



2023  
*Scholarship  
Program*



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LEAP FORWARD, INC. 2023 SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

July 23, 2023

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### PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRE-SHOW SELECTIONS..... Brother Geret Gray  
MASTER OF CEREMONY..... Brother Jahvon Gordon  
OPENING PRAYER..... Rev. Dr. Dana Jones, Mt. Olive United Methodist Church  
REMARKS..... Rhonda Thomas, LEAP Forward, Inc. President and Founder  
MUSICAL SELECTIONS..... Bowie State University Gospel Choir  
INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER..... Trayonna Hutchins, LEAP Forward, Inc. VP  
MESSAGE..... Dr. Annica Wayman, UMBC Associate Dean for Shady Grove Affairs  
MUSICAL SELECTIONS..... Bowie State University Gospel Choir

### **PRESENTATION OF 2023 SCHOLARS**

STUDENT REFLECTIONS..... 2023 Scholarship Recipients  
CLOSING REMARKS..... Kim Thomas, Scholarship Reception Chair  
NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM..... Attendees  
CLOSING PRAYER..... Rev. Dr. Dana Jones, Mt. Olive United Methodist Church

## 2023 RECIPIENTS



**Violet Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Sophia Achufusi-Amuze  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Towson University



**Wallace Leeper  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jalon Bain  
Major: Business  
College of Southern Maryland



**Wilson Ennis Sr.  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Tiara Baker  
Major: Nursing  
North Carolina Central  
University



**Earl Thorne  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Essahe Barber  
Major: Marketing  
Hampton University



**Iris Anne Harris  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Rebekah Bobo  
Major: Music  
Morgan State University



**Bill & Blanche Finch  
Memorial Scholarship**  
J'Niya Brooks  
Major: Nursing  
Stevenson University



**Iris Anne Harris  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jada Brooks  
Major: Secondary Education  
Bowie State University



**Grace Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Egypt Butler  
Major: Information Science  
University of Maryland  
College Park



**Ruth Reid  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Angelia Carson  
Major: Secondary Education/  
Music  
College of Southern Maryland



**Glenda Lee Bell  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Anjelynn Chase  
Major: Biology  
Goucher College



**Wallace Leeper  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Mirakohl Coates  
Major: Broadcasting  
Journalism, Film & Media  
Howard University



**Clyde Jones Jr. &  
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Memorial Scholarship**  
Alissa Collins  
Major: Mechanical  
Engineering  
Liberty University



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Major: Political Science,  
Communications, & Public  
Relations  
Howard University



**Grace Paker  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Sydney Contee  
Major: Mechanical  
Engineering  
Penn State



**Victoria Lodge #71  
Scholarship**  
Sydney Cooksey  
Major: Marketing  
Morgan State University



**Vivian Lemort Rogers  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Christopher Davis  
Major: Broadcasting  
Journalism/Economics  
Syracuse University



**MacArthur Jones  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Micah Estep  
Major: American Sign  
Language  
Bloomsburg University



**Raymond Harris  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jeanelle Ford  
Major: Business  
Administration/Accounting  
Bowie State University



**Grace Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Sincear Frederick  
Major: Sports Medicine  
Stevenson University



**Wilson Ennis Sr.  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Tania Frederick-Allen  
Major: Human Ecology  
University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore



**Wallace Leeper  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Anthony Grady  
Major: Engineering  
North Carolina A&T  
State University

## 2023 RECIPIENTS



**Marilyn Preston  
Killingham  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Sanaa Gray  
Major: Business Administration/  
Pre-Law  
North Carolina Central University



**Evelyn Irvine  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Kendyl L. Hawkins  
Major: Elementary Education/  
Political Science  
Hampton University



**Clifton Morsell &  
Randolph Adams  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Zarah Hawkins  
Major: Biology  
Morgan State University



**Clifton Morsell &  
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Memorial Scholarship**  
Morgan Hicks  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Spelman College



**Grace Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Erica Hill  
Major: Mechanical Engineering  
University of Pittsburgh



**Russell Costley  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jasmine Holland  
Major: Psychology/Nursing  
University of Maryland  
Baltimore County



