### WILLIAMS-FRANKLIN FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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# HONORING LOUIS STOKES, ESQ.

The WFF is proud to present the family of the Honorable Louis Stokes with a scholarship created to honor his commitment and service to his community and beyond at the 2019 annual scholarship award ceremony. The Honorable Louis Stokes, a respected attorney and politician, was the synergy behind the establishment of the WFF. Stokes provided a much-needed scholarship to Shelley Williams-Franklin for her post-secondary education at Howard University. Stokes' generosity and mentorship invigorated a strong desire for Mrs. Williams-Franklin along with her husband, Dwight Franklin, to give back to HBCU students with extreme financial need. Photographed to the right is Mr. and Mrs. Franklin along with Shelly Stokes-Hammond, the Honorable Louis Stokes' daughter.

♥ EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD. - NELSON 'MADIBA' MANDELA €





#### 2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

The Williams-Franklin Foundation (WFF) held its annual scholarship award ceremony on July 8th, 2019 at the law office of Attorney J.R. Clark at Squire Patton Boggs. The annual scholarship award ceremony acknowledges and celebrates the hard work, determination, and true grit of the awardees. This year alone, WFF provided 13 academic scholarships, totaling in \$27,000. The 2019-2020 awardees represent prestigious HBCU's such as North Carolina A&T State University, Howard University, Florida A&M University, Hampton University, and many more. To learn more about this year's awardees, please refer to page 2 and our website!

**Donate Today!** 





# CHECKOUT THE NEW WEBSITE!

The Williams-Franklin Foundation is striving to increase its impact in the HBCU community. By providing academic scholarships, mentorship, and career/leadership opportunities for all WFF scholars, the Williams-Franklin Foundation is impacting the lives of many HBCU students. The foundation is continuously working to expand its brand while increasing its social media platforms. Please check out our new, user-friendly website. Don't forget to check out our social media pages too and follow us to stay updated!

www.wmsfranklinfoundation.org

### MEET 2019-2020 WILLIAMS-FRANKLIN FOUNDATION AWARDEES



#### Christyn Carr North Carolina A&T State University 2022

Christyn is the first recipient of the inaugural WFF scholarship named after the Hon. Louis Stokes. She received the highest scoring application.



<u>Jemiah Williams</u> Howard University 2022



Noah Nicholas
Howard University 2020



Summer Williams
North Carolina A&T State
University 2022



<u>Jenai Frenette</u> Howard University 2021



Kelsey Johnson
Howard University 2022



Marvellous Oke
Morgan State University 2020



Zuri Godfrey Howard University 2021



<u>Julia Nichols</u> EdwardWatersCollege2020



<u>Elijah Rutland</u> Florida A&M University 2021



Amy Challe
University of the District of
Columbia 2019



Zhane Austin
Hampton University 2021



Olivia Aiken Howard University 2020