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Scholar Spotlight



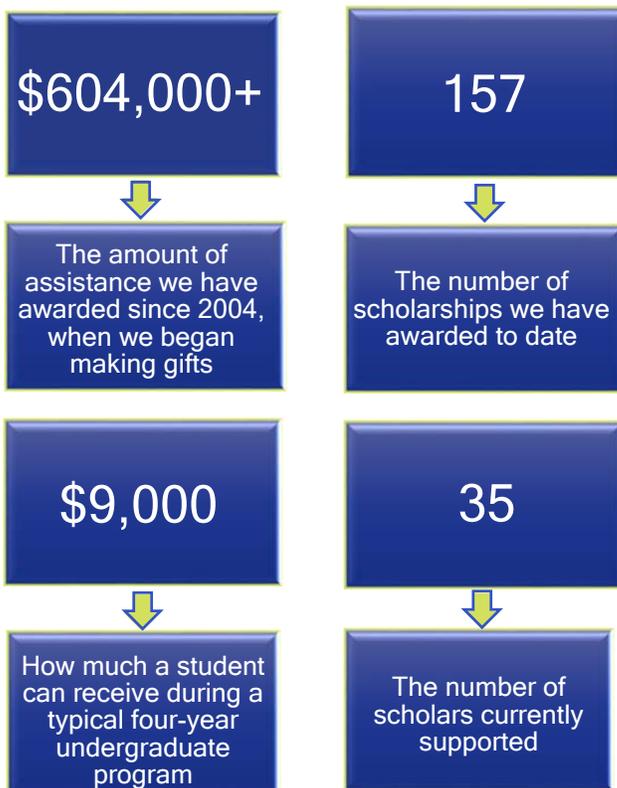
My name is Sahara Clemons. I am currently a sophomore at Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) in Providence, Rhode Island. Transitioning from a conventional academic setting to a design school was refreshing, but college is definitely challenging at times - academically and socially. I've been exposed to cutting edge technology, amazing professors, and other creatives that have elevated my artistic thinking. Sometimes being

in an environment where so many designers are concentrated can be intimidating, but I try to focus on my individual growth rather than comparing myself to my peers.

RISD's first-year foundational studies program gave me the space to experiment with different art mediums and tools, including designing my own fabric. First-year provided me with freedom - freedom to venture out of my comfort zone and freedom to fail. Foundational Studies is not only about developing one's skills but also learning different ways to find solutions to a problem in your work. When I started to get a sense of how I liked to make - I was able to better assess what major I wanted to pursue, and I decided on Apparel Design.

In some ways, navigating the social scene was more difficult than my assignments. As someone who tends to avoid the crowd, asserting myself in these settings was difficult. Fortunately, RISD offered a program called Pre-Orientation Service Experience (POSE) to foster student involvement with local organizations that aim to heal or elevate the Providence community. The experience was valuable to me because I was able to give back and it was where I made my first friends here in Providence. I enjoyed POSE so much that I applied and was selected to be a POSE leader for the 2020 program.

Fast Facts



The pandemic significantly changed the way I was participating in school and interacting with my friends, but it was also a blessing in disguise. Over the summer, I worked with the Charlottesville Mural Project and created artwork accompanying articles for Vinegar Hill Magazine and Charlottesville Tomorrow's Determined Series. I am grateful I was able to claim those spaces to speak on issues surrounding the Charlottesville community. This year, my mural was chosen as one of the subjects of the Writer's Eye Contest sponsored by the Fralin Museum. The Charlottesville Promise Scholarship took a lot of pressure off of the financial aspect of creating work. The expense of design school does not just stop at tuition; material costs were also a large portion of the expenses Charlottesville Promise allowed me to produce work without feeling financially constrained. I am very appreciative of my mentor Juandiego and the opportunity to represent my hometown.

Thank you, Sponsors!



Navigator Spotlight

Name: Ella Washington-Jordan

Hobbies: My hobbies include going to the beach, spending time with family and friends, word games, and playing spades.

Favorite book and movie: My favorite book is *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. My favorite movie is *Black Panther and Brown Sugar*.

Why did you become a navigator? I have four children, all of whom were in college at some time. I know how much support they needed, and, as a Navigator, I have the opportunity to continue supporting and encouraging other young people, whether they just need someone to talk to, listen to them, or lean on from time to time.

How do you support your scholars I check in on them during the semester, offer suggestions if needed, send reminders, and just send a note to say hi and let's have lunch.

How has being a navigator affected you? Being a navigator inspires me to continue to want to make an impact and encourage young people to reach for their dreams. It can become very personal because some of our scholars overcome a lot of personal challenges to get to college, and I am humbled to be trusted with the opportunity to share in their experience.



More Fast Facts

- Charlottesville Scholarships can be renewed annually to support the student through his or her technical program of study or undergraduate education.
- Scholarships typically begin at \$1,500 with an annual increase of \$500 with successful academic progress.
- Annual grants for renewing scholars are increased to make up for the decline in other financial aid so that students can reduce or eliminate their education-related debt.
- A student can receive up to \$9,000 over the typical 4-year undergraduate program.
- In 2020, CSP will award a total of \$75,100 in scholarships. All award funds are sent directly to the educational institution for application to the scholar's student account.
- CSP awards are not just for high school seniors! Adults seeking to improve their lives through education can also apply for undergraduate or technical certification program scholarships.
- We will be financially assisting 35 students during the 2020-2021 academic year. Many are the first in their family to attend college.

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 and City School System employees. We support students through the completion of their technical certification program or undergraduate 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 157 students pursue higher education.

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