

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ALEXANDRIA
WELCOMES YOU TO THE

*38th Anniversary
Awards Ceremony*



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Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | Alexandria City High School

THIS CEREMONY IS DEDICATED TO all those who have made these Awards possible. To families, alumni, donors, staff, and Alexandria City, the recipients have excelled because of your great expectations and their hard work.

THIS CEREMONY IS FOR the 200+ student recipients who have worked each day in a fashion designed to be acknowledged. You are remarkable, and we look forward to witnessing your futures unfold.

Congratulations from all of us.



The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria 38th Anniversary Awards Ceremony

**Wednesday, May 22nd, 2024
6:30pm**

Welcome

MR. KEVIN JAHNS

Chair, The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Board of Trustees

DR. MICHELLE RIEF

Chair, Alexandria City School Board

MS. JASMINE MILONE

Executive Director, The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria

Student Speaker

ZAHRA RAHIMI

SFA 2024 Award Recipient, Marcus Family Scholarship

Presentation of Scholarships

DONORS AND GUESTS

Scholarships will be awarded by the respective donor when possible.

Reception immediately following the program. Please join us.

The following pages alphabetically list all scholarships recipients' names according to their scholarship awards.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS

Listed in alphabetical order according to scholarship name.

* Indicates new scholarship awarded in 2024.



1971 Original Titans Scholarship

The 1971 Virginia State Champion Varsity Football Team believes in the ideals that teach us to judge people by the content of their character and not by their race, culture or background. The team was highlighted in the Disney movie “Remember the Titans.”

Diarra Sangare

21st Century University Scholarship

This scholarship is in recognition of the Scholarship Fund’s resolve to increase award values such that no qualified Alexandria resident is denied a higher education due to lack of resources.

Firdowsa Mohamed
Marwa Sarwari

A. A. Beiro Family Foundation Scholarship

Alexander A. Beiro (1928-2008) was born in Manhattan, NY, and raised in Alexandria. He graduated from Catholic University with a degree in civil engineering and served in the Army during the Korean War. Mr. Beiro started A.A. Beiro Construction whose projects included Metro stations at King Street, Friendship Heights and Bethesda, and Heritage Hill affordable housing development. He was a financial supporter of the Community for Creative NonViolence, a Washington

homeless shelter started by activist Mitch Snyder. Through his family foundation, he helped students in need of college tuition and gave to charities including the Alexandria Little League and St. Rita Catholic School.

Sheikh Hashem

ACHS Band Boosters Jazz Scholarship

This scholarship is made possible by a gift from the ACHS Band Boosters.

Violet Planey

ACHS Band Boosters Scholarship

This scholarship is made possible by a gift from the ACHS Band Boosters.

Nathan Huang

ACHS Culinary Arts Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the students and staff of the ACHS Culinary Arts Department and is funded in part by their creative talents for the annual Gingerbread House Contest and their very popular Take-Out Lunches.

Istak Ahmed

ACHS Lacrosse Boosters Scholarship

Sponsored by the ACHS Lacrosse Boosters Board of Directors.

Benjamin Chader
Sophia Ware

ACHS Rugby Boosters–Cindi Schieber Girls’ Rugby Scholarship

The Cindi Schieber Girls’ Rugby and Mathew Morey Boys’ Rugby Scholarship are named in honor of a Power Couple who served as our first Booster President and Treasurer, respectively. Always willing to support our Girls and Boys, they helped change our world by giving of themselves physically, emotionally, and financially—culminating in fully funding our previous Rugby Scholarship. Therefore, it is with great pride that now we continue their legacy by awarding Cindi and Mat’s Scholarships to one Senior Girl and one Senior Boy to help change their worlds.

Marianne Diawara

ACHS Rugby Boosters–Mathew Morey Boys’ Rugby Scholarship

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Amadeldin Shamat

ACHS SGA/Fantastic Five Scholarship*

This scholarship was made possible by the ACHS Student Government. The “Fantastic Five” committee donated the surplus money from

Prom 2023 to benefit a fellow Titan.

Fayez Naqshbandi

Al Carter Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in honor of Al Carter.

Mahmoud Koroma

Alexander Duncan Scholarship*

This award is in honor of Mr. Alexander Duncan, the Executive Principal of Alexandria City High School.

Isabella Stone

Alexandria City Public Schools Employees Scholarship

This scholarship acknowledges the many Alexandria City Public Schools faculty and staff who donate to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria on a regular basis through an ACPS payroll plan.

Anthony Hernandez-Velasquez

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project–Benjamin Thomas Memorial Scholarship*

On Aug. 8, 1899, Benjamin Thomas, a 16-year-old African American Alexandrian, was lynched by a white mob that may have been as large as 2000 people. The previous day, the little white girl who lived next door said Mr. Thomas had not treated her appropriately and he was arrested. Authorities never held anyone accountable for killing the innocent young man. This scholarship is given in honor of Mr. Thomas, to remember him by supporting an Alexandria student pursuing a four-year college degree in a social justice or truth telling field, such as, but not limited to: History; Journalism; Education; Law, Art and the Ministry. This scholarship builds on Alexandria’s

commitment to acknowledge and apologize for this past injustice while investing in our youth and the future. It represents a step toward remedy—if not repair—and a small step toward justice.

Maurice Hodge

Alexandria Community Remembrance Project—Joseph McCoy Memorial Scholarship*

Joseph McCoy, a native Alexandrian, was an African American who was accused by his white employer of assaulting the man's daughter. Hours later, on April 23, 1897, the 18-year-old was lynched by white Alexandrians. This scholarship is given in Mr. McCoy's honor, to remember him while providing another Alexandrian the chance to attend community college, or a program to develop skills, and/or defray the costs of certifications and licensures not covered by an apprenticeship, or by other means. This scholarship builds upon Alexandria's commitment to acknowledge and apologize for this past injustice while investing in our youth and the future. It represents a step toward remedy—if not repair—and a small step toward justice.

Gabriella Holmes

Alexandria Council of PTA Scholarship

The Alexandria PTA Council proudly awards this scholarship on behalf of more than 2,500 parents, students and teachers in the City of Alexandria.

Adnan Aram

Alexandria Crew Boosters—John Steve Carbonell Catilo Memorial Scholarship

John Steve, TCW '01, was a 20 year-old honors student, studying pre-med at the University of Virginia. A gifted athlete

and an avid rower, he participated in TCW's rowing programs, played in TCW's Marching Band and Orchestra, and was an energetic volunteer for the betterment of the community. During the summer of 2004, he drowned in the Potomac River while coaching a summer novice program. This memorial award is part of afloat safety rules and regulations in the sport of rowing that John Steve's death instigated.

Sarah Boglione

Alexandria Crew Boosters Scholarship

Sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters.

Ava Powers

Alexandria Future Legends Scholarship*

This generous scholarship is sponsored by Alexandria Living Legends whose mission is to identify, honor and chronicle the lives of individuals who have contributed to the community in an exemplary and lasting way that has significantly impacted the quality of life in Alexandria and serves as an inspiration to others.

