitions and competing for a 2020 Google Fellowship.

2020 EVELYN V. IRVINE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Dia Brown

University of Vermont Civil Engineering After I return to Maryland after college, I will move to Baltimore to work for an engineering firm to design environmentally

sustainable and affordable row housing. I also plan to apply to be on the Mayor's Environmental Control Board. Civil Engineering to me means helping community and saving lives through structurally sound and comfortable spaces.

2020 RUTH NUTTER REID MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Camryne Free

Calvert High School
Lamar University
American Sign Language
One of the best things that I
can do for our community is
to be a teacher, mentor, and
athletic coach. My experience

in athletics has taught me leadership, commitment, patience, and teamwork. All of these are qualities of a good teacher.

2020 LAWRENCE MYERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Chandler E. Bell

North Point High School Morgan State University Architectural Engineering I have earnest goals to use the knowledge I gain from a degree in Architecture by making changes to public

housing and creating affordable living for our most impoverished citizens and communities.

2020 GLADYS HENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Jeanelle Ford

Calvert High School Bowie State University Business Analytics

My vision for the near future after my completion of a business degree that could positively impact the energy

industry and the community I live in, is to become an owner of a pristine construction company that partners with real estate management. I hope that in the future instead of leaving homes and buildings vacant and without purpose, society will strive to reuse more materials abandoned or not.

2020 ALICE AND HAMILTON PARRAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Diamond Lewis Northern High School Mount St. Mary's University Biology and Pre-Med Doing a biomedical pathway and another science class helped reinforce topics and pinpoint certain medical

professions I wanted to focus on more. Learning how to read imaging, DNA cuts for enzyme and parts of organs helped me find my passion in cardiology.



Cierra Hutchins

Huntingtown High School College of Southern Maryland Criminal Justice: Minor in **Social Services** With my major, I will be able to pursue my true passion.

need. I hope to be able to help place children in need in safer environments.

2020 BLANCHE FINCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Julyssa Simms Calvert High School College of Southern Maryland Nursina

I acknowledge the hard work it takes to become successful. which is why I won't belittle myself by simply saying I

want to attend college. I rather say I want to graduate college, I am completely looked upon as a person with perseverance.

2020 BILLY FINCH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



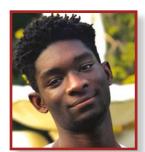
Kavla Mac

Patuxent High School University of Maryland **Baltimore County** Biology

The first day of Principles of Biomedical Science (PBS). the first-year class out of

the four-year pathway. I found myself to be weirdly intrigued. PBS became my most fascinating class. I plan to earn a bachelor degree in Biology and enter medical school. I will become a household name for my incredible medical contributions.

2020 VIOLET PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Lamine Fofana

Northwood High School University of Maryland **Baltimore County** Biology

I plan on majoring in Biology in order to further my knowledge. so I work towards my goal of

becoming an emergency medical physician. When I was younger, I got sick frequently and went to the hospital. and they always took care of me and made me feel safe, so I want to be the one to help patients who come in, to make sure they feel the same way I did.

2020 GRACE PARKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Jeanette Ford Calvert High School

Bowie State University Business

I decided to choose to study business because I want to create my own makeup line. In 10 years, I can see myself being

very prosperous, selling my own makeup line, working hard, and doing what I love, makeup. This new knowledge I will be learning in college is all I need to know to create a successful multimillion-dollar makeup company, created by a young Black woman.

2020 THOMAS FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Mylea Georne Waul
Collge of Southern Maryland
Bowie State University
Criminal Justice

I want to major in criminal justice because it's something I've always been interested in. I've taken criminal justice

courses since high school. As of now, my plan is to help young kids in the system. People always debate on if rehabilitation even works, and I personally feel like as a child you have time to change. I believe that a lot of young kids are in the system because of their environment, so I just want to help the community as a whole.



Arrington Gutrick
Morgan State University
Social Work

I plan to further my education in the field of social work. After I get my Bachelor's, I plan to get my Master's with the one-year program

at Morgan. I want to learn the different parts of social work. This will help me become the best probation officer I can be. This will also help me help others in my future career.

2020 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

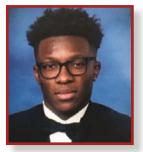


Joshua Stubbs
Indian River High School
University of Saint Mary
Architecture

There are really only two things that I want in life right now -to become an Architect and become a great hurdler. I

started running track in the 5th grade and I fell in love with the hurdles at that time. In addition to my track and academics, I participated in a number of school activities (Student Council Association, Step Team, and Lego Shipbuilding Competitions.)

