

# CHARLOTTESVILLE Scholarship Program

Fulfilling Our Community's Promise



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## Spring 2019 Promise Scholars



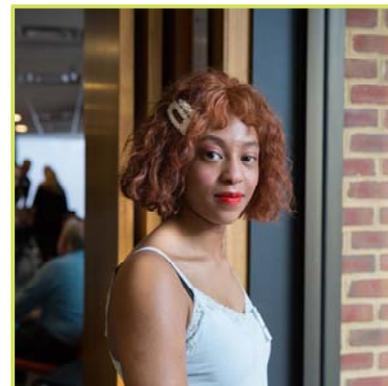
**Nia Bright**

Nia graduated from Charlottesville High School in 2015, attended PVCC, and then transferred to East Carolina University. She maintains a 3.04 GPA and is majoring in marketing. Nia's goal is to be a Director of Public Housing.



**Ngawang Chostso**

Chostso plans to be a Nurse Practitioner and graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.42 GPA. Chostso plans to attend Old Dominion University. Her parents were exiled from India and she has served as their translator since kindergarten.



**Sahara Clemons**

Sahara was a dual enrollment student at PVCC who graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 4.39 GPA. She was in National Honor Society, Common Ground Healing Arts, and participated in Appalachia Service Project and Habitat for Humanity.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program is now actively supporting 34 scholars as they pursue their dreams of post-secondary education. This spring, we awarded scholarships to 10 new recipients. We hosted a welcome reception for new scholars and their families in May at CitySpace. At that event, the students were introduced to their Navigators - volunteers from the community who will work with individual scholars to help ensure that they are successful in achieving their educational goals. Donors, supporters, and friends joined in the celebration of our new scholars and their accomplishments. Thanks to everyone who made the evening such a success!

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## Earl and Marian Olson Scholar

Tariq Carrington is our current Earl and Marian Olson Scholar. Tariq is a rising 4<sup>th</sup> year student studying human biology at the University of Virginia who plans to go into physical therapy after college to realize his dream of helping others improve their lives. The Olsons believed in the power of education and the importance of equal opportunity.



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**Nian Huang**

Nian's goal is to start and lead a world-class business. He graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.8 GPA and plans to begin his education at PVCC and then transfer to a 4-year university.



**Kaniyah Key**

Kaniyah has been accepted at ODU, VCU, and VSU. She graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.47 GPA and was a member of National Honor Society, Young Life, Project Discovery, and Black Student Union.



**Esmeralda Lopez**

Esmeralda plans to be a Social Worker. She graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.54 GPA and has been accepted to GMU, UMW, and Longwood. She was involved in cheerleading and Concert Choir.



**Yahya Mohamed**

Yahya graduated from Charlottesville High School in 2017 with a 3.68 GPA. He plans to attend JMU to study language pathology so that he can help children who have communication problems.



**Keshawna Nelson**

Keshawna graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 4.07 GPA. She was a member of the German Honor Society, Theater, and Black Student Union. She plans to major in psychology.



**Eddy Nkere**

Eddy was born in the Congo and spoke 4 languages when he arrived in the U.S. with his family of twelve. He finished the 2-year ESL program in 1 year and graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.86 GPA.

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**James Ashton Ryan**

Ashton will attend PVCC to begin his journey to a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. He graduated from Charlottesville High School with a 3.52 GPA. He founded 'Ashton's Birthday Wish' when he was 11, and his foundation has collected and distributed 13,000 coats for families in Virginia.

## Spring 2019 Promise Scholars Reception



## Reception Sponsors

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program Board of Directors had an opportunity to thank our donors and friends at the 2019 reception, where we honored our newest class of scholars.

The cost of the reception was covered by our generous community partners, including:

- Bank of the James
- Engel & Associates
- University of Virginia
- Volentine, Whitt and Francos PLLC
- Woodard Properties

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to our kind supporters, and congratulations to our promising young scholars.



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**Fulfilling our community's promise by helping  
scholars reach their educational goals**

### About the Charlottesville Scholarship Program

Established in 2001 with a \$250,000 gift from Charlottesville City Council, the Charlottesville Scholarship Program provides college scholarships to low- and moderate-income graduates of Charlottesville City Schools, and to City employees. We support students through the completion of their course of study, and we support adults who are furthering their education. Scholarships increase each year, which encourages students to complete school and lessens overall student debt. To date, we have helped 146 students pursue higher education.

### Did You Know?

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program pairs each scholar with a navigator. Navigators are mentors who offer students help, support, and guidance. Scholarship winners are often the first in their families to attend college, and their families aren't always able to provide help in understanding college expectations and ways to deal with the college experience. Navigators develop effective relationships with their scholars in order to ensure that they are successful in their chosen course of study. Thank you to all of our generous navigators.



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