Yahney-Marie Sangaré

Alexandria Gazette Packet Corporate Partner

The *Alexandria Gazette Packet* has promoted community awareness of the Scholarship Fund.

Cheyenne McKay

Alexandria Jaycees Community Service Scholarship

The Alexandria Jaycees Foundations' charitable, civic, and educational purpose is to administer various charitable programs that will assist underprivileged

and underrepresented persons in the Alexandria and Northern Virginia area.

Anna Bronwyn Turney

Alexandria Jaycees Keyman Club Scholarship*

The Alexandria Jaycees Foundation's charitable, civic, and educational purpose is to administer various charitable programs that will assist underprivileged and underrepresented persons in the Alexandria and Northern Virginia area. This scholarship is given in honor of the Keymen of the Alexandria Jaycees, our most distinguished members who founded and supported the Jaycees for many years.

Jeslyn Hunter

Alexandria Journalism Project—Aspiring Journalist Scholarship*

This scholarship is provided by the Alexandria Journalism Project Foundation in support of students who have displayed an interest in journalism while at ACHS either by taking a journalism class, working at *Theogony* or at Titans' Media. This scholarship fulfills one of the primary missions of AJP, which is to support and encourage high school students to consider journalism as a career. Recipients of this scholarship are also eligible, but not required, to work as paid interns at the *Alexandria Times* during the summer after their first year of college.

Salma El Gourchal

Alexandria Lacrosse Club/The Katherine “KK” Harris McCart Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Lacrosse Club is proud to award the The Katherine “KK” Harris McCart Memorial Scholarship annually to a deserving student at Alexandria City High School. We honor KK McCart

for the many years, countless hours, supreme dedication and tremendously effective work she devoted to Alexandria Lacrosse Club in the roles of Parent, Commissioner, Board Member, Coach, and truly beloved Friend.

Zoe Sermons

Alexandria Lacrosse Club/The Robert “Bob” K. Moir Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Lacrosse Club is proud to award the Robert “Bob” K. Moir Memorial Scholarship annually to a deserving student at Alexandria City High School. We honor Bob Moir as one of the founders of Alexandria Lacrosse Club in 2003, and for the many years he devoted to youth lacrosse in Alexandria in the roles of Commissioner, Board Member and Coach. Bob also was the Chairman of Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League, the regional governing body for youth lacrosse.

Macodou Ndao

Alexandria Retired Teachers Association Scholarship

This scholarship is supported by gifts from teachers retired from the Alexandria City Public Schools.

Angie Fuentes Canales

Alexandria Toyota, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

Alexandria Toyota is a long-time corporate partner and generous supporter of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Bibi Ayesha Amin

ALVA Aerie 871 Fraternal Order of Eagles Scholarship*

Scholarship Sponsored by “ALVA Aerie

871, Fraternal Order of Eagles.”
Miekiah Buster

Aly Khan Johnson/Cross Country, Track and Field Scholarship

These awards are funded by the Alexandria City High School Cross Country, Track and Field Boosters.
Vivian Roman
Maxwell Tankersley

Amazon Corporate Partner Scholarship

Amazon is working hand-in-hand with local partners to bring strength to education and to our community.
Iris Rodriguez Rivera

Amy McCracken TCW '87 Memorial Scholarship

Amy McCracken, TCW '87, was a 1991 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.
Jocelyn Grijalva

Anthony L. Austin Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is a tribute to Dr. Angela Austin's late father, who insisted that education was not optional but a beautiful gift we must treasure and cultivate.
Xochitl Ayala

Atlas Tech STEM Scholarship*

Brian Miller founded Atlas Technologies, Inc. in 1997. The vision has always been to merge technology with integrity and positively impact our clients, community, and country. Since its inception, Atlas Tech, a Veteran-Owned Small Business, has provided government agencies with innovative, reliable, and dependable IT services. At Atlas Tech, we believe in making a positive difference beyond the

workplace and our customers. Since our inception, we have promoted strong community involvement and to this end we have dedicated both staff members and resources. The Atlas Positive Impact Team spearheads and directs a large part of our community contributions. The boundless enthusiasm of our Team Members, coupled with our capabilities and experience, allows us to create social impact in areas selected by both the company and those proposed by our Team Members.

Mohammad Samim Naqshbandi

Augusta “Dusty” Barbato Memorial Scholarship

A native New Yorker and Hunter College graduate, Augusta “Dusty” Barbato taught English as a second language for more than 40 years. Filled with warmth and humor, she was deeply devoted to her Alexandria High School students and their families. Her dedication inspired and touched the lives of many students throughout the years.

Mohammad Nazari

Barbara McBane Harper TCW '86 Memorial Scholarship

Barbara McBane Harper, TCW '86, was a graduate of Dartmouth College.
Sophia Waldhoff

Beth Lovain Scholarship

This scholarship is provided in honor of former Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Executive Director, Beth Lovain.

Melat Hailemciahel

BMW of Alexandria Scholarship

This scholarship was graciously donated by BMW of Alexandria.

Mubara Mayar

Bonterra Corporate Partner Scholarship

Bonterra enables and elevates the hardworking people at organizations, like the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, that do social good by bringing together best-in-class tools and technology.
Semhal Dade

Bradlee Merchants Association Scholarship

This scholarship is a gift of beloved, bygone independently owned businesses at Bradlee Shopping Center in Alexandria.
Shahram Zahedi

Brian and Michael Vaughan Memorial Scholarship

In loving memory of Brian Vaughan and Michael Vaughan, Jr., brothers and graduates of T.C. Williams, who honored their fellow Americans with their service in nonprofit work and in the U.S. Military.
Milky Hailemichael

Charles Barrett PTA Scholarship Honoring Sarah Constantinou

This scholarship is made possible by the generous support of the Charles Barrett PTA.
Fatima Mejia Lopez

Charles E. Casey, JD Remember the Titans Memorial Scholarship*

Charles E. Casey, J.D., was a varsity member of the storied “Remember the Titans” team made famous worldwide by Academy Award-winning actor Denzel Washington, and other renowned actors in the critically acclaimed film of the same name. This scholarship was established by: Dr. Michael & Mrs. Darlene Casey.
Alexandra Dafkova

Charles Lindsay Jr. Automotive Scholarship*

This scholarship is given in Honor of the late Charles Lindsay Jr., the founder of The Lindsay Automotive Group. His vision and generosity set the groundwork for what Alexandrians see today. We hope this will inspire this scholarship recipient to follow his example.
Annmarie Kamara

Chris Marshall Wrestling Scholarship

The Chris Marshall Wrestling Scholarship rewards excellence in character, commitment, and leadership in both the classroom and the wrestling room.
Fortune Peters

Clara Speckart Memorial Scholarship*

Clara Speckart, also known as Cameron to her friends, was a junior at Alexandria City High School. She thrived in everything she did, including the ACHS marching band, wind ensemble, jazz band, and the Governor's Health Sciences Academy. She loved all of her fun and loyal friends. She was a joy to her parents and brothers. She planned to one day enter medical school and pursue a career as a surgeon. In fact, one year for Christmas, she asked for (and received) an animal dissection kit because she was so interested in anatomy and biology. Music and science filled her mind and heart. Her intellectual curiosity radiated to all who knew her. It is our hope that another student from Alexandria City High School will benefit from a scholarship in her name.
Eva Mulrooney

Class of 1965/Irving Lindsey Memorial Scholarship

Given by an alumnus to show his respect for the education he received in the ACPS by giving back so that others may continue their education. Given in memory of math instructor Irving Lindsey who inspired Alexandria students for decades.

