



# Impact Report 2022-2023



THE  
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ALEXANDRIA



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MY FIRST EXPOSURE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF ALEXANDRIA (SFA) was when we raised funds to honor the retiring principal at my sons' elementary school. Ms. Lucretia Jackson was a fantastic educator and a scholarship in her name seemed a perfect tribute to someone who positively impacted my family and so many others in Alexandria. For me, that first interaction with the SFA was the hook.

In time, as I learned of all the things this amazing organization did, far beyond the scope of scholarships, I was completely reeled in. Serving Alexandria City High School (ACHS) students with advising on college admissions, financial aid, and scholarship options, and even providing support once they've left the halls of ACHS, our name simply does not do us justice. All of these programs and, most importantly, seeing the excitement of these students and their families on Awards Night each year—that's what keeps me coming back and, like you, supporting this worthwhile organization.

As supporters, you and I have seen the statistics behind the SFA's success. Millions of dollars in scholarships granted and thousands of students served. But in this report, you will see the real impact of our contributions. The stories in these pages tell the experiences of a few of the many students whose lives our combined support has benefitted. I hope their stories will keep you coming back too.

With vast gratitude,  
Kevin Jahns, Chair, SFA Board of Trustees

**This is the beginning of a story. Spoiler. It's a good story.**

We meet Titans everywhere. They start as a tentative freshman or maybe a boisterous underclassman, advancing forward through classrooms and grades, and then—finally—they are launched into the world. But a lot of them come back. And even more of them give back, having had their talents and hard work underpinned by the community through the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Here we meet Saleh Hassen, one such person

of promise who has moved swiftly forward, but still is intricately and intentionally involved in ACHS.

In autumn of 2021 Saleh shared his story to a room full of SFA supporters.

"A little more than four

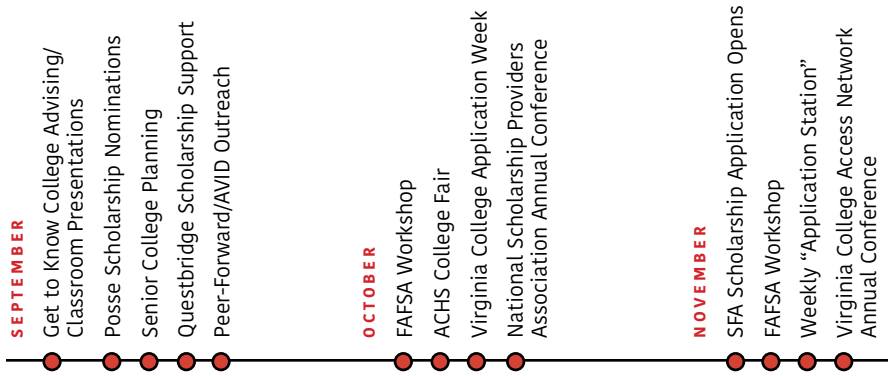


years ago I reached out to the SFA for college guidance, hoping for little to no debt. I'm the oldest in a working-class household, and I wanted to pursue Engineering. Luckily for me, I had a support system in Alexandria City High School that enabled my ambitions. It's thanks to the SFA staff that I was able to apply to several schools and scholarships including Questbridge. Fortunately, I got accepted into Cornell's Engineering program with need-based aid and the



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(Hint: The story doesn't end here.)

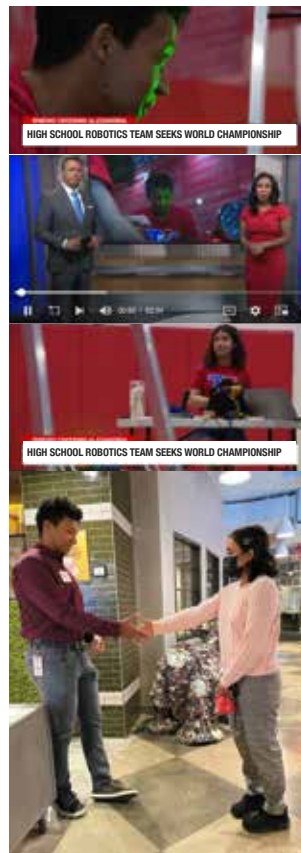
SFA scholarship covered my remaining expenses. But the SFA office didn't just help me get my foot in the door, they were my advocates while I was in school too. There were times when I needed to coordinate with my college's financial aid office due to errors. Thanks to the SFA these issues were corrected, and I finished college maintaining my need-based aid. I graduated debt-free with a double major in Electrical & Computer Engineering and Computer Science. I am now settling back into Northern

Virginia, working at Google as a Software Engineer. I wish the best for the SFA and hope you'll join me in supporting their efforts."