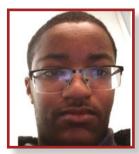
2020 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jabril Robinson

Northern High School Elizabeth City State University Business Admin/Marketing Since middle school, I have aspired to be a successful entrepreneur. Being able to create, manage, and produce

for oneself is a part of the American Dream, and I would like to be a part of that ideal. One specific area I would like to pursue is carving a niche in the Music industry. Music has been a passion of mine all my life.



Robert Hollins

North Point High School College of Southern Maryland Electrical Engineering My career goal is to be an Electrical Engineer. Our lives, our stories come in chapters. One chapter of my life is

coming to a close, and another will begin. Our stories don't end until we stop writing, and I have much more to write. This is my story. To be continued....

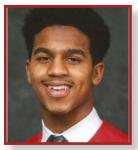


Micah Pratt

Calvert High School
University TBD
Art Therapy & Psychology;
Minor in Graphic Arts
I believe that photography,
art, drawing, painting, etc. are
very healing to the soul, and it

allows you to channel out your inner feelings through art. One day I just started to draw on a scrap piece of paper, and I started to feel a sense of joy while being creative. My role in society will focus on healing victims of abuse and trauma.

2020 WALLACE LEEPER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Justin Evans
Northern High School
Towson University
Political Science and
International Studies
My mother always said,
"Never say what you can't do
because you will start to

believe it." This belief pushed me to take harder classes, engage in the classroom, and to fear no mistake. My overall career goal is to find a job which incorporates history and culture.



Selena BalantaRyken High School
James Madison University
Major - Undecided

Major - Undecided
I developed a passion for both
the arts in public relations
when dealing with social
media, marketing, and web

development. I am also interested in humanities in social work and serving those who face challenges such as poverty, physical and mental health issues, addiction, and family problems.



Tiffany Taylor

Northern High School Savannah College of Art Fine Art/Painting; Minor in Business When I build my art gallery, I want people to see all the work I've contributed to

society, whether it is a painting or a sculpture. I want people to feel connected to my paintings, to understand and acknowledge the culture within the pieces.



Tarah Carter Temple University

Advertising

My major, advertising, will be a stepping-stone for me. Since I've been at Temple, I've realized my interest in law, so after graduation, I am planning to pursue a law degree.

2020 PAMELA OFFER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Dorian Tonic

Calvert High School
University of Maryland
College Park
Kinesiology/Biological Science
Within recent years, I have
developed a strong desire to
advance my career in the

medical field, specifically with pediatric orthopedic studies. There are many ways I hope to expand my medical experience to reach the community in a positive way. The path to becoming a physician is a grueling process, yet very rewarding in its outcome.

2020 EARL THORNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Jasmine Holland

University of Maryland Baltimore County Nursing

I plan to use my interest in the human body and my love for kids to major in nursing and become a pediatric nurse. I

admire their little spirits, and I am thankful for the qualities they continue to show that we seem to lose as adults.

2020 CLYDE AND CARRIE JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Alexis Hill

Towson University
Integrated Early Childhood and
Special Education
The most important traits for
college are being grateful,
well-balanced, and determined.
My advice to young people is

to find something that they are passionate about and use it to change the world.

2020 CLIFTON MORSELL & RANDOLPH ADAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Public Health



Charity Smith
Northern High School
North Carolina Central University

Public health is one of many science fields that excites me and makes me curious to learn more. A lifelong dream of mine

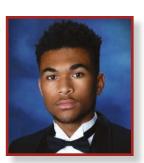
is to become a doctor and help those around me to enrich their lives. I want to learn about the human body in-depth. Understanding the body and learning what makes humans tick have also made me intellectually curious.



Jaiden Ruffin

Huntingtown High School Shenandoah University Marketing/Sports Management I eventually discovered my passion when I was 12 years old when my Dad introduced me to the stock market, and

I began to fall in love with it. My career goals are to become a marketing manager for an athletic company, because I enjoy being around sports and playing them too. I am very passionate about business and finance.



Bryce Howard

Northern High School St. Mary's College of Maryland Computer Science

My scholastic leadership and community-based accomplishments and responsibilities are numerous, and I have been

extremely successful with each of them but especially balancing them all. I have played football and lacrosse stepping into leadership roles as team captain for both sports.