Cassidy Pyke

Class of 1989 Scholarship

Given by The Sandoz Foundation and Todd Sandoz, TCW '89 Scholarship Fund of Alexandria recipient, who hopes to inspire other alumni to support scholarship opportunities for future Titan graduates.

Mohammad Fayaz Naqshbandi
Michelle Henriquez
Hayat Ismael
Amrit Kaur
Rhea-Lee Thompson

Class of 2003/Marcia & Tom Fulham Scholarship

Given by Marcia & Tom Fulham in recognition of the excellent education their three children in the Class of 2003 received from Alexandria City Public Schools.

Hermela Alamnew

CNA Corporation Scholarship

This scholarship is given to honor the spirit of public and community service to which CNA is dedicated.

Jesselyn Del Cid

CommonWealth One FCU Academy of Finance Scholarship

CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union is focused on serving our members' financial needs, as well as

actively promoting financial literacy and capability in the community. We hope our award gives a deserving student the chance for a more affordable and financially accessible education, and helps lead to a financially secure future.

Taylor Frazier

CommonWealth One FCU ACHS Scholarship

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Estevan Panchi

Courtney Smith Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Courtney Smith, a TCW scholar-athlete and the proud and loving parent of two Titan scholar-athletes.

Stacy Ansah

Dana Lawhorne Scholarship

The Dana Lawhorne Scholarship was created as a way to recognize, thank and honor the recently retired Sheriff for his more than 43 years of public service to the City of Alexandria as a law enforcement officer. Dana is a native Alexandrian and graduate of the former T.C. Williams High School, now Alexandria City High School. Dana is a lifelong resident of the Del Ray community where he resides with his wife Linda, and where his three daughters were raised and educated

in the Alexandria City Public Schools.

Torenzo Ricks

David J. Collison Memorial Scholarship

The David J. Collison Scholarship has been established by his family in his memory. Dave was a graduate of the University of Iowa, an outstanding athlete and a decorated U.S. Air Force flight officer. The Scholarship is intended to help African American graduates of Alexandria City High School pursue higher education. The family hopes this will enable them to contribute to making our society more open and equitable.

LemLem Lemma

Dean Copeland Scholarship*

In establishing this scholarship, it is Dean Copeland's intention to support the dreams of an ACHS graduate who intends to study pre-law, attend law school, and become an attorney. As the recipient of a Rhodes Scholarship, studying law at Oxford and Yale, and as a retired corporate attorney and General Counsel, Dean knows the value of a scholarship and a sound education, as well as how to successfully pursue a career in the legal profession. He hopes to be able to provide sage advice and support to the recipient of this scholarship during the recipient's pursuit of a law degree.

Victoria Zambrano-Argueta

Dee Campbell Memorial Scholarship

Born and raised in Alexandria, Dee Campbell graduated from George Washington High School in 1944 and launched his 46 year career as a crew coach at Francis C. Hammond

High School in 1959. Dee Campbell consistently led the T.C. Williams Crew team to many victories nationally and internationally, throughout his career. But beyond medals and championships, Dee Campbell had a unique bond with his rowers who credit him for getting them through tough times and always encouraging and supporting them. Dee Campbell taught his rowers the value of hard work, team work, and self-determination. It is with pride, gratitude and admiration that the ACPS rowing facility bears Dee Campbell's name. He made a difference in the lives of many young people who had the good fortune to know him.

Elba Pineda Chavez

Del Ray Artisans/John Hiller Memorial Art Scholarship

Del Ray Artisans promotes local artists and makes their artwork accessible to the community. This scholarship is in memory of John Hiller who was a longtime Del Ray Artisans member, cinematographer, producer, director, Oscar and Emmy winner.

Gryphon Magnus

Del Ray Artisans–Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship

Del Ray Artisans promotes local artists and makes their artwork accessible to the community. Ted Eichers' artwork and volunteerism exemplified our spirit. The awardee becomes an honorary member of the Artisans and may participate in shows and exhibitions.

Cassandra Moser

Del Ray Business Association Scholarship

The Del Ray Business Association

represents the businesses of Del Ray and Arlandria.

Geremias Ayala Chicas

Del Ray Citizens Association Scholarship in Memory of Charles Hill

Funded by the Del Ray Citizens Association in memory and appreciation of Alexandria Police Officer Charles Hill.
Marilyn Gallo-Carcamo

Del Ray Dad's Scholarship in Memory of Phil Savarie

This scholarship was created by a group of Del Ray Dads to support students at ACHS to reach their potential. The Del Ray Dads was formed in 2005 to create a community of fathers to share laughter, connections, and advice on all life's issues. We hold an annual pig roast to raise money for the SFA.

Sara Nisha

Departmental Progressive Club, Inc./James E. Henson Memorial Scholarship

Departmental Progressive Club, Inc. has served the Alexandria community since 1927 and supported this scholarship since 1993. Mr. James E. Henson was one of the first African-American attorneys to graduate from the Maryland College of Law. He practiced in the area of equal rights for several counties in Maryland before moving to Alexandria. In Alexandria Mr. Henson was a tireless advocate for civil and workers' rights and ingratiated himself into the hearts of many education professionals via his work with Alexandria's youth and the city's schools. He would often be seen in the company of, and would indicate that he was following in the footsteps

of his mentor and closest friend, Mr. Ferdinand Day, the first African-American Chairperson of a School District in Virginia. He actively supported the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria by serving on the Board of Trustees. Jim was also the great grandnephew of Matthew Henson, one of the explorers credited with being the first human to reach the geographic North Pole. Both James and Matthew are interred at the Arlington National Cemetery.

Nadia Heggs

Donohoe Companies Corporate Partner Scholarship

Donohoe is a proud supporter of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Rachel Ross

Doug Fertig Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Doug Fertig, the Human Resources Director both for the City of Alexandria from 1988 to 1995 and later for the US Senate from 1996 to 2005, who believed in honorable public service that benefited people inside and outside the organizations he served. It is hoped that the student who receives this scholarship will find ways in a career and through volunteering to contribute to their community.

Maame Afua Brew-Wilson

Dr. Alvin Crawley Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Crawley's forty-year career as a teacher, speech pathologist and administrator, including Superintendent of ACPS, was driven by the pursuit of excellence in education, with the best interest of the students always at the core of his leadership.

Auborn Shepard III

Dr. Erwin Bondareff Scholarship for Health Sciences

The Dr. Erwin Bondareff Scholarship rewards students who have demonstrated a commitment to the medical sciences in order to improve the health and well-being of their community.

Rawan Alfadhly

Dr. John Liebermann Jr. Scholarship

John Liebermann's love of chemistry and chemical research was infectious. He inspired generations of T. C. Williams high school students to pursue advanced degrees and careers in chemistry and chemistry-related fields.

