

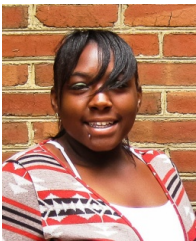
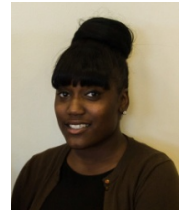
Charlottesville Scholarship Program

Meet Our Spring 2014 Promise Scholars



Rajia Arbab was born in Pakistan. She moved to the United States in 2005 and has helped her extended family communicate and assimilate to their new culture. Rajia has excelled in school where she became founder and leader of the student chapter of Amnesty International, organized the first Human Rights Week at CHS, organized and led a protest in Washington, D.C. Rajia is recognized as “a driving force” in all the commitments she makes. She has taken Honors and AP classes since her freshman year. She will attend Georgetown University. She says, “This scholarship can allow me to pursue an education to ensure that other girls like me are given the same opportunities as I was and not dismissed as insignificant members of society.”

Quamia Dennis has a strong ambition to succeed. She describes herself as unafraid to take risks and even encounter failure in pursuit of her goals. Her career interests are in journalism and nursing and she can imagine herself linking these two interests together in a future career. In addition to the academics connected to these fields of study she believes that internships will teach her much about her career path. Quamia demonstrated particular strength in her public speaking class at CHS. She has participated in AVID, the Black History Month Committee, Key Club and orchestra. She will attend Piedmont Virginia Community College in the fall.



Cliché Hughes describes herself as “very eager to learn new things and take on extreme challenges.” She took on the challenge of enrolling in advanced placement and honors classes while working outside of school for four years so she wouldn’t have to depend on her parents for money. Her teacher reference writes that Cliché “has matured into a serious student with big dreams and goals.” She is known for her perseverance, determination and enjoyment of a challenge. Her natural leadership skills push others to do their best. Cliché’s school activities have included AVID, Computers4Kids, and Key Club. She plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University.

Jeremiah Jordan says, “Being a leader and being reliable and honest are qualities that I pride myself on.” He credits his mother with instilling in him an attitude of seeing things through, never quitting. Jeremiah earned an Advanced Studies Diploma. He participated in Varsity Football, Varsity Competition Cheerleading and Varsity Track. He considers sports as one way he has learned to be a man – someone who is willing to push himself as well as helping others. He was a member of a group called MP3 – Men Passionately Pursuing Purpose. Jeremiah credits the AVID program starting when he was a 5th grade student at Burley Middle School with offering him “assistance and guidance needed to make the right choices.” He will attend the University of Virginia at Wise.



Viviana Lopez will be the first in her family to graduate from high school and attend college. Her teachers say she is a quiet, humble student who is not afraid to ask questions, take on academic challenges and seek guidance from others in pursuit of her goals and dreams. Viviana has a lot of different interests from academics to sports. At CHS Viviana has taken many honors, AP and dual enrollment classes while participating in the Latin Club, Varsity Tennis and Key Club. Viviana has respected her parents’ wishes not to get a job while in high school. She volunteers at her church as an interpreter for the church’s food drive and tutors her four younger siblings on a regular basis. Viviana will attend Virginia Commonwealth University.



Courtney Mills is considering a career as a physical therapist after taking a Health and Medical Science class at CHS. She has always had an interest in biology and the human body. Her teacher writes that Courtney “has the ability to achieve this goal with hard work and ambition.” Courtney says, “I do not want to come out of school with just a degree. I want to expand my studies and meet new people.” A member of the CHS Orchestra for three years, Courtney also volunteers for Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army. She has worked after school at the Brown Automotive Group. Next fall Courtney will attend a Virginia College.

Jacqueline Morris is very interested in Spanish language and culture and has received high grades in her Spanish language honors and AP courses for four years. Her Spanish teacher writes that, “she has distinguished herself by being well-prepared, dependable, hardworking and cooperative.” Further, her teacher says she has a “knack” for Spanish demonstrated in her “beautiful pronunciation”. Jackie is raising money to accompany her teacher to Peru this spring. In her spare time, she loves dancing, singing and entertaining people. Jackie has participated in AVID in her senior year. Her work experience is as a cleaner employed locally. Jackie plans to attend Old Dominion University.



Pema Tamang’s family of six has moved from Bhutan to Nepal to America. Policies of the Bhutanese government forced the family to leave. They owe their lives to the intervention of the International Organization for Migration (I.O.M). The family lived in a refugee camp in Nepal while they were being processed to come to the U.S. The trip to the U.S. was long, uncomfortable, frightening and exciting. Pema’s academic interests are in the sciences and she aims to enter a pre-med program starting off at Piedmont Virginia Community College. Pema has been active in the International Club and in her church. Her ESL teacher says, She tries her best with whatever task she is asked to do, whether it’s staying after school for extra help or staying home on the weekends to care for her younger siblings.”

