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# CHARLOTTESVILLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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## Scholar Spotlight



My name is Reham Aljamili, and I am a third year undergraduate student at Virginia Commonwealth University. College life has been an incredible journey for me. I've had the opportunity to meet amazing people and immerse myself in a diverse and stimulating environment.

Of course, it hasn't been without its challenges, as hard work is indeed required. Currently, I'm balancing my academic pursuits with my role as a dental assistant, which has provided me with valuable real-world experience. Additionally, I am a TA in the honors college, where I have the privilege of helping my peers navigate their academic journeys.

In terms of my studies, I'm majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry in the honors college, on the pre-dental track. This path has always been my dream, and it's a testament to the support I've received through the Charlottesville Scholarship Program that I'm able to pursue it without the constant worry of financial constraints.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program scholarship has played a pivotal role in alleviating the burden of educational expenses, particularly the costs associated with course materials such as textbooks. This support has allowed me to fully focus on my studies, ensuring that I can excel academically.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program scholarship holds immense importance not only for me but also for my family and my future. It has eased the financial strain on my family, allowing them to redirect resources toward other critical aspects of our lives. This scholarship has truly been a lifeline, enabling me to pursue my dreams and ambitions without compromising on the quality of my education.

Moreover, I wholeheartedly believe that encouraging people to support the Charlottesville Scholarship Program is a worthy cause. By lowering the financial barriers to higher education, the Charlottesville Scholarship Program ensures that more individuals can access quality education and achieve their goals. It reduces the stress and pressure associated with covering the high costs of college, enabling students to concentrate on their studies and personal growth. Supporting the Charlottesville Scholarship Program is an investment in the future of countless students who, like me, aspire to make a positive impact on society.

**The Charlottesville Scholarship Program is now actively supporting 35 scholars as they pursue their dreams of post-secondary education. This spring, we awarded scholarships to 11 new recipients, and 7 of our CSP scholars celebrated their graduation from a 4-year college. How can you support these outstanding young scholars? Please make your donation via check payable to the Charlottesville Scholarship Program and mail to CSP at PO Box 1221, Charlottesville, VA 22902, or give online at [www.cvvillescholarship.com](http://www.cvvillescholarship.com).**

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# 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 City employees. CSP supports students through the completion of their undergraduate course of study or professional certification program. Scholarships increase each year to encourage students to complete school and to lessen overall student debt. To date, CSP has helped 188 students pursue higher education, providing more than \$961,000 in total scholarship funding.



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## Navigator Spotlight



**Name:**

Cathy von Storch

**Hobbies:**

Spending time with family and that includes our two rescue dogs! My other great joys are the arts and sports, as audience, spectator, and enthusiast; experiencing it live is best. And being outdoors and MOVING.

How fortunate we are with such diverse terrain surrounding us, making for great hikes and views.

**Why did you become a Navigator?**

To help make a difference in the good work that CSP is doing in our community and in the lives of the scholars it supports, their families, too. As a parent of 3 CHS graduates, and through my work that largely involves engaging with area schools and non-profits, I was well aware of CSP and the opportunities it affords for those who might not have a chance to pursue secondary education otherwise. It was ultimately a call to action that felt meant to be.

**How do you support your scholars?**

It is my intention to communicate monthly, touching base on progress in school, how classes are going, and the overall balance of college life, work, and family, too. When they are home on breaks, we try to schedule a time to have coffee and catch up in-person. Each connection comes with encouragement and assurance that, as their Navigator, I am here to provide support and guidance for a positive and successful post-secondary journey, the whole journey long!

**How has being a Navigator impacted you?**

It is through these mentoring relationships that I have gained (and it is ongoing) a deeper understanding of how committed these scholars are to succeed academically, personally, and professionally, not only for themselves, but for their families and the community of people who have supported them throughout their lives. I am continually struck by their initiative and determination, passion, and resourcefulness, undeterred and at the same time empowered by life's circumstances. All the CSP scholars are such inspiration, and particularly those I am honored to know as their Navigator. When I think about all that they are navigating, and successfully so, I often say they could be my Navigator!

- In 2023, the Charlottesville Scholarship Program will award over \$115,000 in total scholarships.
- CSP awards may be renewed annually to support the student through his or her program of study.
- Scholarships typically begin at \$2,500 and increase by \$500 annually with successful academic progress.
- A student can receive up to \$13,000 in total CSP support toward a technical certificate or undergraduate degree.
- CSP awards are not just for high school seniors! Adults can also apply for scholarships toward 2-year or 4-year undergraduate degrees or technical certifications.
- Most CSP scholars are the first in their family to attend college.

Fast Facts