2020 GEORGE H. AND GENEVA GREEN HARROD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



James CogbornFrostburg University

Exercise Science
I have learned that everything happens for a reason and to never give up no matter the circumstances.

After earning my degree, I will

find a long-term job that I love and will work to help prevent athletic injuries as well as improve the physical background of athletes.



Aiyonna White

University of Southern California Journalism I intend to use my journalism

degree to report on marginalized communities.
Giving these communities a

voice will empower them, and empower others in their situation, which will lead to tangible change.



Zoe Walker

Chowan University Criminal Justice, Minor in Psychology

After my projected graduation date in May of 2021, I plan to attend the United States Air Force in hopes of becoming an

officer. I would like to focus on cybersecurity or on law. My education would ultimately help me to continue to give back to my community on a much larger scale as well as play my part in keeping not only my community safe but the United States safe as well.

2020 GLORIA MAE GROSS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Michaela Hawkins
University of Maryland
College Park
Accounting
Obtaining my degree and
passing the Certified Public
Accounting (CPA) exam will
offer me a unique

opportunity to improve my community. I want to be in a position of power to build a pipeline for other women and minorities seeking to go into business and law.



Ashanti Ford
Calvert High School
Liberty University
Computer Science
College will assist in meeting
my goals because with a
college degree I will be able to
become a Software Engineer.

My ultimate goal is to be the CEO of my own software company, Gantt Innovations.



Dorien Minor

Georgia Institute of Technology Earth and Atmospheric Science I have been able to devote the time and energy necessary to receive academic excellence. I plan on becoming the CEO of my own meteorology station

and mentoring other students.

2020 NANNIE CADE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Kendall Andrews

Charles H. Flowers High School Spelman College Computer Science and Mass Communications A challenging experience in my life is living in two worlds. Having to balance my creative

side with my academic side (STEM and dancing).

2020 RAYMOND HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Kourtney Goldring
Huntingtown High School
College of Southern Maryland
Computer Science
I want to inspire a younger
generation of girls to dream
big and go into fields that may
not be heavily populated

with women. The field of Computer Science lacks women and girls, let alone African American women and girls. I would like to study both Aviation and Computer Science. They both hold a significant place in my heart.



Tia Jackson
Northern High School
Towson University
Public Health
Since I was 13-years old, I
have dreamed of becoming
a surgeon, specifically an
orthopedic surgeon, with a

specific interest in pediatrics. Living in this community has taught me to never settle, but instead always strive to become the person no one believes you can be.

2020 MACARTHUR JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



Lauren Murphy
Northern High School
Slippery Rock University
Early and Special Education
My hope for the future is to
teach students like myself with
learning disabilities and other
disabilities to further their

education. Teaching is my passion, and I firmly believe that all students have a right to learn no matter what. I hope to use my experiences to bring compassion and creativity to my future class.

2020 WILSON ENNIS SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Tania Frederick-Allen
North Point High School
University of Maryland
Eastern Shore
Biochemistry

I am planning to study dietetics and become a children's dietitian. I want to help children in need of

getting their diet under control and also finding ways to help kids who have certain diseases or conditions to eat healthier based on their needs. Being able to be a dietitian will let my child patients know that they are not alone, and they have people to help them through their journey.



Dezmon EstepNorth Carolina A&T University

Morth Carolina A&T University
Mechanical Engineering,
Robotics Engineering
It is a little ambitious, but I have a

three-step plan that I am going to try and make work. I will get my Master's in Robotics Engineering

and a job in Mechatronics Engineering and then establish Dezmon's Company of Innovations.



Justin Holland

Morgan State University Civil Engineering, Transportation Engineering

I believe that earning a degree is empowering; it will boost my confidence and will provide a sense of achievement. I will

always want to do something to continue my education. I do want to eventually partner with or start a black-owned Civil Engineering company.



Herbert Carrington IV

Tennessee State University
Architectural Engineering
Now that I am a step closer to
fulfilling my dream of becoming an
Architectural Engineer with one year
completed, I could not be more
motivated. I want to let you know

that your initial investment in me was not only a blessing but a defining moment for me. I will not let you down.

2020 WILSON ENNIS SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Nusaybah Williams Bowie State University English

I want a career that would allow me to make changes on a larger scale. I made the decision to study law and specialize in the areas of both

human rights and immigration laws. I know now that the only way to truly better the system is to fight it from within.