Julio Barroso-Perez

Dr. Lois Berlin Scholarship

In honor of Dr. Berlin, longtime ACPS employee and former Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools. Dr. Berlin serves on the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Board of Trustees.

Israr Ehsan

Dr. Manu and Shashi Patel Physics Scholarship

Dr. Patel was an award winning teacher of physics at T.C. Williams High School and is a former Fulbright Scholar.

Chloe Yokitis

Dr. Morton Sherman Scholarship

In honor of Dr. Sherman, former Superintendent of the Alexandria City Public Schools from 2008-2013.

Zainab Momand

Dr. Patricia Zissios Scholarship

While at ACPS, Dr. Zissios received the Washington Post Distinguished Leadership

Award, was named the ACPS Principal of the Year, and was recognized by the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals with both the School Bell Award and the Don Lacey Award of Excellence in Leadership. Dr. Zissios retired from Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy in July 2023. Under her leadership, LCTA became a Core Knowledge School of Distinction, a National School of Character, and a Virginia Naturally site (for environmental stewardship). She was honored with a resolution by the Virginia General Assembly in January 2023 for distinguished leadership and academic excellence through her 50 years in public education. She also received a proclamation from the Mayor of the City of Alexandria for her stellar accomplishments at Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy in May of 2023. Dr. Zissios made a difference for thousands of students in her storied career.

Anait Wilson

Dr. Robert W. Peebles Scholarship

Bob Peebles was Superintendent of the Alexandria City Public Schools (1980-1987) and one of the founders of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Nazanin Dehzad

Dr. Teh-Chang Shih Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Shih was an internist at Inova Alexandria Hospital from 1970 to 2002. Born in Quanzhou, China, he received a medical degree from the National Taiwan University in Taipei. A 40-year resident of Alexandria, he spent his life caring for this city's poorest and uninsured residents. He struggled to put himself through college and was

determined to make the path smoother for others.

Muqaddas Kiani

Drew Wynne Foundation Scholarship*

The Drew Wynne Foundation is proud to present this scholarship to a student that most demonstrates an ability to grow and persevere in the face of difficulty. This individual has overcome obstacles and has committed to a path forged through resilience and a desire to reach his or her greatest potential.

Luis Rodriguez

Engin and Agnes Artemel Urban Planning Scholarship

Agnès Artemel and her husband, Engin, contributed decades of urban planning effort and experience to make Alexandria grow and thrive.

Wendi Gallardo

Eric R. and Laura M. Wagner Scholarship*

Eric and Laura Wagner believe strongly in the value of education and established this scholarship to help a graduate of Alexandria City High School pursue a college education.

Amelia Vineys

Fannon Scholarship

This award is funded by the Hon. Frank Fannon, a longtime Scholarship Fund supporter.

Siem Ogbaghiorghis

Former School Board Chairs Scholarship

This scholarship was established through the generosity of former

Alexandria City Schools Board Chairs.

Max Milla

Friends of Alexandria Archaeology—Kathleen M. Kelly Memorial Scholarship*

In creating and awarding this scholarship, it is FOAA's intent to foster and expand the population of professional archaeologists in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This scholarship will be awarded in tribute to FOAA, its members, and its corporate members who have made financial contributions towards the scholarship.

D Castillo-Aleman

Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association Scholarship

Organized in 1774, the Friendship Fire Company promotes fire and life safety education programs, sponsors educational scholarships, and restores Colonial era firefighting artifacts for display in the firehouse museum at 107 S. Alfred Street.

Yeabsera Demissie

Future Teacher Scholarship

The Future Teacher Scholarship, funded by ACHS advocates, is awarded to a student who has demonstrated academic achievement and who intends to pursue a career in education.

Abuzar Amjad

Gallifrey Scholarship for Social Enterprise

The Gallifrey Scholarship for Social Enterprise recognizes the importance of using business principles to solve social problems. When we use our energy and our skills to help solve problems efficiently then the results can be more effective and longer lasting. When you volunteer

or work with your club or school project, think about how the benefits you are working for will outlast you. The most important objective is to do what you can do to solve a problem, help others and make the world a better place. The Gallifrey Foundation was founded by a member of the T.C. Williams Class of 1972—Remember the Titans.

Nahum Saniy

Gila S. Harris Scholarship

Ms. Harris was a 32-year ACPS employee—teacher, elementary supervisor, and administrator. An enthusiastic City volunteer, she is a former member of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

Senay Feleke

Goodhart Group Scholarship

Sue and Marty Goodhart grew up in an area where a college education was rare. They worked hard to secure their own postsecondary education, and in turn for their children. Knowing how tough it can be for many students to pursue higher education, they have supported The Scholarship Fund since its inception. It is therefore an honor to present the Goodhart Group Scholarship to support the path of success to one of Alexandria's own.

Armani Boucaud

Gwen C. Mullen Scholarship

Gwen Mullen was Executive Director of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria from 1993-2001.

Zion Tilahun

H&R Block Corporate Partner Scholarship*

H&R Block is proud to award this scholarship to a Titan who will be

moving beyond High School to pursue higher education. We are proud to help a student make their dreams come true.

Hildana Kassa

Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge Scholarship

This scholarship is supported by the Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge #349 in Alexandria.

Yasmeen Mukhtar

Hill Family Scholarship

This scholarship is funded by the Hill family, longtime Alexandria residents and supporters of public education, including three TCW/ACHS graduates.

Barcot Kumilachew

Historic Alexandria Foundation Scholarship

Historic Alexandria Foundation works to protect historic structures and artifacts associated with Alexandria, VA. It encourages public participation and appreciation of cultural heritage.

Alem Alem

Hon. Robert L. Calhoun Scholarship

The father of two TCW Titans, Bob was a graduate of Tufts University and Yale Law School, a member of the Virginia State Senate (1989-1995) and many regional boards and commissions including the Scholarship Fund's Board of Trustees (2000-2010). As a member of the Alexandria City Council (1976-82, 1985-88), he introduced legislation to provide a \$25,000 seed grant to the Fund in 1988.

Jennifer Sesay

Howell Brett Medley Scholarship
Howell Brett Medley was a selfless and

giving man. He led a life focused on championing others and lifting them up. Adopting Alexandria as his home town, he called it home for 32 years. His two daughters graduated from TCW (2015 and 2018) and his son from the Alexandria City High School Class of 2022. He was a wonderful husband, father, son and friend to all who knew him—serving always and especially to youth, whether coaching soccer or leading youth programs at Grace Episcopal Church. This scholarship is Howell's legacy to supporting Alexandria youth.

Yohana Tesfaye

Inova Alexandria Hospital Healthcare Career

This scholarship is supported by the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation.

Aya Abougenina

Irving and Shirley Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Shirley Rubenstein, a teacher herself, and her brother Irving Rubenstein, grandfather of two T.C. Williams graduates and a man who worked for a more just world, including one where there would be educational opportunities for all.

Nicolas Ruiz Rodriguez

Irving Lindsey Mathematics Trust Scholarship

Mr. Lindsey, a native Alexandrian, taught math at T.C. Williams High School and, for 30 years, at George Washington High School.

