

# CHARLOTTESVILLE Scholarship Program

Fulfilling Our Community's Promise



A Scholarship Fund of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation

## 2021 Promise Scholars



**Aliyah Cobbs**

Aliyah has a 3.47 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Aliyah notes that being the first member of her family to attend college is scary, but adds that planning for a future of caring for animals allows her to feel better. She wants to become a veterinarian.



**Jacqueline Guzman-Arias**

Jacqueline has a 3.51 GPA at Charlottesville High School. She has dreamed of becoming a lawyer since she was six years old, and plans to round out a pre-law college schedule with courses in business and political science. She plans a life of helping those in need.



**Adiba Khaydari**

Adiba has a 3.56 GPA at Charlottesville High School. She aims to pursue a Ph.D. in psychology and neuroscience, and promises to take full advantage of every opportunity in college to further her knowledge and prepare for a career in this field.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program is now actively supporting 39 scholars as they pursue their dreams of post-secondary education. This spring, we awarded scholarships to 10 new recipients. In light of the pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution, we did not hold our annual welcome reception for new scholars and their families. However, we remain steadfast in our commitment to all of our scholars, and invite you to make a contribution to celebrate their success. To donate, please mail a check payable to the Charlottesville Scholarship Program to CSP at PO Box 1221, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or give online at [cvcillescholarship.com](http://cvcillescholarship.com).

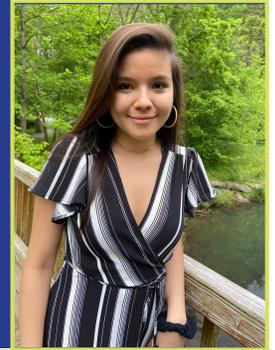
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## A note from Samira Samadi, our 2020 Preston Coiner Scholar

--first-year student at U.Va.

Thanks to the Preston Coiner Scholarship, I am able to continue pursuing higher education and attain my goals for the future. I am a low-income, first-generation college student, and this scholarship has revealed a whole new perspective that I would not have been able to attain otherwise. I am greatly appreciative of the opportunities it has afforded me. From early on in high school, I did not view college as a path that was meant for me, but rather an unattainable goal that was meant for the prosperous. I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to be able to better myself and my community during these difficult times.



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**Nicka Mohammad Aman**

Nicka has a 3.81 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Her experiences living in Afghanistan have made her especially appreciative of the opportunities she has in the US to pursue her educational goals without fear.



**Cedric Santiago**

Cedric has a 3.57 GPA at Charlottesville High School. He is motivated by his parents' sacrifices when his family moved to the US from the Philippines, and he plans to major in business and make them proud.



**Reham Sheikh Abdul Salam**

Reham has a GPA at CHS of 3.81. Her experiences as a Syrian refugee, and the challenges of having a sibling with spina bifida, motivate her to learn, listen, and adapt so she can succeed in college and help suffering communities.



**Brshna Sultan**

Brshna has a GPA of 4.11 at CHS. She has worked hard to embrace education as a goal for herself, and not just for her parents. She plans to major in mechanical engineering, as she enjoys the challenge of design, coding, and building.



**Anisha Tamang**

Anisha has a GPA of 3.71 at Charlottesville High School. A seventh-grade career project inspired an abiding interest in helping people through nursing. She is currently taking a CNA class and plans to become a registered nurse.



**Nakari Terry**

Nakari has a GPA of 3.81 at Charlottesville High School. She plans to combine her desire to see the world with a passion for helping people by becoming a travel nurse after college.

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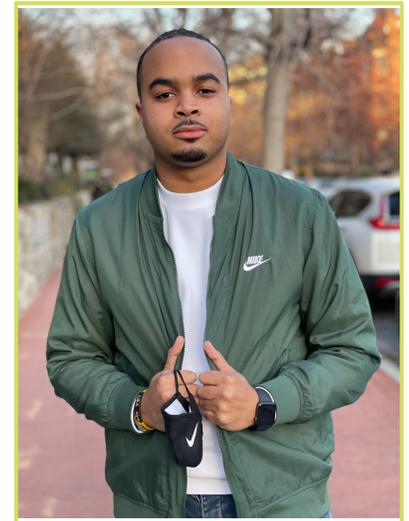
**Jawad T.**

Jawad received his GED in August 2020. He has an abiding interest in international relations, diplomacy, and public policy. He has received numerous accolades for his involvement in Model UN, has worked as a research extern at a leading policy think tank, and has had several of his policy analyses published.

## Charlottesville Scholar Profile

Dear Charlottesville Scholarship Program,

It is with a humbled & grateful heart that I send a warm and sincere Thank You to the entire organization. I was raised in a family where attending college was an expectation and earning a degree from a four-year institution was the ultimate goal. I graduated from Charlottesville High School in 2012 and chose to attend George Mason University. Because I come from a single-parent home, college wasn't the most affordable for me and my family. However, with the help of CSP and a number of other supporters, my first year at Mason was completely free. Receiving this scholarship helped lessen the financial burden that other college students may encounter. Because of the Charlottesville Scholarship Program, my debt is not as grand as it could have been.



I graduated from Mason in 2016 with a BS in Health, Fitness & Recreation Resources with a concentration in Sport Management. I also received a MS in Sport & Recreation Studies from Mason in 2018. In 2017, I returned to Charlottesville to begin building my future as a young adult. I soon fell into the education field working and coaching basketball at CHS. After enjoying my interaction working with adolescents, I chose to enroll at the University of Virginia to pursue my master's in teaching. I completed my degree in May 2020. I am currently serving as a special education teacher at Walker Upper Elementary and the head JV girls basketball coach at CHS.

CSP's generosity supported my educational journey and helped lead me to where I am today. It is important to invest and support the leaders of tomorrow. CSP supported me and gave to me, and I am now supporting and giving back to the community that gave so much to me.

With great appreciation,  
Rickquan Jones

## Thank You, Sponsors!



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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 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 167 students pursue higher education and have distributed \$732,460 in total scholarships.

### 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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