Celebrating Past Scholarship Recipients



TRAYONNA HUTCHINS

My name is Trayonna Hutchins and I recently graduated Cum Laude from the University of Maryland, College Park with a B.A. in Theater. I plan to continue my training and schooling through a Master's Program for Human Resources. I am so grateful for all the kindness and support that was shown to me by LEAP Forward.



KEVIN JACKSON JR.

Kevin Jackson Jr. is a 2020 graduate of Temple University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. He is continuing his studies at Temple and is now working on his Master's in Electrical Engineering. He will be working for the Department of Defense upon completion of his Masters.



TAYLOR JACKSON

Taylor graduated Cum Laude from Morgan State
University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music.
While at Morgan State University, Taylor was able to
travel and tour with the World-Renowned Morgan State
University Choir to places like Detroit, Chicago,
Austria, and Germany. In the fall, Taylor will be
teaching elementary school music.



JERRELL JONES

Jerrell Jones graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a 3.39 GPA. He is involved in organizations such as Men on the Move, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Baja SAE. He has been a member of the Honors Societies Alpha Lambda Delta and Pi Tau Sigma and has participated in multiple internships such as Research Engineering Development Inc. and Ingersoll Rand. He currently has a full-time position at Ford Motor Company doing Product Development/Design.

CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATES



LYSHA DENT

My name is Lysha Dent and I graduated from the University of Delaware in 2018. After graduation, I took my dream job as a Kindergarten Teacher. I am currently completing my Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction and will graduate in February. I wish you all success!



KYLE HUTZLER

Kyle earned his undergraduate degree in Economics from Yale in 2014, was a Schwarzman Scholar in Beijing in 2017, and completed his MBA from Stanford in 2019. He currently works for the management consultancy, McKinsey & Company, serving public sector clients, and is a published writer on international affairs and US-China relations.



AUTUMN JAMES

In May of 2019, I graduated from Spelman College with Latin and departmental honors. The following school year I began law school and am now an incoming 2L at the University of Baltimore School of Law. When I graduate law school, I hope to practice criminal defense law and eventually open my own law firm. Over the past few years, I have had the opportunity to work for an attorney and to intern with a Montgomery County District Court judge.



JABRENA MILBURN

Jabrena graduated in 2019 from the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore with a B.S. in Education. She has been teaching 4th grade at Patuxent Appeal Elementary in Lusby, Maryland.



SHALA THOMAS

My name is Shala Thomas, and I am a 2015 LEAP Forward scholarship recipient. In the 2019, I graduated with honors from Hampton University. I have a Bachelor's Degree from the Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications. After graduation I was determined to work for a company that accommodates my Degree. In September, I accepted a job as a Content Producer at KJRH-TV NBC Channel 2 News in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Five months later I was promoted to a news producer for the weekend morning show and the noon show. I am truly blessed, and the sky is the limit.

In Memory and In Celebration



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

With 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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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.





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."





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".



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.





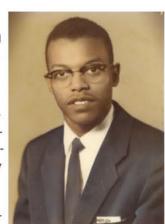
LEAP Forward, Inc. is also committed to service to others.

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 Doing his job meant more than just going to work. As a classroom teacher, he was involved with the Calvert Education Association and even held the office of president for a term. As a principal, he was active with the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. In addition, he was a lifetime member of the Maryland PTA.

His tenacity and enthusiasm for education were also evident in his involvement in social and community activities. He was a member of the Red Cross, St. John Vianney Parish Council, Calvert Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and appointed to the Calvert County Planning and Zoning Commission, Calvert County Citizens Advisory Board and several other organizations. He was also very dedicated, involved, and proud of the accomplishments of the Calvert Sandettes and Strutters, a community majorette, color corps and marching band group. Earl S. Thorne lived his 75 years on earth. 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.



His teaching career began in 1959, as a social studies teacher at Brooks High School. Following integration of the school system, he moved to Calvert Middle School, and later was offered the position of vice principal. From there, he worked as vice principal at Northern Middle School. In 1970, he was named the principal at Southern Middle School and became the first African American middle school principal in Calvert County. He later returned to Northern Middle School in the role of principal, and retired in 1995.