Laura Turner is passionate about food! This is young woman who seems destined for greatness in the field of culinary arts. Laura marvels that her interests and her skills are so closely aligned. She credits CATEC with fanning her passion as well as giving her important skills to pursue her goals. Laura’s family has struggled with many things over the years but Laura takes heart in her older sister’s upcoming graduation from college next month - the first in the family to attend college. She will attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. After graduating from college, she plans to use her skills “to give back to the community by volunteering at local soup kitchens and giving them a delicious meal.” She worked at Farmington Country Club.



Sydney Sparks’ life and educational path may not have followed the typical course. She attended the Renaissance School and graduated from CHS. As a black Mexican-American, she is proud of the way she has managed to overcome societal forces that may have deterred a less determined young person. Sydney credits her mother with providing a stable, supportive family structure and acting as a role-model for her. For Sydney, a college education will give her the ability to do what she needs and wants to do in life. At CHS she was active in AVID, Key Club and Concert Orchestra and also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity. Sydney has worked at Volvo of Charlottesville, Raising Cane, Triple C Day Camp and as a nanny. She will attend the University of Kentucky.

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program renews the awards to our Promise Scholars annually through completion of their programs of studies. Scholars reapply by submitting their transcript, a personal statement, and a recommendation from a professor. A 2.0 GPA or above must be maintained. Grants for renewing students increase to encourage the students to continue to work hard and to make up for the decline in other financial aid as students progress through college. It is a goal of the Charlottesville Scholarship Program to reduce or eliminate our scholars' college-related debt. In the spring of 2014 the scholarships of 22 students were renewed.

Duaa Abdulhussaih	Piedmont Virginia Community College	Raja-Nique Maupin	George Mason University
Ryan Averill	The College of William and Mary	Margaret McNair	Flagler College
Cynthia Bowles	Old Dominion University	Eh Ney Moo	Piedmont Virginia Community College
Shaniece Bradford	Virginia State University	Josianne Nyirashombo	Eastern Mennonite University
Quandra Dennis	Old Dominion University	Nicole Pace	Mary Baldwin College
Brierra Dibble	Virginia Commonwealth University	Jamar Pierre-Lewis	Old Dominion University
Ashton Ferneyhough	Davis and Elkins College	Aynsley Sandridge	Lesley University
Champrea Frye	Virginia Commonwealth University	Richard Washington, Jr.	Old Dominion University
Janie Johnson	Piedmont Virginia Community College	Valerie Washington	Christopher Newport University
Rickquan Jones	George Mason University	Philip Wilson	Piedmont Virginia Community College
Patience Kilel	Virginia Commonwealth University	Wazhma Yousafi	Mary Washington University



Congratulations to the 2014 Promise Scholar Graduates!

Corey Blackwell – Norfolk Sate University

Shay Carter – Mary Baldwin College

Asia Crawford- Ferrum College

Tara Ingram- Mary Baldwin College

SCHOLARSHIP NAVIGATORS

What makes scholarships from the Charlottesville Scholarship Program (CSP) different than other scholarships? *Navigators!* Scholarship winners are often the first of their family to attend college and their families aren't always able to provide help in understanding college expectations and ways to deal with the college experience. Navigators develop an effective working relationship with the scholar in order to ensure that our scholars are successful in their chosen course of study. The Navigator program was developed by a project team in the 2014 Leadership Charlottesville class. The team, consisting of nine members, worked for five months developing a sustainable way to help the scholars navigate their way through college. Initially the recruiting process for volunteer navigators was accomplished through relationships and the United Way Volunteer Fair. Now 23 Navigators are in place and looking forward to working with the CSP scholars. The project team members were Scott Morgan (Omni), Desiree Armstrong (World Strides), Joe Sabol (Klöckner-Pentaplast), Leslie Thacker (Charlottesville City Schools), Beth Costa (Monticello High School), David Uhland (State Farm), Sarad Davenport City of Promise), DD Watson (funeral home owner), and Yolanda Smith (Roy Wheeler realtor).

Scott Morgan said, "I could have used a navigator when in college. This is a way to implement permanent change."

Save the date!

Charlottesville's Promise 2014

A fun and memorable evening celebrating our scholars

Saturday, October 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Paramount Theatre

Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Desserts donated by Charlottesville's most popular restaurants

Fun and Dancing

Wine Bar ~ Cocktail Attire

\$40 General Admission

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