Saleh has not just settled back into the area but has been mentoring the ACHS Robotics Team, continuing to strengthen both new and old connections.

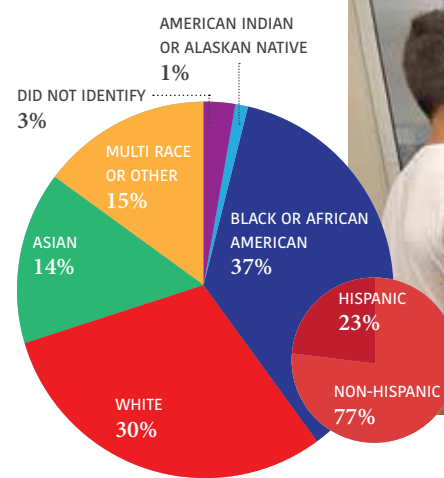
When you attend an SFA event, you may find yourself in Saleh's company and will undoubtedly marvel at his commitment.

Saleh mentors ACHS Robotics and still devotes energy to the SFA after graduating from Cornell.

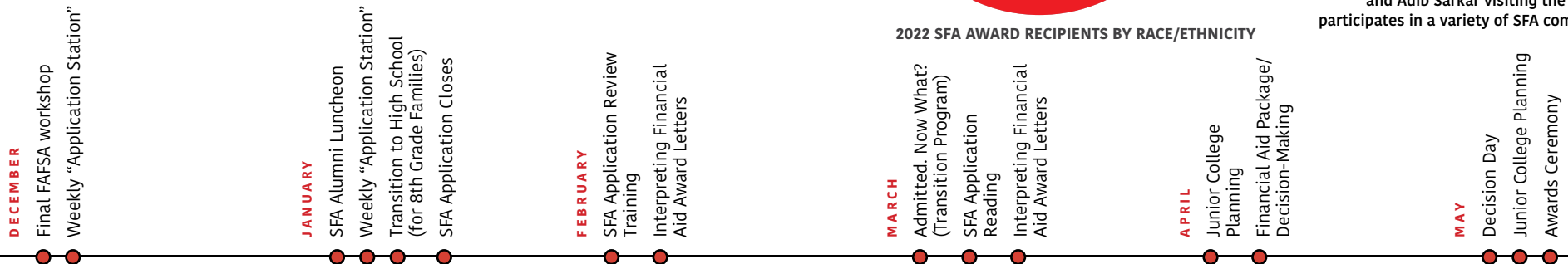


**“You have no idea how much stress the SFA staff lifted from my shoulders... they provided the right support and the right tools to succeed.”** —ALDO MEMISHA

**WHAT WE WANT TO DO BETTER:** Establish reliable, open communication channels with award recipients for better advocacy and insight.



2022 SFA Award recipients Amarildo “Aldo” Memisha and Adib Sarkar visiting the SFA office. Aldo participates in a variety of SFA community events.





**JUNE...**

205 individual students graduate with funding to move forward with their post-secondary education plans.



*This is where the story gets really good.*

Bard College and Conservatory  
 Bethany College  
 Case Western Reserve University  
 Christopher Newport University  
 Clemson University  
 Colby College  
 Cornell University  
 Elon University  
 George Mason University

Hampton University  
 Ithaca College  
 James Madison University  
 Kenyon College  
 Loyola Marymount University  
 Marymount University  
 Miami University of Ohio  
 Morgan State University  
 Mount Holyoke College  
 New York University

Northern Virginia Community College  
 Oakland Community College  
 Old Dominion University  
 Prince George's Community College  
 Purdue University  
 Queen's University  
 Roanoke College  
 Rochester Institute of Technology

Savannah College of Art and Design  
 Sewanee: The University of the South  
 SUNY Oswego  
 Sweet Briar College  
 Texas State University  
 The College of William & Mary  
 The George Washington University  
 Towson University

University of California-Berkeley  
 University of Iowa  
 University of Mary Washington  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of New Haven  
 University of Notre Dame  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Virginia's College at Wise

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 Virginia Commonwealth University  
 Virginia Polytechnic and State Institute University  
 Virginia State University  
 Wesleyan University  
 West Virginia University  
 Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
 York College of Pennsylvania

The Optimist Club of Alexandria/  
Yael Mor Memorial Scholarship  
recipient Melina Luizaga, '05  
and 2021 founder of The Juana  
Zambrana Memorial Scholarship.