Stephen Harrington

J. Pondolfino/Academy of Finance Scholarship

In honor of Mr. Pondolfino and the

Academy of Finance faculty who promote the importance of financial literacy.

This scholarship is intended to help high performing AOF/ACHS graduates with their journey through higher education.

This scholarship is from a former AOF/T.C. Williams alumnus.

Lesly Amaya

Jack Esformes Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in honor of Jack Esformes, a dedicated and outstanding government teacher who had a positive influence on many students' lives that extended well beyond the classroom.

Christina Comar

Jack Taylor Scholarship

Philanthropist and Alexandria Living Legend Jack Taylor is one of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's most significant and generous supporters. This scholarship honors his caring spirit and dedication to the Alexandria community and Alexandria City High School. The Jack Taylor College and Career Wing was renamed in 2019 to acknowledge Jack Taylor and to recognize his commitment to our Titans.

Ikhtiar Ahmed

Jane Temoshok Memorial Scholarship

Jane was a world traveler and educator who would love to know that, in her memory, she is sending a student off to college. Through her community involvement and gregarious personality, she impacted a wide variety of people, no matter the age. As a teacher at ACPS her love for her students extended to their families and the teachers with whom she worked. This scholarship is

awarded in honor of Jane's ambitious spirit that her family, friends and co-workers all admired.

Sonillah Agha

Jennifer B. Modlin TCW '74 Memorial Scholarship

Music was a joy and passion for Jennifer Modlin, TCW '74, UNC Chapel Hill, '78. She played in TCW's bands and orchestra and was a gifted singer appearing in several musicals. Following college she sang for eight years with a local jazz quartet.

Emily Brennan

Jim and Iris Hudgens Memorial Scholarship*

This scholarship is in memory of Jim and Iris Hudgens, and in honor of their son, Steve Hudgens. The Hudgens family values education, hard work, and integrity. Steve Hudgens pursued academic excellence and instilled that importance in his children. Jim and Iris Hudgens helped make it possible for their grandchildren to go to college, and now their family would like to give a dedicated student the same opportunity.

Krissia Rodriguez Rivera

Jim Moran Scholarship

The Jim Moran Scholarship is given to a student who has demonstrated leadership and a passion for being an instrument of progressive change for people throughout the world. Public policy shapes our communities and country. It is the hope of this scholarship to help a student make their way to college so that he/she can make this world more just, sustainable and peaceful for generations to come.

Sumaiya Shaily

John C. Albohm Memorial Trust Scholarship

Dr. Albohm was superintendent of the Alexandria City Public Schools from 1962 to 1977.

Henry Anderson

John Porter Scholarship

This scholarship is in honor of Mr. Porter who was a beloved principal at T.C. Williams High School for many years and is a well-respected member of the Alexandria community. Mr. Porter is a member of the George Washington High School Class of 1965.

Annie Chen

Kara Mehrman Scholarship

Mrs. Mehrman has dedicated 22 years to her passion: educating our children. As a military spouse, she has shared her gift for teaching in a wide variety of educational settings across the country, finally settling here in Alexandria at George Mason Elementary School. Mrs. Mehrman believes in a community approach to teaching – always living where she teaches and forming a real bond to the community through her students and parents. Her greatest strengths are her energy and compassion to help every student unblock their mind and grow as learners. If you have yet to find what inspires your children to read, Mrs. Mehrman will find a book that sparks your child's interest and ignites a lifelong reader. Nothing makes her happier than talking with children about what they are reading.

Argelia Maldonado Lopez

KBR Foundation, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

KBR Foundation is a proud supporter

of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.
Tanween Syed

Kenneth A. Barnett Memorial Baseball Scholarship

An outstanding high school and collegiate athlete in his own right, Ken, a life-long Alexandrian, was a graduate of George Washington High School. Ken used his passion for sports to teach valuable life lessons to countless young people through volunteer coaching, support of high school booster organizations and perhaps most importantly, as a friend and mentor to virtually every young person who had the good fortune to know him.

Cooper Jones

Kenneth A. Barnett Memorial Girls Athletic Scholarship

An outstanding high school and collegiate athlete in his own right, Ken, a life-long Alexandrian, was a graduate of George Washington High School. Ken used his passion for sports to teach valuable life lessons to countless young people through volunteer coaching, support of high school booster organizations and perhaps most importantly, as a friend and mentor to virtually every young person who had the good fortune to know him.

Nia Miller

Kerry Donley Memorial Scholarship

With this scholarship, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria honors Kerry J. Donley's lifetime of service and his countless contributions to the Alexandria community.

Nathalie Sok

Key Club Scholarship

Donated by the Key Club, a service organization for young men and women at Alexandria City High School.
Makena Kaiman

Kitty Porterfield Scholarship

Kitty Porterfield is a founding member of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria and it's first Executive Director serving from 1986 to 1992. She is the proud parent and grandparent of Titan alums.
Melvin Garcia

Larry Trice PTSA/SCA Scholarship

This scholarship honors longtime teacher and staff member Larry Trice.
Mason Carvajal
Mariela Perez Dominguez
Ibeyry Turcios
Kenia Villatoro

Lawrence H. (Larry) Watson Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Lawrence H. (Larry) Watson Scholarship rewards leadership in Key Club and community, as well as academic excellence. Larry's two children, Shannon TCW '85 and Larry TCW '89, were active in Keyettes and Key Club, respectively. Both Larrys served as president of the Alexandria Kiwanis Club and TC Key Club concurrently.
Mirna Calderon Cruz

Lordian and Maria Turner Scholarship*

This scholarship is a tribute to the late father and mother of ACPS educator and alumni, Olinka Turner, whose parents believed in the value of education and the many paths that it

could lead a student on. As a graduate of T.C. Williams High School (1999) and a Scholarship Fund of Alexandria recipient, it is her hope that this scholarship will help a Titan along their path to success.
Jenaba Bah

Loti Dunn Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is given in honor of the late Stewart Dunn's wife, Loti, who worked to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.
Priscyla Delgadillo Camacho
Camila Rivera-Escalante

Lou Cook Memorial Scholarship

Lou Cook was the first Chair of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Board of Trustees (1986-1992) and one of the founders of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.
Aisha Ali

Louis Kokonis Memorial Teaching Legend Scholarship

For over 60 years, Louis Kokonis taught math to thousands of Alexandria students. A recent student memorialized him for his compassion, kind spirit and quiet dignity as much for his dedication and extensive expertise. Beyond the model of a math teacher, Mr. Kokonis was the model of a man.
Hazel Belmont

Lynhaven/Rosa Byrd Scholarship

Rosa Byrd is a longtime community activist and youth advocate in the Lynhaven area. This scholarship was endowed by the Eacho Family who owned investment property in

Lynhaven for several years.
Natalia Velasquez

Madelyn Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Given by former Washington Post writer John W. Anderson, in memory of his wife, Madelyn, who was a teacher in the ACPS, to give Alexandria City High School graduates the opportunity to profit from higher education so that they are able to make a contribution to the community as educated adults.
Lester Hernandez Aleman
Lester Tercero Ruiz

Maginniss + del Ninno Architects Scholarship

Maginniss + del Ninno Architects is an Alexandria architectural firm.
Natalie Vaile

Marcia L. Egge Memorial Scholarship

Longtime resident of Alexandria, Marcia Egge gave generously of her time. Within the Titan family she worked tirelessly as a Marching Titan Band Booster. She was also a very civic-minded person and regularly volunteered at polls during local, state and national elections.
Timothy Gants

Marco Henriquez TCW '00 Memorial Scholarship

Mark Angelo "Marco" Henriquez, TCW 2000, was on the staff of *Theogony*. He is remembered for his compassion, caring, and love of basketball.
Kyra Nebolsine

Marcus Family Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded in honor of

ACPS faculty. Sponsored by the Marcus family—Ellen Balis and Alan Marcus.

