

Charlottesville Scholarship Program

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News from a few of our Thirty-Three Promise Scholars



Jamar Pierre-Louis

Second year student at Old Dominion University

I was born and raised with the rest of my family in the inner city of Charlottesville, a small place I love to call home. It's a close-knit community mainly due to its size and the fact that it's so separated from the rest of the city. I've been close with the same group of friends from my neighborhood since preschool. As we began to transform into young adults we'd always reminisce on the fun times we had growing up and what our city used to be. We witnessed our community turn into a negative place where there was nothing to do. It wasn't a fun place anymore. A few years ago we formed a group and began throwing parties downtown at the Main St Annex. We saw this as a positive way to bring the community together. At first we just saw this as fun not knowing this would quickly flourish into a business. We just wanted to make the city a cool place to be as it once was. We began taking it seriously and now it's become a job, a job that generates some pretty decent revenue to help me pay for school and help us save for plans we have in the future such as starting a clothing line and opening up our own venue to have events. Our promotion name, D.O.P.E (Dreams Over Power Everything) has gained a lot of attention in the surrounding cities/counties and many say we host the best parties they've attended.

People in our community have always looked up to us so I feel it was only right to channel this into something special. It's an honor to be a positive role model to the younger generation. With my major being sports management and my minor marketing this is great practice for my intended career field. My main goal is to give back to the place that gave so much to me. Charlottesville made me who I am!



Ryan Averill

Third year student at The College of William and Mary

I am majoring in Global Studies with a concentration in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and minoring in Environmental Policy. This previous summer, I had an internship with The International Rescue Committee, working with Interpreter Services and Resource Development. I learned an incredible amount and am very thankful to those I worked with. I also participated in the Gorilla Theater production of The Great Gatsby playing the role of Daisy.

Next summer, I'm hoping to have an internship or job that deals with anything involving the environment, China, international relations, or nonprofits. I am in my third year of studying Chinese, and this year at school is particularly difficult with how much class work there is as I proceed to higher level major classes, but everything I'm learning is incredibly interesting and relevant to my career.

I will soon be a black belt in Shotokan Karate at William and Mary, and I'm continuing my activities with the Coast Guard Auxiliary on campus. I also have multiple jobs on campus, working at the William and Mary Ropes Course, the Student Recreational Center Rock Wall, and Phonathon, where we call alumni and those associated with the College and fundraise. So far, I have helped raise over \$10,000 for the College. I am incredibly grateful for all of the opportunities the Charlottesville Scholarship Program has given me, and I am excited for the rest of this upcoming school year!

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Cee Cee Bowles

Third year student at Old Dominion University

School is going well and she is always busy, as usual. Cee Cee now works at Chipotle, and after only three months, will be promoted to a management position. She is super excited. In a few months Chipotle will start paying for some of Cee Cee's schooling! This wonderful opportunity was unexpected. She is also preparing for an internship at Eastern Virginia Medical School in the art therapy department next semester. Cee Cee's goal after completing her degree at ODU is medical school!



Rickquan Jones

Fourth year student at George Mason University

He is majoring in Sport Management with a minor in Sport Communication. He was recently elected secretary of the Sport Management Society. He worked as a Curriculum Intern for Charlottesville City Schools over the summer. He will be interning in the spring in the Washington, DC area to complete his studies for his degree. His plan is to attend graduate school after graduation and receive a Masters degree in Sport Management/Administration.



Christen Edwards

A Charlottesville Scholarship third year student at North Carolina Agricultural & Technical University

This fall she is seeking a new job and looking up possible internships one of which is in Charlottesville at the Curry School of Education. Her main goal for this semester is to become more involved in the community and to get an internship. She will also be traveling to Durham, North Carolina for a psychology conference. While still involved in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Program in Greensboro, she aspires to volunteer as a track coach at a public school in the area. Christen is spending more time this year focused on life after college and what she will be doing after graduation.



Patrice Kilel

Third year student at Virginia Commonwealth University

She transferred to Virginia Commonwealth University for Pre-Dentistry this fall. She is adjusting to living in a city without any campus limits. She works at Chipotle on weekends and commutes to classes on weekdays and is trying to get the hang of things before finals and midterms.



Raja-nique Maupin

Third year student at George Mason University

Raja just got accepted to study abroad in Marseille, France at the KEDGE Business School! She will be leaving in January. She was also offered a marketing internship for FELD Entertainment.

WANTED: Navigators

Help a local student achieve success in the challenging environment of college. Volunteer to be matched with a student and offer your support. Your college and work experience can be a valuable resource to share with others just starting out. Hours are flexible. Training is provided. Read and complete a College Navigator Application form accessible on the CSP website. Each year over 10 new scholarships are awarded to Charlottesville High School graduates to continue their educations. Each student will need a Navigator! We want you on the team!

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