How your donations and energy write the story.

Each new school year the SFA Scholarship staff talk strategy. How do we get more students to focus on their post-secondary path and help them gain the funding to get them there? Donors are really the heart and soul of the scholarships. Melina Luizaga is one of the newest donors.

“As an SFA recipient of a private scholarship in 2005, my life was changed forever as it helped me attend my first choice, James Madison University. I promised myself I would be a future SFA donor whenever I’d

have the opportunity to pay it forward. I am proud to have gone through all public schools (Mt. Vernon ES, GWMS, Minnie Howard, and TCWHS) in this wonderful community. I love the city of Alexandria—so much that I have moved back after almost 20 years to this beautiful, historical city.

As a first-generation college student, I remember how hard I constantly worked to achieve my educational and financial goals. I began The Juana Zambrana Memorial Scholarship to honor my great-grand-

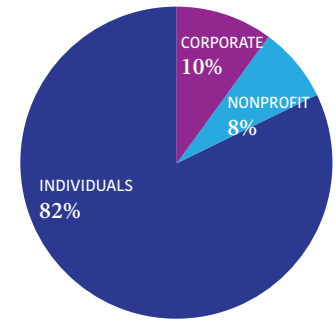
mother, the matriarch of our family who passed away in 2016. She exemplified a leader, someone who constantly gave back to her community. Her legacy inspired me. I am thankful for my brother, Paulo Luizaga (TCW '01), my parents, family, and friends who have joined me to change the lives of SFA scholars.”

Since 2021, this award has been given to two recipients, one attending George Mason and one at Northern Virginia Community College.

“It can be starting a scholarship...but it can also be adding your energy, like being an application reader.”—ALBIE DICKSON, SFA STAFF

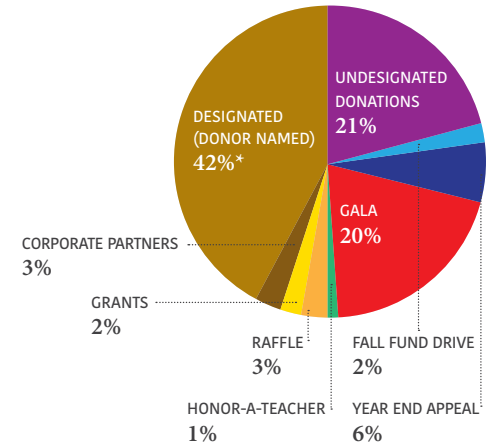


WHAT WE WANT TO DO BETTER:  
Foster stronger relationships with individual and corporate donors.



DONORS BY TYPE (FY 2022)

INCOME BY SOURCES (FY 2022)



The 2022 SFA Spring Gala and the Men's Fall Fundraiser are two of numerous events bringing the community together and helping to raise scholarship funds.

\*Designated (Donor Named) income reflects generous bequest in FY 2022.

<p><b>JUNE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graduation! (SFA Office is Open All Summer)</li> <li>Planning for 2023 Begins</li> <li>College Transition Support</li> <li>Scholarship Award Processing</li> <li>Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting</li> </ul>	<p><b>JULY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renewal Checks in the Mail</li> <li>Planning for 2023</li> <li>College Transition Support</li> <li>Senior Summer Learner, Post-Secondary Planning</li> <li>Scholarship Award Processing</li> </ul>	<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Year Planning for 2023</li> <li>College Transition Support</li> <li>Scholarship Award Processing</li> </ul>	<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting</li> <li>Clash of the Titans Begins</li> <li>Titans 4 Scholarships Launches</li> </ul>	<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gala Design and Planning Begins</li> <li>SFA Titan All-Alumni Happy Hour</li> <li>Men's Fall Fundraiser</li> </ul>	<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clash Ends and New Class Scholarship Winner Announced</li> <li>Getting to Know the SFA Event</li> <li>Rotary Club Grant Award Lunch</li> <li>Impact Report Released</li> </ul>
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Beyond the hundreds of named scholarships listed are dozens more made possible through individual donations.