**Zahra Rahimi
Hosai Rasuli**

Marlin J. Coleman Memorial Scholarship

Marlin was a third-year student at the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce. He was civic-minded, and valued learning, wisdom, and knowledge. This scholarship helps to celebrate his giving spirit.

Jolan Foronda

Mary Hatwood Futrell/ Education Association of Alexandria Scholarship

Supported by the membership of the Education Association of Alexandria in honor of Ms. Futrell, a former teacher in the Alexandria schools and past President of the National Education Association.

Makayla Reynolds

Michael D. Waller TCW '86 & Claudia C. Waller Memorial Scholarship

Michael Waller, TCW '86, an athlete and community volunteer, was a student at Pfeiffer College. This scholarship has been supported since 1987 by Mike's family and friends. Claudia Cronin Waller was a community leader serving on the Boards of Alexandria City Public Schools, NOVA Community College, and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, the latter two as chairperson, and on SFA Executive Advisory Board when she died in 2021. She was an early, long-term and enthusiastic supporter of SFA, mother of four and grandmother to three Titans.

**Alexa Eveses
Anne Sullivan**

Michael S. Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Michael Shannahan Dixon, TCW '86, was a creative, tireless and effective activist for equal rights for all, particularly in the LGBT community. He worked as a Systems Analyst at Jersey City Medical Center. Mike spent many years at New York University and the University of Wisconsin – Madison where he was a leader in gay student organizations, working to end discrimination. After working for Democratic political organizations, he spent 15 years as a senior administrator at Manhattan law firms while devoting his other time to his work with Act Up, Get EQUAL, and other effective gay rights organizations. Prior to joining JCMC, Mike lived in the Washington D.C. area, where he organized and participated in protests against DADT and other bigotry and discrimination. Mike will be remembered by his family and many friends for his wit, smiles, and fearlessness in confronting discrimination. Some friends regret that Mike died before he was Equal under the law; others say he was superior while he lived. We will miss the joy he brought into our lives, and will remain inspired by his life to speak out loudly and fight effectively against prejudice in all its forms.

Katherine-David Bectel

Mildred Lockridge Scholarship*

In her 92 years on this earth, Mildred Lockridge spent over half her life teaching, tutoring or educating in some capacity. After teaching and leading in the DC Public Schools for 26 years, she had a short retirement before she went on to be a principal in Alexandria.

There, she was a leader at Maury & Lyles Crouch Elementary schools for another 13 years. Her love of life-long learning and the impact that she had on so many families will live on for generations.

Afifa Opshara

Mindy's Catering Corporate Partner Scholarship

Mindy's Catering, a family-owned and operated full-service catering business, is a proud supporter of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Said Omair Siam

Modern Campus/Signal Vine Corporate Partner Scholarship

Signal Vine is a proud sponsor of the Fund and provides technology to help stay in contact with scholarship recipients.

Fernanda Torrez

Mount Vernon Community School PTA/Magda Leon Scholarship

Magda Leon worked thirty years as a social worker for ACPS, twenty of those years at Mount Vernon Community School. She was a tireless advocate for students, families and the school community as a critical component in promoting student success.

Maritza Velasquez Alvarenga

New Target, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship

New Target (www.newtarget.com) is the web site host for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria at www.alexscholarshipfund.org.

Ahmed Elgamal

Nigusu Tefera Scholars Fund

This scholarship is to honor our late

father Nigusu Tefera. He believed in education so much that he moved his entire family to the U.S. in 1995. He showed us that a good education will lead us to a great path and because of his courageous move, we are blessed to have a life that's fulfilling. We want to be able to pay it forward and provide this chance of higher education to other students.

Marium Kalhoro

North Ridge Citizens' Association Scholarship

The Association represents the interests of the North Ridge community before city officials and boards. It supports Alexandria youth by sponsoring citizenship awards in addition to this award for demonstrated academic excellence and community service.

Elle Kunik

Paul Joy Memorial Scholarship

For over 20 years Mr. Joy taught students with special needs throughout the ACPS. His philosophy was that, given enough support, anyone could reach his or her goals.

Elina Minatelli

Phillip & Anne & Ilsa Wheeler Trust Scholarship

The Wheeler family has lived in Alexandria for over 70 years. Mr. Wheeler founded the Learn for Living Foundation.

Ella Garcia

PoD Squad Scholarship

This scholarship was established by a few volunteers with the Alexandria Medical Response Corp Point of Distribution Covid Vaccination Clinic

team (PoD Squad) to encourage and celebrate students who hope to focus on some aspect of community service.

Xaria Ward

Rahmatullah Hotaki Memorial Scholarship

Rahmatullah Hotaki was a kind and humble man. He led a life focused on helping his family members immigrate from Afghanistan in the 1980's after the Soviet invasion to resettle in the United States and build a life of opportunity. Rahmatullah lived in Alexandria from 1988 through 1996 and his daughter graduated from TCW (1996). He continued to commute to Alexandria until his retirement in 2011. Rahmatullah was a wonderful son to his elderly parents, an amazing father of four college graduates and a great friend to all who knew him—always serving in any way he could. Unlike men of his time and culture, he lifted his eldest daughter up, always supporting her education and career. This memorial scholarship is Rahmatullah's legacy to supporting young underprivileged women in Alexandria.

Marwa Naqshbandi

Reworld Environmental Scholarship

Reworld Alexandria/Arlington, LLC provides sustainable solid waste solutions to the City of Alexandria and Arlington County. Reworld diverts nearly 350,000 tons of waste from landfills and recovers nearly 10,000 tons of metal annually while generating over 20 megawatts of renewable, negative carbon power to the region.

Sosena Lemma

RiverFront Wealth Advisors Corporate Partner Scholarship

RiverFront Wealth Advisors manages part of the Scholarship Fund's investment portfolio.

Elvert Nunez-Hernandez

Robert Eavenson Field Hockey Scholarship

Robert Eavenson was the head coach of the T.C. Williams Field Hockey Team for 22 years.

Grace Metzler

Robert S. Rixse Memorial Nursing Scholarship

Dr. Robert S. Rixse was a native of Alexandria and an outstanding product of his community and its schools. A 1965 graduate of Francis C. Hammond High School, he was Senior Class President and active in crew, basketball, and the "Admirals" band. After Johns Hopkins University and Duke University Medical School, he specialized in adolescent medicine and became one of the most respected pediatricians in the area. Dr. Rixse was committed to community and civic activities that aided Alexandria's youth, including service as team physician at TCW.