**Dorothy Mae Smith  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Lalya Hurley  
Major: Biology – Pre-Med  
Temple University



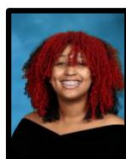
**Hamilton & Alice Parran  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Dymon Hines  
Major: Psychology  
Mount St. Mary's University



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Scholarship Fund**  
Tori Jackson  
Major: Engineering  
Howard University



**Nannie Pearl Cade  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Kamryn Jenkins  
Major: Information Technology  
North Carolina Central  
University



**Clifton Morsell  
& Randolph Adams  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Makayla Lancaster  
Major: Criminology  
Howard University



**Wilson Ennis Sr.  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Destiny Lewis  
Major: Chemistry – Pre-Med  
Bowie State University



**Raymond Harris  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Diamond Lewis  
Major: Biology – Pre-Med  
Mount St. Mary's University



**Gladys Henson  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Jalen Mack  
Major: Biology  
Morgan State University



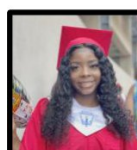
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Major: Computer Science  
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Baltimore County



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Major: Studio Art  
University of Maryland  
College Park



**Clifton Morsell &  
Randolph Adams  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Lauren McNair  
Major: Health Management/  
Pre-Med  
Howard University



**Wallace Leeper  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Tracey Montilus  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Towson University



**Lawrence Myers  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Aniyah Norman  
Major: Architecture  
Howard University



**Gloria Mae Gross  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Ruvimbo Nzuwah  
Major: Health Sciences  
Spelman College



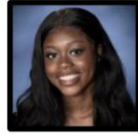
**George & Geneva Green  
Harrod  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Victor Oliver Jr.  
Major: Computer Science  
Bowie State University

## 2023 RECIPIENTS



**Betram Pernel Bell  
Memorial Scholarship**

Robert Pearson III  
Major: Computer Science  
Morgan State University



**Thomas Family  
Scholarship**

Eburn Popoola  
Major: Sports Medicine/  
Human Performance  
Howard University



**Gloria Mae Gross  
Memorial Scholarship**

Wayne Powell  
Major: Arts & Science  
College of Southern Maryland



**Wallace Leeper  
Memorial Scholarship**

Mason Prioleau  
Major: Business Administration  
Morehouse University



**Gloria Mae Gross  
Memorial Scholarship**

Dataya Resenois  
Major: Health Sciences  
Howard University



**George & Geneva Green  
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Memorial Scholarship**

Tory Ridgeway  
Major: Aerospace Engineering  
Embry Riddle Aeronautical  
University



**Grace Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**

Darnell Scott  
Major: Biology  
Bowie State University



**Violet Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**

Aya Shaw  
Major: Business Management  
Morehouse University



**Gail E. Patterson  
Scholarship Fund**

Xhayla Strickland  
Major: Psychology  
Mount Holyoke College



**Violet Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**

Keyona Tharpe  
Major: Business Management  
North Carolina Central  
University



**Michael J. Moore  
Memorial Scholarship**

Taliyah Washington  
Major: Business Administration  
Morgan State University



**Grace Parker  
Memorial Scholarship**

Braxton Wheeler  
Major: Animation  
Maryland Institute  
College of Art



**Wallace Leeper  
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Nikko White  
Major: Theater Arts/Acting  
Morgan State University



**Elizabeth Simms  
Memorial Scholarship**

Ashley Williams  
Major: Fashion Business  
Management  
University of Maryland  
Eastern Shore



**Wallace Leeper  
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Kelly Yestramski  
Major: Communications  
University of Maryland,  
College Park

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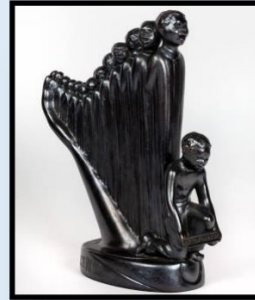
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## Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 – 1938

Lift every voice and sing,  
Till earth and heaving ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the 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 our new day begun,  
Let us march on till victory is won.  
Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chast'ning rod,  
Felt in the days 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 gleams of our bright 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 Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.



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