SCHOLARSHIPS

1971 Titans Scholarship  
 21st Century University Scholarship  
 ACHS Rugby Boosters—Cindi Schieber Girls' Rugby Scholarship  
 ACHS Rugby Boosters—Mathew Morey Boys' Rugby Scholarship  
 Ada's Rising STEM Star Scholarship  
 Al Carter Scholarship  
 Albert Hazen Smith Memorial Scholarship  
 Alexandria Business Connection Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School Band Boosters Jazz Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School Band Boosters Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School Culinary Arts Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School Lacrosse Boosters Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School Orchestra Boosters Scholarship  
 Alexandria City High School PTSA TCW Class of 2021/Maliyah 'Lee' Brown Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Alexandria Council of PTA Scholarship  
 Alexandria Crew Boosters—John Steve Carbonell Catilo Memorial Scholarship

Alexandria Crew Boosters Scholarship  
 Alexandria Gay & Lesbian Community Association Scholarship  
 Alexandria Gazette Packet Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Alexandria Jaycees Community Service Scholarship  
 Alexandria Lacrosse Club Scholarship  
 Alexandria Retired Teachers Association Scholarship  
 Aly Khan Johnson/Cross Country, Track and Field Scholarship  
 Amazon Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Amy McCracken TCW '87 Memorial Scholarship  
 Anthony L. Austin Memorial Scholarship  
 ATHENA Community Impact Scholarship\*  
 Augusta "Dusty" Barbato Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Barbara McBane Harper TCW '86 Memorial Scholarship  
 Betty Peebles Scholarship\*  
 Bill Nichols Memorial Arts Scholarship  
 BMW of Alexandria Scholarship

Bradlee Merchants Association Scholarship  
 Brandon D. Edwards Memorial Scholarship  
 Brian and Michael Vaughan Memorial Scholarship  
 Caudron Megary & Blackburn Wealth Mgmt. Group Co. Scholarship  
 Charles and Joel Carron Scholarship  
 Charles B. Ramsey Memorial Scholarship  
 Charles Barrett PTA/Martha Walsh Scholarship  
 Chris Marshall Wrestling Scholarship  
 Clash of the Titans, Class of 1967 Scholarship\*  
 Class of 1965/Irving Lindsey Memorial Scholarship  
 Class of 1983/Patrick Welsh Scholarship  
 Class of 1989 Scholarship  
 CloudAi Solutions Scholarship\*  
 Clyde P. Jackson Automotive Scholarship  
 CNA Corporation Scholarship  
 Collis Warner Family Scholarship  
 Commonwealth One FCU Academy of Finance Scholarship

Commonwealth One FCU ACHS Scholarship  
 Courtney Smith Memorial Scholarship  
 COVANTA Environmental Scholarship  
 David J. Collison Scholarship  
 Del Ray Artisans/John Hiller Memorial Art Scholarship\*  
 Del Ray Artisans/Ted Eichers Memorial Art Scholarship  
 Del Ray Business Association Scholarship  
 Del Ray Citizens Association Scholarship  
 Departmental Progressive Club's James E. Henson Memorial Scholarship  
 Desiree McNutt Scholarship  
 Donohoe Construction Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Doug Fertig Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Dr. Beverly Vick Scholarship  
 Dr. Erwin Bondareff Scholarship for Health Sciences  
 Dr. John Liebermann Jr. Scholarship  
 Dr. Lois Berlin Scholarship  
 Dr. Manu and Shashi Patel Physics Scholarship  
 Dr. Morton Sherman Scholarship  
 Dr. Patricia Zissios Scholarship\*

Dr. Robert W. Peebles Scholarship  
 Dr. Teh-Chang Shih Memorial Scholarship  
 Dream Team Arts Scholarship\*  
 Elizabeth Rea Mandato Scholarship\*  
 Engin and Agnes Artemel Urban Planning Scholarship  
 Fahmeen Faruki Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Former School Board Chairs Scholarship  
 Foulger-Pratt Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Foundation of the Alexandria Bar Association/John Grad Scholarship  
 Gallifrey Scholarship for Social Enterprise  
 Galo S. Salvador-Vinueza TCW '04 Memorial Scholarship  
 Gila S. Harris Scholarship  
 Goodhart Group Scholarship  
 Gwen C. Mullen Scholarship  
 Helen Denny Memorial Scholarship  
 Henry Knox Field Masonic Lodge Scholarship  
 Historic Alexandria Foundation Scholarship  
 Hon. Robert L. Calhoun Scholarship  
 Howell Brett Medley Scholarship

