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Community Foundation Awards Over \$332,500 in College Scholarships

Oakton, VA (July 14, 2021) – The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, a leader in philanthropy in the region announced today that it has awarded more than \$332,500 in college scholarships to 122 recent high school graduates and current college students to support their higher education goals the upcoming academic school year. This year’s recipients were recognized for academic achievement, character, financial need, and for demonstrating good citizenship at school, at home, and in the community.

“Every year we are very impressed by the pool of talented students applying for Community Foundation scholarships,” said Eileen Ellsworth, President and CEO at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “These scholarships reflect our ongoing commitment to invest in the next generation and we are thrilled to recognize their dedication to academics, family, and their communities.”

The Community Foundation manages twelve scholarships and administers the funds for eighteen other scholarships that support Northern Virginia students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. Each individual scholarship fund supports a different area of focus as created and envisioned by the donor.

One of the many scholarships available is the [Northern Virginia First Responders Scholarship Fund](#). The fund, which benefits first responders and dependents of active first responders in the Northern Virginia area was established by donor Aaron Kinworthy.

“This scholarship fund is our small way of recognizing those brave individuals and saying thank you to them by highlighting their incredible efforts and accomplishments,” said Kinworthy.

Saira Akram, a graduate of the Academies of Loudoun is the recipient of a \$5,000 NVTC Foundation Kilberg Scholarship, which was established to support female students pursuing higher education in STEM-related fields (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

“I didn’t want to be a financial burden to my parents, so I applied for the NVTC scholarship. This scholarship has allowed me to pursue my education in cybersecurity,” said Akram.

This year’s scholarship winners were announced during the Community Foundation’s [Virtual Cocktails & Conversations event available here](#). See the complete list of scholarship winners below.

The following scholarships are managed by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

AMS Opportunity Scholarship Fund

Jahayra Guzman-Rivas, Garfield High School

Ashworth Grogan Scholarship

Gavin Duhe', Hayfield Secondary School
Kimiya Farzinfar, Woodbridge High School
Magaly Villegas Hernandez, John R. Lewis High School
Clara E. Guardado Lopez, Arlington Career Center
Christina Pelliccio, University of California, Berkeley *
Melannye Perez, Falls Church High School
Ayesha Riasat, Herndon High School
Fatima Villalobos Gonzalez, Washington-Liberty High School

Bentley Family Scholarship Fund

Selah Dean, Woodson High School
Lara Zanotti, Westfield High School

Booz Allen Hamilton Vision Scholarship

Nathan Buchanan, Haverford College*
Kathleen Cannon, Duke University *
Irene Chen, Emory University *
Aarushi Dubey, University of Maryland *
Arianna Gehan, Senior year - County College of Morris, NJ
Emily Huo, University of Virginia *
Hannah Jones, UNC - Chapel Hill *
Mark Joseph, Loyola Marymount University *
Luke Katzen, University of Virginia *
Ramcharan Malladi, Broad Run High School and Loudoun Academy of Engineering & Technology
Sreya Mallipeddi, College of William and Mary *
Julia Noppenberger, Haverford College *
Brittany Peng, McLean High School
Grace Pluemacher, Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science, NJ
Jonas Ravich, Johns Hopkins University *
Sachi Sakaniwa, University of Vermont, Burlington *
Karen Song, Thomas Jefferson High School
Jasmine Summers-Evans, UCLA *
Avery Watkins, Stanford University *
Chris Yang, Duke University *

Charles Homer Barton Memorial Scholarship

Anonymous (2)
Mariana Buenaventura, Hayfield Secondary School
Glenn Cotone, Virginia Tech University

Sara Guckenberger, Fairfax High School
Liam Mangan, Loudoun County High School
Nicole Notta, Stonebridge High School Ashburn

Elizabeth Koury Scholarship

Nalin Aggarwal, Freedom High School
Vivian Cao-Dao, University of Virginia *
Isabella Drake, Leiden University *
Jaspreet Kaur, Virginia Commonwealth University *
Riya Maheshwari, Georgetown University *
Jesus Neyra, University of Virginia *
Hayly Nguyen, John Champe High School & Northern Virginia Community College
Huzaifa Shafique, Westfield High School
Anubhav Thapaliya, Virginia Commonwealth University *

