



CHARLOTTESVILLE Scholarship Program

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Scholar Spotlight



This fall, Anisha Tamang became the first person in her family to attend college when she started taking a full course load at PVCC.

Anisha is enrolled in PVCC's Nursing Program and plans to earn her Associate's Degree there. She hopes eventually to transfer to UVa and to become a Registered Nurse.

Ultimately, she wants to earn a Master of Science in Nursing and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Aiming high is nothing new for Anisha, who came to the United States as a refugee from Nepal when she was nine years old. She and her family—which includes her mother, her father, her younger brother, and her older sister—resettled in Charlottesville, because her grandmother and aunt and uncle were already here. Anisha's father is disabled, and her mother works on the cleaning staff at UVa.

Anisha was a highly successful student at Charlottesville High School, which opened the door to a scholarship from CSP. The CSP scholarship supplements her FAFSA loans and helps with tuition. "My family income is low," Anisha says, "so I'm very grateful for the scholarship and really happy with the opportunity to go to college." This fall, her three books alone cost \$158.

Anisha's career path was inspired by the kindness of UVa nurses who took care of her father while he was in the hospital. She says this experience made a "real impact" on her. This semester, her introductory nursing curriculum comprises five classes, including philosophy, English, and life sciences. She usually goes to PVCC for in-person classes four days a week. Anisha also works twenty hours a week, which helps with expenses like car insurance and car payments.

Fast Facts

\$732,000+



The amount of assistance we have awarded since 2004, when we began making gifts

\$13,000



How much a student can receive during a typical four-year undergraduate program

167



The number of scholarships we have awarded to date

39



The number of scholars currently supported

In addition to attending school and working part-time, Anisha regularly worships at Covenant Church and drives her parents to and from the Nepali services held there. Before classes started, she sang in Covenant's choir every Saturday, and she volunteered for the church's community service projects. She is considering joining the International Club at PVCC, with the hope of making new friends who have similar backgrounds.

When she talked with her CSP navigator on a recent Saturday, Anisha was working on a philosophy assignment before going to work a four-hour shift, after which she planned to write an essay for her English class. The most challenging thing about college, she says, is how little guidance students get compared with high school. With such a busy schedule, she's also learning how best to organize her time. We wish her every success!

Thank you, Sponsors!



Navigator Spotlight

Name: Charlie Rogers

Hobbies: My hobbies include praying, reading, hanging out with my wife and grandchildren, and playing golf. Did I mention playing golf?!

Favorite book: My favorite book is the Bible. As a pastor, I find nothing more enjoyable, exciting, quenching, and enlightening than reading God's words.

Favorite movie: One of my favorite movies is *Godzilla vs. the Bionic Monster*. Not because of the storyline obviously, but because it was the first time I ever went to the movies. I found glass and aluminum bottles and recycled them to raise 25 cents to pay my way into the theater. It was the beginning of me learning entrepreneurship principles.



Why did you become a navigator? I became a Navigator to help others be successful. As a kid from the projects of Portsmouth, VA, I truly understand the power of encouragement when you are treading grounds no one in your lineage has.

How do you support your scholar? First, I support my Scholar by consistently touching base with her and by being available anytime she wishes to talk. Secondly, I support my Scholar by being excited about the things that excite her, by celebrating her success, and by providing hope when she is having a bad day. Lastly, I support my Scholar by reminding her how far she has come, of her current achievements, and how much closer she is to completing her ultimate goals.

How has being a navigator affected you? Being a navigator has affected me in an emotional way. It brings me back to my days of growing up in the projects, with lots of aspirations divorced of opportunities. Because of a few people who did not know me but cared about my success as much as I did, I was able to succeed in college as a first-generation student. Being a Navigator allows me to pay that unconditional love forward. That kind of love can break down barriers and bridge social and digital divides.

More Fast Facts

- In 2021, CSP will award a total of \$128,260 in scholarships.
- Charlottesville Scholarship Program awards can be renewed annually to support the student through his or her technical program of study or undergraduate education.
- Scholarships typically begin at \$2,500 with an annual increase of \$500 with successful academic progress.
- CSP awards are not just for high school seniors! Adults seeking to improve their lives through education can also apply for scholarships to 2-year or 4-year undergraduate institutions or technical certification programs.
- Many CSP scholars 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 Municipal 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 167 students pursue higher education.

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