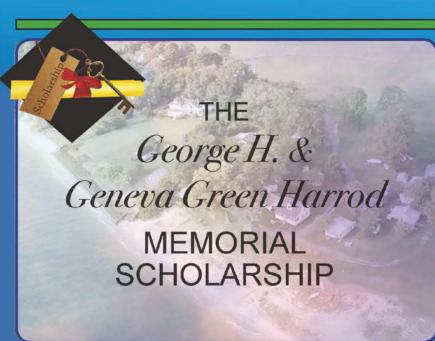
Doing his job meant more than just going to work. As a classroom teacher, he most enjoyed teaching children with challenges, and took great pride in seeing them as active adults. As a principal, he encouraged and supported his staff in any endeavor that he felt would be beneficial for the children. He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

His tenacity and enthusiasm for education were also evident in his involvement in social and community activities. He was a member of the Red Cross, St. John Vianney Parish Council, Calvert Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, and appointed to the Calvert County Planning and Zoning Commission, Calvert County Citizens Advisory Board and several other organizations. He was also very dedicated, involved, and proud of the accomplishments of the Calvert Sandettes and Strutters, a community majorette, color corps and marching band group.

His theory of preparedness carried on when he became a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree. He was active in educating the younger members and making sure they were ready to carry the torch for the organization.

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.







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.

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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.



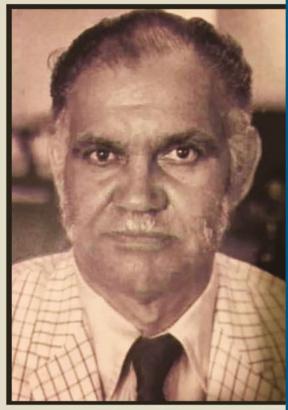
LEAP Forward, Inc. administers the MacArthur Jones Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship honors the memory of an outstanding educator.

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.



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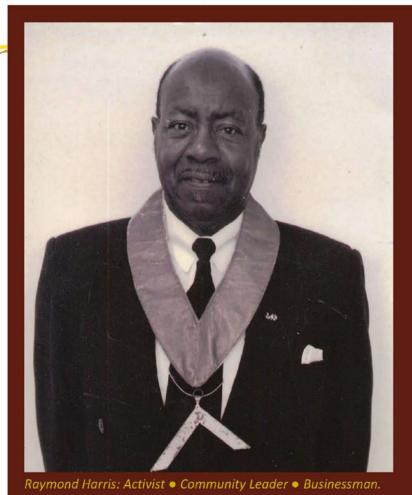
A man of tremendous courage, he had a great zest for life. His wisdom and non remunerated advice were sought by many and yielded fortunes for others in the Jamaican stock market.

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 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 Raymond felt a strong children. 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 local union #832. 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, P.H.A. is 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.





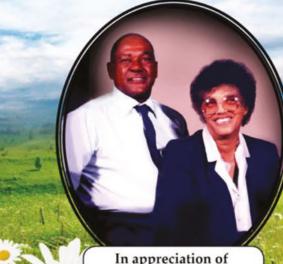
It is with great pleasure that LEAP Forward, Inc. sponsors this scholarship in the name of Victoria Lodge #71 as they are dedicated to education and the betterment of others.

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.



In appreciation of 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





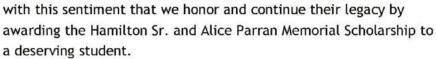




Big Daddy and Big Momma...

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.









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.









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. Ferrnande 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.



1935-1978

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



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

LEAP Forward, Inc. Past Scholarship Recipients

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 Marguise 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

Aiyonna White Alexis Hill Arrington Gutrick Ashanti Ford Brvce Howard Camryne Free Cedrick Hawkins Chandler E. Bell Charity Smith Cierra Hutchins Dezmon Estep Dia Brown Diamond Lewis **Dorian Tonic** Dorien Minor Herbert Carrington IV Jabril Robinson Jaiden Ruffin James Cogborn Jasmine Holland Jeanelle Ford Jeanette Ford

Joshua Stubbs Julyssa Simms Justin Evans Justin Holland Kavla Mac Kendall Andrews Kourtnev Goldring Lamine Fofana Lauren Murphy Micah Pratt Michaela Hawkins Mylea Georne Waul Nusaybah Williams Robert Hollins Selena Balanta Shannon Wiggins Tania Frederick-Allen Tarah Carter Tia Jackson Tiffany Taylor Zoe Walker

Thank you Families



Our Success
is
Your Success

LEAP Forward Inc. Celebrating Our Successes:

