

CHARLOTTESVILLE Scholarship Program

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2022 Promise Scholars



Haroon Ali

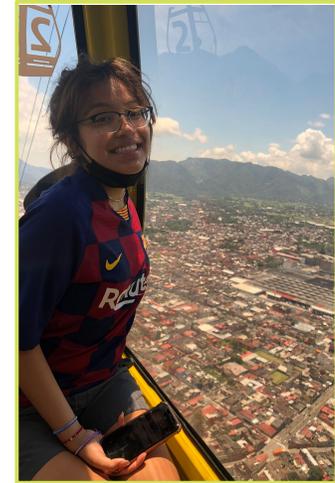
Haroon has a 3.72 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Since arriving in the US from Afghanistan in 2019, he has challenged himself to work hard, learn English, and help others. His love of science has inspired him to work toward a career as a surgeon.



Vanessa Antwi

2022 Earl and Marina Olson Scholar

Vanessa has a 4.0 GPA at CHS. Having grown up helping her family navigate financial paperwork and technology challenges, her goal is to pursue a career in business and accounting so she can assist financially disadvantaged and immigrant families such as her own.



Karen Bernardo-Zamora

Karen has a 3.72 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Her parents' hard work and determination have inspired her to work hard to achieve her own goals, which include attending VCU and pursuing a career as a neonatal nurse practitioner.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program is now actively supporting 33 scholars as they pursue their dreams of post-secondary education. This spring, we awarded scholarships to 10 new recipients. In light of the continuing 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 make your check payable to the *Charlottesville Scholarship Program* and mail to CSP at PO Box 1221, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or give online at www.cvillescholarship.com.

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A note from Samira Samadi, our 2020 Preston Coiner Scholar--2nd year UVA student

This year was by far my most academically challenging. As I transitioned to in-person learning and navigated a less COVID-restricted environment, I found myself overwhelmed by the changes. But thanks to the Preston Coiner scholarship, I was able to devote my time and energy to succeeding academically and seeking opportunities I would not have been able to otherwise. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities this scholarship has afforded me. It has given me the time to be able to focus on pursuing my interests, such as becoming a research assistant at the Puglia Developmental Neuroanalytics Lab, where I get to study physiological mechanisms underlying infant-caregiver interactions and the social regulation of emotion between them, volunteering at the UVA Hospital in the acute pediatrics unit where I get to work with infants, and many more opportunities that I am forever grateful for. A big thank you to CSP for helping me achieve my goals and alleviating the financial burdens of attending university.



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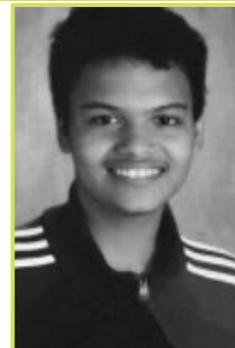
Darian Carter-Pace

Darian works as a children's librarian and attends PVCC, with a goal of becoming a middle or high school English teacher. She believes passionately in educational equity and opportunity for every child.



Vanessa Granados-Martinez

Having lost her father in an accident last year, Vanessa is more driven than ever to achieve her goals and make her family proud. Her parents' hard work and dedication to their children have inspired her to explore a career as a school counselor.



Justin Jackson

Growing up using video games as a tool to distract and protect himself from noise and violence, Justin has long been fascinated by their power. Parlaying his experience in video game design and coding, Justin will attend the Digipen Institute of Technology.



Pray Meh

Pray has a GPA of 3.70 at CHS. Having been born in a refugee camp and spending her early childhood there, Pray's dream is to become a doctor and to return to that refugee camp to build a hospital to care for the children still living there.



Kabanga Peniel Mutombo

Peniel will be the first in his family to attend college in the US. He plans to use his opportunity to pursue post-secondary education to the fullest by combining his interests in business and engineering while taking classes at PVCC.



Ehnay Soe

Ehnay has a GPA of 3.70 at CHS. Having watched his parents struggle to provide a better future for their family, he wants to honor their hard work and sacrifice by working hard in college and by pursuing a career as a firefighter.

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Asish Tamang

Asish has a 3.68 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Since arriving in the US as a refugee from Nepal, and originally from Bhutan, Asish has grown to appreciate both the help his family has received and the challenges he has had to face in a new country. He plans to major in computer science and pursue a career as a software engineer.

Charlottesville Scholar Profile

Dear Charlottesville Scholarship Program,

I would like to thank everyone who contributes funds and continuously works to keep CSP going for students like myself. As a first-generation college graduate, my ultimate goal was to finish school and start my career. With the help of the Charlottesville Scholarship Program, I was able to do just that. I graduated from Charlottesville High School in 2017 and attended George Mason University. Coming from a single-parent household, college did not seem as affordable as I'd hoped before I'd been accepted. However, with the help of CSP, I was able to attend my first year at George Mason free of cost. This helped me plan adequately for the years to come and for that I am forever grateful.

I graduated from George Mason in 2021 with a BS in Health Administration with a concentration in Health Systems Management.

I began working with the Virginia Department of Health as a Fiscal Technician. I then moved on to do Contact Tracing and Case Investigation with their COVID Containment team. In addition, I also work in various senior living communities in the area. I have grown to love caring for others and have since taken that passion and applied to nursing school. In the fall, I will be attending Bon Secours Memorial College of Nursing to earn an additional bachelor's degree in Nursing. I plan to take this education and continue doing work in a field I have grown to love, Gerontology. CSP has shown what genuine support looks like beyond the first year of college and that has made a lasting impression on me. Coming from a community that supports and believes in its scholars inspires me to continue working hard so that I can be an example for those who come after me.



Thank you all for being a pillar within the Charlottesville community,
Jasmine Hayes

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 post-secondary 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 assist adults who are furthering their education. Scholarships increase each year to encourage students to complete school and lessen overall student debt. To date, we have helped 177 students pursue higher education and have distributed \$843,090 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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