Leslie V. Forte Scholarship

Iman Abuel-Hawa, Northern Virginia Community College

Louise Lightner Jamison Scholarship

Katie Jordan, Patriot High School
Emma Patane, Battlefield High School

NVTC Foundation Kilberg Scholarship Fund

Sanjoli Agarwal, George Mason University
Saira Akram, Academies of Loudoun
Shery Kamel, Mountain View High School
Rachel Lin, James W. Robinson, Jr. Secondary School
Sukriti Sharma, West Springfield High School

Rose Koury Scholarship

Isabel Craun, Liberty University *
Eliana Glover, Roanoke College *
Naim Gmati, Virginia Commonwealth University *
Gina Nored, Lipscomb University *
Charley Piercy, Woodgrove High School
Erin Poplin, Miami University *
Maria-Paula Proano, George Mason University *
Lindsey Staub, Broad Run High School
Ashleigh Trudell, Heritage High School
Marissa Young, Belmont Abbey College *

Vance International, Inc. Scholarship

Bryan Bocompani, Brentsville District High School
Angelina Cherian, John Champe High School Academy of Science

The following scholarships are administered by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:

Celebrate Cherie Scholarship Fund

Maria Hamilton, Herndon High School

Christopher Consultants Scholarship Fund

Ronald Ortiz Jr, Unity Reed High School

Jackson Robert Greene Memorial Athletic Scholarship

Jackson Buley, Herndon High School

Semhar Habte-Mariam, Herndon High School

John Hiller Memorial Advised Fund

Jacqueline Kerner, West Springfield High School

Kathryn Louise Davison Scholarship

Maris DePalma, Mansfield High School, Massachusetts

Kelly Elizabeth Baker Memorial Scholarship

Laura Ryan, Home School & Northern Virginia Community College

Michell Merhige Scholarship

Anonymous

Gurleen Kaur, Thomas Jefferson High School

Miss Aranetta Memorial Scholarship Fund

Kayla Kim, Potomac Falls High School

Northern VA First Responders Scholarship Fund

Dinan Elsyad, Thomas Jefferson High School

Olivia Lippincott, Loudoun County High School

Margaret Short, Potomac Falls High School

Emma Wetmore, Stone Bridge High School

Reston Scholarship Fund (All attend South Lakes High School)

Anonymous *

Hadi Abdelhalim*

Aamina Ahmad

Alejandro Alvalos Alvarenga*

Andrea Ataucusi

Emeli Avalos Barillas*

Melani Beltran

Zayyan Budiman*

Andrea Coca Ventura*
Ian Cruz
Diseye Ken Fiobotei*
Luis Zevallos Garate*
Mona Hassan*
Maricila Hernandez-Recinos
Sohale Hessavi*
Abdi Hobor*
Carla Jovel*
Javaria Khattak*
Mishal Khattak
Anisa Mahamed*
Abita Mahdi*
Priscilla Maradiago*
Nayeli Martinez Mancia*
Nicol Salinas Perez*
Aiza Shabbaz
Hamdi Feisal Sharif*
Tsiyon Wakjira*
James Watkins*
Nia Winston*
Brenda Yanes*

Robert Spencer Smith

Austin Marzett, Patriot High School

Wilens-Chu Memorial Scholarship

Amanda Crisp, South Lakes High School
Nathan Wojciechowski, South Lakes High School

William J. Foreman Memorial Scholarship

Iman Abuel-Hawa, South County High School
Saera Kim, Centreville High School
Jaella Lahat, South County High School
Gabrielle Paker, Centreville High School

Yuthud Oberdick Scholarship

Victoria Grace Turtiainen, Chantilly High School

***Renewed scholarship winners**

For more information about scholarships at Community Foundation contact Jennifer Cochran, Manager of Grants and Scholarship at 703-879-7639, jennifer.cochran@cfnova.org or visit www.cfnova.org/scholarships

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About Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia grows philanthropy to respond to critical need, seed innovation and lead and convene the community. Comprised of donor advised funds, permanent funds, giving circles, and other charitable endowments, the Community Foundation connects donors to community and promotes a more equitable and inclusive prosperity that marries our economic strength with the full breadth of our diverse community. In 2020 the Community Foundation awarded more than \$13 million in grants and scholarships. For more information please visit us at www.cfnova.org, follow up on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).