- In 2019, we awarded 42 scholarships for a total of \$42,500. Twenty-one students are pursuing STEM majors (including Nursing).
- In 2020, we awarded 43 awards for a total of \$45,200. Twenty-two students are pursing STEM majors (including Nursing).
- In 2019, we honored Wilson Ennis Sr., Nannie Pearl Taylor Cade, Blanche Finch, and Grace Parker with new scholarships in their memories.
- In 2020, we honored Ruth Reid, Iris Harris, Bill Finch, Gladys Henson and Pamela Offer with new scholarships in their memories. We also added the Thomas Family legacy scholarship.
- Our lunchtime mentoring program Destined4Success at Calvert High School continued to thrive. The girls ventured to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. They also participated in college tours at Howard University and Hampton University. Destined President Dataya Resenois, a junior, received the Maryland Commission for Women 2020 Women of Tomorrow Award. Destined4Success was awarded a \$2,500 grant from the HELP Association.
- In 2019, we co-sponsored a trip to the Alfred Street Baptist Church College Expo at the Washington, DC, Convention Center. In 2020, we also co-sponsored a trip to the Alfred Street Baptist Church College Expo at the Gaylord hotel at the National Harbor.
 - o Several students received on-the-spot college admissions offers.
- We also provided opportunities for exposure to the rich history of African Americans in our Black History and Art exhibit. The exhibit was presented at Calvert, Northern, and Patuxent High Schools. A community event was held at Calvert High, and Patuxent students created a video about the exhibit at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63SL6Qau9G4&t=11s
 - o In 2020, we also introduced the exhibit at Calvert Middle and Huntingtown High.
- Our book, "From Whence We Came," was shared with other community groups to help students prepare for college. The book provides advice for entering freshmen on college life from current and past college students.
- Our National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Chapter highlights:
 - We maintained our peak membership of 80 students for the NSBE Jr CASH Pre-College Initiative program and attended the national conference in Detroit, MI; regional conference in Pittsburgh, PA; and the local conference at University of MD Baltimore County.
 - We were honored to be highlighted in the 2019 NSBE Convention Magazine as 2018 National Chapter of the Year.
 - Additionally, our competition teams performed well as 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. In 2020, though we didn't attend the national conference because of COVID-19, the NextGen Calvert Cruisers won 1st place NSBE Jr on-line points challenge and were crowned the National Ten80 middle school points race champions.

- In 2019, our FIRST Lego Jr. team, Moon Legend, made their competition debut. We also added a FIRST Lego team, MegalaBrains, for our middle school students, who also made their competition debut. We also initiated our Future City competition team for middle school students. The team is coached by our very first NSBE Jr CASH President, Keisha Capers, a Hampton University Chemical Engineering graduate. Paying it Forward! Our Wind Energy team, WhirlWinds, also ignited and prepared for competition.
- ★ Donated computers to the community for local students to bridge the digital divide.
- We have stressed the importance of giving back to our youth. We 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, MI, and provided a donation to Chef Jose Andres and the World Central Kitchen for his efforts in the Bahamas.
- LEAP Forward received the 2019 Education Award from the Calvert Collaborative for Children and Youth. In 2020, LEAP Forward was honored by Mt. Hope United Methodist Church at their Black History Program.

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NSBE JR CASH 2019-2020 Photo Gallery



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Destined 4 Success Photo Gallery











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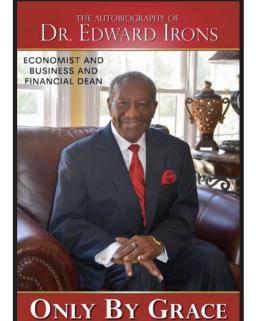


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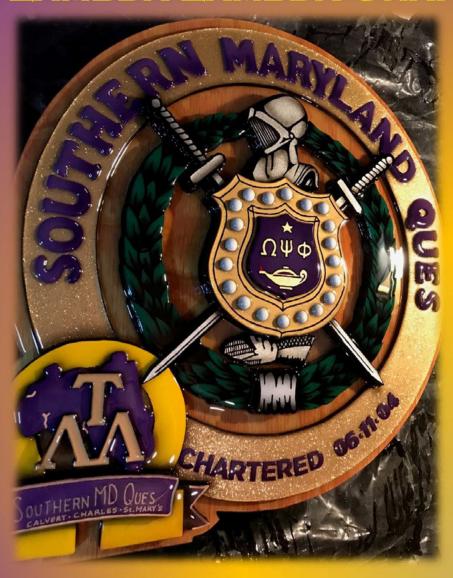
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