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# CHARLOTTESVILLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*A Scholarship Fund of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation*

## 2023 Promise Scholars



### Kayla Booker

Kayla has a 4.10 GPA at Charlottesville High School, and is graduating a year early. Kayla is a Student Council representative, and has experience coordinating and executing event plans. She plans to attend Penn State University to pursue a degree in business.



### Quenya Burton

Quenya has a 3.90 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Quenya has worked for most of her high school career. Her community work has inspired a desire to help others in her professional life. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University to prepare for a career in nursing.



### La'Nyah Cabell

La'Nyah has a 3.73 GPA at Charlottesville High School. La'Nyah is a licensed cosmetologist and a member of the Sexual Assault Awareness Committee at CATEC, using her voice to speak up and out for others. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University to pursue a degree in psychology.

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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**Jazmyn  
Carter-Page**

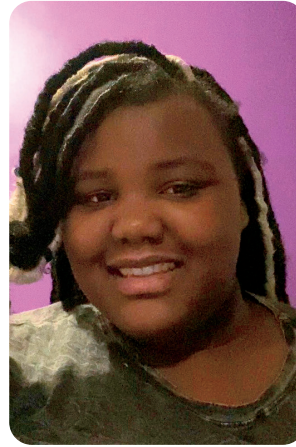
Jazmyn has a 3.50 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Jazmyn is passionate about cooking, and believes that we meet and learn more about each other when we share food. She plans to attend culinary school at Johnson and Wales University.



**Robel Gabramedhin**

Robel has a 3.97 GPA at Charlottesville High School.

Robel is active in school activities and travel sports, and is passionate about helping other people learn how to advocate for themselves. He plans to attend the University of Virginia to prepare for a career in business as an entrepreneur.



**Gloria Gaye**

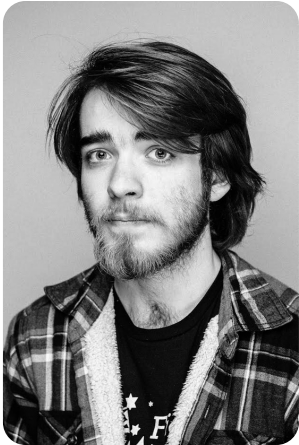
Gloria has a 4.03 GPA at Charlottesville High School.

As President of the Black Student Union, Gloria has been honored on Philanthropy Day for her work in the community. She plans to attend the University of Virginia to prepare for a career as a teacher.



**Britney  
Guzman-Cornelio**

Britney has a 3.63 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Britney has a heart and mind set on providing medical attention to those in need around the world. She plans to attend James Madison University to study psychology.



**Conrad Heins**

Conrad has a 3.38 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Conrad has a passion for set design and technical theater. He brings an engineering background and high degree of creativity to his craft. He plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University to continue his study of the technical aspects of theater.



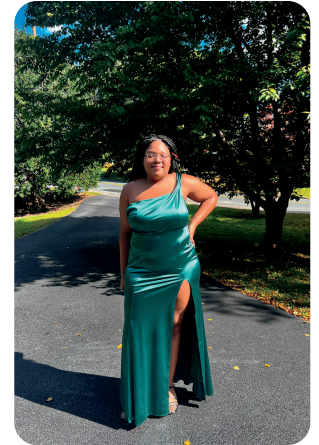
**Je'Saun Johnson**

Je'Saun has a 4.27 GPA at Charlottesville High School, and is graduating a year early. Je'Saun created a support group for students with incarcerated parents, and sat on the School Board as a student representative. He plans to attend Penn State University to prepare for a career in education and government.



**Navaya Johnson**

Navaya has a 4.03 GPA at Charlottesville High School. Navaya has a strong interest in several career paths, all of which involve making a difference in the lives of others. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University.



**Aniyah Moore**

Aniyah has a 3.43 GPA at Charlottesville High School, and is graduating a year early. Aniyah has worked throughout her high school career, and has been a passionate advocate for her peers. She plans to attend Old Dominion University to pursue a career in nursing.



## A note from Samira Samadi, our 2020 Preston Coiner Scholar, a rising 4th year UVA student

As I approach the end of my undergraduate education at UVA, I am grateful for the opportunities provided by CSP's Preston Coiner Scholarship. This year has been filled with exciting experiences, made possible by the support of the Charlottesville Scholarship Program community partners and donors.

Besides my academic pursuits, I have enrolled in a nursing assistant class to become a Certified Nursing Assistant, where I have gained valuable skills and deepened my passion for healthcare. Additionally, I have actively served as a Crisis Counselor for Crisis Text Line, providing support to those in need and contributing to mental health advocacy. Alongside these commitments, I have dedicated countless hours to preparing for the MCAT, as I work towards my goal of becoming a medical professional. Furthermore, I have continued my volunteer work at the Acute Pediatrics Care Unit at UVA Hospital, further immersing myself in the healthcare field and gaining valuable experience. I am proud to say that I successfully completed my third year academically strong.

Being a CSP Preston Coiner Scholar has been transformative, allowing me to pursue my passions, engage with my community, and make a difference in the lives of others. The unwavering support and belief in my potential have been instrumental in my journey. I am truly grateful for the incredible opportunities and personal growth I have experienced as a result. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the CSP community for their integral role in my journey and the positive impact they have made in my life.



Samira (r) & her sister Sara at Sara's 2023 UVA graduation

## 2023 Celebration of our new CSP Scholars at our Friends & Supporters Reception



The Charlottesville Scholarship Program Board of Directors had an opportunity to thank our donors at this spring's Friends & Supporters Reception, where we honored our newest class of scholars.

The Irving Theater in the CODE Building on the downtown mall provided the perfect setting for our donors to meet our outstanding new scholars, and for our scholars to meet the generous people in our community who are supporting them!

**This year's event sponsors--Thank You!**



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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.

### *Did You Know?*

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program pairs each scholar with a Navigator. Navigators are local adult volunteers who offer students help, support, and guidance. Scholarship recipients 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 to help ensure they are successful in their chosen course of study. If you would like to join CSP as a Navigator, you can learn more at [www.cvillesscholarship.com](http://www.cvillesscholarship.com)



CSP Scholar Wendell Santiago at his UVA School of Nursing white coat ceremony. Wendell's brother Cedric is a CSP Scholar, too! Cedric attends VCU.