Maya Gleaton

Rosen/Levine Scholarship

"In remembrance of Albert P. Rosen and Elaine Levine, who encouraged me in high school when I truly needed it. And with thanks to my father, whose financial help allowed me to study literature and art in college."

Cristian Diaz Soler

Rotary Club of Alexandria Scholarship

This scholarship is made possible by

an annual grant from the Rotary Club of Alexandria. One of the program's goals of Rotary International, of which the Alexandria club is a member, is to support educational opportunities for youth.

Gabriella Rosa Escobar

Sally Krahn Memorial Scholarship*

Awarded by her family in loving memory of Sally Krahn, a tireless community volunteer in Alexandria and throughout Northern Virginia in the areas of education, arts and the humanities, who had a lifelong interest in history.

Abigail Juarez Roth

Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School Scholarship

Given in honor of Cathy David, the first principal of Samuel W. Tucker Elementary, where she helped to design the education program and train the staff of Alexandria's first new school in three decades. This scholarship also honors trailblazing Alexandria lawyer, Samuel W. Tucker. In 1939, he organized a sit-in at the Alexandria Public Library to challenge segregation, and he defended the protestors when they were arrested. During his 50-year career as a civil rights lawyer, he argued discrimination and school desegregation cases in Virginia and before the U.S. Supreme Court. He fought unrelentingly in the courts for fairness, justice and equal opportunity. Ms. David and Mr. Tucker believed educating the next generation is the best way to ensure young people and their communities thrive in a changing world.

Nahom Yohannes

Scholarship Fund of Alexandria 2024 Award

These awards are gifts from the Alexandria community to recognize the deserving Alexandria City High School graduates who have demonstrated the ability, commitment, and desire to continue their education beyond high school.

Jason Ageve

Sharmillah Agha

Alexa Beniakrou

Tajalla Bigzad

Rachel Cain

Maikol Centeno

Promise Duah

Mohamed Eltireke

Hayat Gasem

Sara Gasem

William Gomez-Palacios

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Tania Hernandez

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Shadia Mumin

Yared Petros

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Akilah Ross

Catherine Salomons

Euel Telila

Styve Tomtebeye

London Turnage

Anayeli Villatoro

Katherine Winstead

Amaya Womack

Soliyana Wondwossen

Amnon Yonas

Selene C. Carter Memorial Scholarship

Selene C. Carter was the cook at

Jefferson-Houston Elementary School and an employee of the school system for sixteen years. This award is given by her son, Larry D. Carter, who taught English in ACPS for 33 years.

Esinam Dedoo

Señora James Memorial Scholarship*

This scholarship honors Señora Mirtha James and the countless ways she impacted the George Washington Middle School community. Ms. James was not only a dedicated Spanish teacher, but also a cherished colleague, friend and mentor to many students. Her commitment extended beyond the classroom, participating in events that built community within the school and mentoring new teachers. This scholarship honors her dedication to teaching, to learning and fostering collaboration and support.

Kat Molina

Sheriff Jim and Nancy Dunning Memorial Scholarship

In memory of longtime civic activist couple and loving family members. Nancy and Jim were devoted to improving the quality of life for the residents of Del Ray and for all Alexandrians.

Alicia WoeseNyh

Simpson Development Co., Inc. Scholarship

Simpson Development Company, Inc., founded in 1933, is an Alexandria real estate firm. Mr. Simpson and his children all graduated from the ACPS.

Nicholas Kimball

Staci C. L. Bradley Memorial Scholarship

Staci Bradley was a member of the TCW Class of '88.

Blake Conjura

Eva Creighton

Jei Huddle

Heather Schofield

Stephen J. Kenealy Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Kenealy was a former Chair of the ACPS Board and a parent of two Titans in the TCW Classes of '97 and '00.

Ben Delnegro

Stephen S. Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship

Stephen S. Rosenfeld had a distinguished 40-year career at *The Washington Post* as an editor and columnist whose foreign affairs expertise helped shape the newspaper's editorial page, writing more than 10,000 op-ed columns and unsigned editorials, particularly concerning Russia, the Cold War the Middle East and U.S. foreign policy. Mr. Rosenfeld graduated from Harvard University with a degree in modern history. He served in the Marine Corps for two years and later earned a master's degree in Russian history at Columbia University. He was hired as a reporter by the *Post*, where he subsequently became a member of the editorial page staff. He and his wife Barbara wrote *Return from Red Square* about his time as the *Post's* first Moscow bureau chief and her service with the U.S. Information Agency. He cared deeply about mentoring young people interested in journalism and writing, and often met with students to share his experiences and advice.

Nardos Fenta

Susan Yowell Scholarship

This scholarship is provided in honor of former Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Executive Director, Susan Yowell.

Girum Tekle

TCW Class of 1968 Scholarship*

The TCW Class of 1968 Scholarship is given in recognition and gratitude to the administration and faculty of T.C. Williams High School. From the school's grand opening in 1965 through the tumultuous year of 1968, they provided for a community grounded in academics and civic education that prepared students for lifelong learning.

Sehar E Saba

TCW Class of 1973 50th Reunion Scholarship*

This scholarship is given by the TC Williams Class of 1973 as a tribute to their 50th class reunion.

Danny Portillo Cardona

Technomics Growth Scholarship

With this scholarship, Technomics aims to motivate students to always be open to growth, change, and progress.

Tracy Do

Technomics Innovation Scholarship

Technomics is awarding this scholarship to encourage innovation and creative problem solving, the core values of our organization.

Michelle Speranza

Technomics Nancy Hylton Merit Scholarship

The Technomics Nancy Hylton Merit scholarship is named to honor our local educators and is our way of recognizing

the impact and importance they've had in our lives and continue to have on students today. Ms. Nancy Hylton (88 years young) was a math teacher in Alexandria City Public Schools for 30+ years and had a significant impact on the lives of many students, including Technomics Inc. President & CEO Al Leung. We can only hope to have as much of an impact with this scholarship as she has had on her students throughout the years.

Amine Mers

Timothy Schuyler Elliott Memorial Scholarship

Tim Elliott was Chair of the Scholarship Fund from 1992-1993 and the longest serving member of the Fund's Board of Trustees for 15 years between 1991-2009. Tim was one of founders of the Fund in his capacity as Chair and Member of the ACPS School Board from 1985-1988 and 1988-1991, respectively. A lawyer by trade, Tim was Deputy Associate Solicitor for the Division of General Law, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, and a proud member of the Brandeis University Class of 1960 and Harvard Law School.

Hagar Abougenina

Ting Internet Scholarship*

Ting is proud to award this scholarship to a graduating Titan to pursue their dream career field. This achievement reflects your dedication, hard work, and academic excellence, and we are thrilled to support you on your journey towards higher education.

Bemnet Bitew

Titans 4 Scholars 2024 Scholarship

Established in 2023, the Titans 4 Scholars,

a group of enterprising Titan Juniors works together to make a difference in the life of one of their fellow Titans. During a seven-week campaign, the students work individually and as a group to raise the funds for this scholarship. They learn so much along the way and hope their efforts inspire others. When you make a plan and work as a team to reach a goal, anything is possible!