Inova Alexandria Hospital Healthcare Career Scholarship  
 Irving and Shirley Rubenstein Memorial Scholarship  
 Irving Lindsey Mathematics Trust Scholarship  
 J. Pondolfino/Academy of Finance Scholarship  
 Jack Esformes Scholarship  
 Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 James Bennin Scholarship Fund  
 Jane Temeshok Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Janes and Elizabeth Scholarship  
 Jean A. Beiro Memorial Scholarship  
 Jean B. Reid Memorial Scholarship  
 Jennifer B. Modlin TCW '74 Memorial Scholarship  
 John Alexander Chapter NSDAR Scholarship  
 John C. Albohm Memorial Trust Scholarship  
 John C. Chester, Jr. Latin Scholarship  
 Jon C. Burr Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Joseph J. Lucchi Memorial Scholarship\*  
 Juana Zambrana Memorial Scholarship

DECEMBER  
 Women's Winter Fundraiser  
 Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting  
 Donor Named Scholarship Assessment Statements

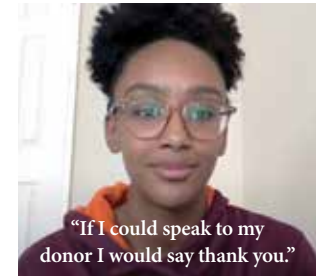
JANUARY  
 Annual Gala Planning

FEBRUARY  
 SFA Applications Reviewed  
 SFA Application Reading Weekend  
 Annual Gala Planning

MARCH  
 Honor-a-Teacher Events  
 Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting

APRIL  
 Announce SFA Scholarship Awardees  
 Annual Gala  
 Honor-a-Teacher Events

MAY  
 SFA Recipient Awards Ceremony  
 Honor-a-Teacher Events



SCHOLARSHIPS (CONTINUED)

KBR Foundation, Inc. Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Kenneth A. Barnett Memorial Scholarship (Girl's Athletic & Baseball)  
 Kenneth L. Moll Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
 Kevin Shifflett Memorial/250th Anniversary  
 Key Club Scholarship  
 Kitty Porterfield Scholarship  
 Larry Trice PTSA/SCA Scholarship  
 Lawrence H. (Larry) Watson, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
 Linwood Armstrong Scholarship  
 Loti Dunn Memorial Scholarship  
 Lou Cook Scholarship  
 Louis Kokonis Scholarship  
 Lynhaven/Rosa Byrd Scholarship  
 M. Loretta Kuhn Scholarship  
 Madelyn Anderson Memorial Scholarship  
 Maginniss + del Ninno Architects Scholarship  
 Marcia L. Egge Memorial Scholarship  
 Marco Henriquez TCW '00 Memorial Scholarship  
 Marcus Family Scholarship  
 Margaret Bennett Scholarship  
 Markell Thorne Scholarship\*  
 Marlin J. Coleman Memorial Scholarship

Mary Hatwood Futrell/Education Association of Alexandria Scholarship  
 Merritt Community Service Scholarship  
 Michael D. Waller TCW '86 & Claudia C. Waller Memorial Scholarship  
 Michael S. Dixon Memorial Scholarship  
 Mount Vernon Community School PTA/Magda Leon Scholarship  
 Nancy Howard Scholarship for the Humanities  
 New Target, Inc. Internet Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Nigusu Tefera Scholars Fund  
 North Ridge Citizens' Association Scholarship  
 Orzel Zahn "OZ" Scholarship  
 Paul Joy Memorial Scholarship  
 Peter Balas Scholarship  
 Phillip J. Yeich Memorial Scholarship  
 Phillip & Anne & Ilsa Wheeler Trust Scholarship  
 Pritzker Family Scholarship  
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 Rosen/Levine Scholarship  
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 Signal Vine Corporate Partner Scholarship  
 Simpson Development Co., Inc. Scholarship  
 Staci C. L. Bradley Memorial Scholarship  
 Stephen J. Kenealy Memorial Scholarship  
 Stephen S. Rosenfeld Memorial Scholarship  
 Susan Yowell Scholarship  
 Suzanne Maxey Scholarship  
 Technomics Nancy Hylton Merit Scholarship\*  
 Technomics Growth Scholarship\*  
 Technomics Innovation Scholarship\*  
 Timothy Schuyler Elliott Memorial Scholarship  
 Titans in Tech Scholarship  
 Walter Scott Downs Memorial Scholarship  
 Whitestone & Franklin Scholarship  
 William Edward Thomas/VSU Memorial Scholarship

\*New scholarship as of 2022.

95¢ of every dollar goes directly toward sending Titans to college.