Kye Robinson

Titans for Public Service Scholarship*

The Titans for Public Service Scholarship was created by Class of 2001 alums, Diller and Maria Matthews to encourage the pursuit of public service. The award is given to a graduate of Alexandria City High School who has demonstrated service to the community during their high school career and intends to pursue a career in public service (education, health, nonprofit or government).

Anais Joubert

Victoria Brooks Scholarship*

This scholarship was established by Allen Brooks (TCW '00) and Alisa Brooks, honoring the life of his mother, Victoria Brooks which was filled with joy, laughter, and deep love for her family and community.

CJ Fortune

Walter Scott Downs Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is supported by the Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge #349 in Alexandria.

Indigo Samson-Bryant

Washington Academy of Sciences Scholarship*

Since 1898, the Washington Academy of Sciences has served as the affiliation of Washington D.C. area scientific societies. The formation of the Academy culminated a decade of planning under the leadership of the Philosophical Society of Washington. The founders included Alexander Graham Bell and Samuel Langley, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. The purpose of the new Academy was to encourage the advancement of science and “to conduct, endow, or assist investigation in any department of science.”

Zacharia Stover

Whitestone & Franklin Scholarship

The Old Dominion Boat Club is proud to support scholar/athletes in the ACHS crew program.

Charles Sokolove

Yasmin Groehn Memorial Scholarship

Yasmin Groehn was a proud Titan and an alumnus of ACHS, Class of 2021. She spoke multiple languages and had been studying international relations at the Instituto de Empresas (IE) University in Segovia, Spain. The Yasmin Groehn Memorial Scholarship was established by her family to help Alexandria City High School graduates who have financial need and are interested in studying international relations, foreign languages, or studying at a university abroad. Her family hopes that Yasmin’s dreams can live on through the wonderful young individual her scholarship will benefit.

Angelique Bocovo

DONOR-NAMED RENEWAL AWARDS 2023–2024

Recipients of all Scholarship Fund of Alexandria Awards and Donor-Named Scholarships are eligible to apply for Renewal Awards from the General Fund for three years after they leave Alexandria City High School. We gratefully acknowledge the donors of scholarships who offer renewal awards to recipients of their Scholarships.



Ada’s Rising STEM Star Scholarship

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Yasmin Groehn Memorial Scholarship

THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ALEXANDRIA

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is celebrating 38 years of helping academically qualified, financially needy students from Alexandria City High School afford postsecondary education. On April 16, 1986 Tim Elliott, Lou Cook, and Judith Feaver established the Fund with the aid of Kitty Porterfield and the support of the Alexandria Superintendent of Schools, Bob Peebles, and the Alexandria City School Board. In 1988, a seed grant of \$25,000 came from the Alexandria City Council through a measure sponsored by Councilman Bob Calhoun. Since 1986, the Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$19 million in financial support to over 5,700 students toward their college or career technical education.

We are happy to have you share in this celebration of the growth of the Scholarship Fund and the success of those receiving scholarships. Thank you for making an investment in our youth and the future of our community through your support.

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The mission of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria is to provide Alexandria City Public School students with financial aid information and need-based financial aid to help them attain a meaningful college or postsecondary education.

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IN MEMORIAM: Lou Cook

LOU COOK WAS A MAINSTAY during what I like to call the incubator days of the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria (SFA). Before we had a name, before we had any formal structure, before we had any money. When SFA was just a cherished idea in the hearts of a few Alexandria schools' stalwarts, Lou was right there in the thick of it.

Lou did a lot of amazing things in her life. She and her husband, George, had a great partnership, and together they raised four great kids—Katie, Kelly, Andy, and Will. She worked for Alexandria businesses, she wrote for publications, she put energy into local events and politics. I first got to know Lou during her long stint as a diligent member, and later chair, of the School Board of the Alexandria City Public Schools. In that role, she asked good questions and provided evenhanded leadership. I learned a lot by watching her work. So I was thrilled when fellow (former) school board member Tim Elliott suggested to her that she join our tiny scholarship egg-hatching think tank. And more delighted when she said “yes.” She was finishing her tenure on the school board, and the timing was right.

Lou soon became the first Scholarship Fund (SFA) Board chair. She served on the first Gala Committees, and presided over the first SFA board meetings, community meetings and galas. In those early years she made presentations about the Scholarship Fund to her former colleagues on the School Board and to the Alexandria City Council.

Tiny, feisty, funny, smart, articulate, gracious Lou Cook carried the argument forward that our community needed to do more to help its young people get into, and succeed in, postsecondary education and in their lives thereafter. Our children need our support, she said! She was tiny, but this community owes her a giant debt of gratitude for all she did on behalf of all the community's children. Well done, Lou. We are ever grateful for your efforts to get this program off the ground all those years ago. We miss you. €

Excerpt from “Lou Remembered,” by Kitty Porterfield, Founding Director, Scholarship Fund of Alexandria



IN MEMORIAM: Louis Kokonis

OVER 60 YEARS OF TEACHING within Alexandria City Public Schools cemented Louis Kokonis as a paragon of instructional excellence, moral character and commitment throughout Virginia. Never married and without children, Kokonis instead leaves behind over 8,000 former students for whom he exemplified the magic, power and wonder of mathematics and education.

A 91-year-old teacher tends to make the news. CBS News, the Washington Post, WUSA9 and NBC Washington were among several organizations that profiled Kokonis and his teaching journey throughout the years. Though frequently humble and quite concise, Kokonis shared his wisdom in several interviews. He was a noted fan of Irish music, Anne of Green Gables and movies with happy endings. “The world's tragic enough,” said Kokonis to the Washington Post in 2018. “I'm kind of idealistic. I like to see everything come out real nice.”

Kokonis had no intention to retire. In a 2022 NBC interview, he said, “If you're happy with what you're doing, I don't see any reason for retiring.” This year, he taught five classes, including one block of Differential Equations and Calculus 3, affectionately referred to as “Diff EQ” or “Diffy” by its students. The Dual Enrollment class, the most advanced offered at ACHS, required the teacher to have a Master's Degree in mathematics.

“As counter intuitive as it may seem, I think I, like many others, began to take his presence for granted, began to think that 10 years from now Mr. Kokonis would still be shaping minds at ACHS. I assumed that I would have time to thank him for everything he has taught me. I assumed that I would at least be able to say goodbye. Instead, I am sharing my fond memories of this pillar in our community as a testament to the brilliance, dedication, and generosity of Louis Kokonis,” said senior Benjamin Turney.

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria launched a scholarship in 2018 in his name, which he would award every year. He was honored by a joint Virginia House Resolution in 2019 for his “incalculable contributions to the Alexandria community.” Perhaps it is best left to the man himself. In a 2018 interview with WUSA9, Kokonis said the following on teaching.

“You have to *like* students. I hope I made a difference...I did my best.” ❁

Excerpt from *Theogony*, January 9, 2024, Yahney-Marie Sangaré, Editor-in-Chief



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