



2021 Honorable Louis Stokes HBCU Scholarship Award Recipient

-- Wisdom Talley

In April, we began our annual scholarship application process with 333 initiated applications! **The Williams-Franklin Foundation is committed to providing academic scholarships, business/career networking, and mentoring opportunities to HBCU students with extreme financial need. This year, we awarded a total of \$64,000 to 24 WFF scholarship recipients!** Our WFF Scholars represent 8 HBCUs, 18 majors, and 16 states. Wisdom Talley is the 2021 Honorable Louis Stokes HBCU Scholarship Award recipient as the top scoring scholar this year.

Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio funded our Co-Founder, LaShelle Williams-Franklin's, college education at Howard University. Ultimately, this generosity and grace inspired the development of **the Williams-Franklin Foundation. This year, we were able to increase the scholarship amount for the Louis Stokes Scholar from \$3,000 to \$6,000!** Wisdom Talley, expected class of 2024, is from **Elon, North Carolina**. She is studying Nursing at Howard University, where she maintained a 4.0 cumulative GPA her freshman year. Wisdom received the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM) Golden Cupola Award for her outstanding academic and leadership achievements. She has experience as a camp counselor and Residential Life Assistant. Wisdom attended the NCSSM Summer Leadership and Research Program where she worked with bacteria, and the Wake Forest Medical Camp. Upon graduating from Howard University, Wisdom plans to become a neonatal nurse practitioner to increase representation in the medical field and decrease alarming Black maternal death rates. To read about the 24 Williams-Franklin Foundation 2021-2022 Scholarship Awardees, [view page 3 and 4.](#)

THE VALLEE FOUNDATION & STEM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



In partnership with the Williams-Franklin Foundation, The Vallee Foundation has awarded four \$5,000 scholarships to high performing STEM students! The Vallee Foundation is committed to promoting a collegial community of international scientists, to enhance scientific collaboration and communication, and to advance medical education and biomedical research. The Vallee Foundation recognizes outstanding, young, intelligent scientists advancing scientific fields.

This year's top performing STEM students are:



Demarco Smith, Xavier University of Louisiana (Class of 2023), Chemistry & Chemical Engineering



Nya Love, Dillard University (Class of 2024), Biology



Derrick Webb, Dillard University (Class of 2023), Biology (Pre-Med)



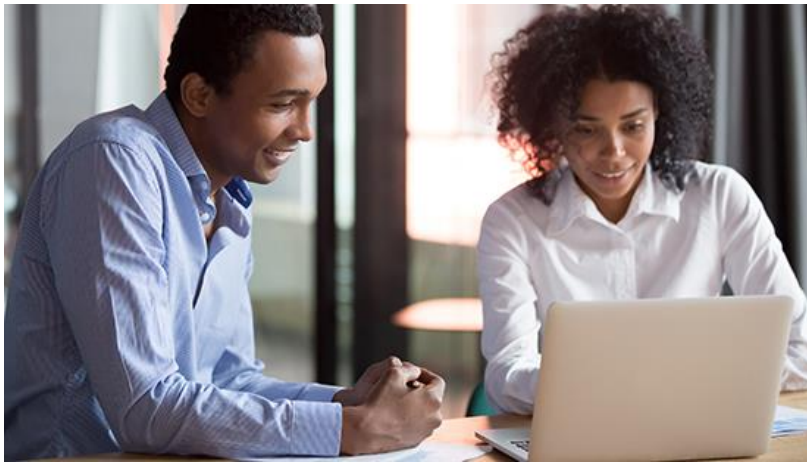
Nijel Brown, Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University (Class of 2024), Mechanical Engineering

SECOND ANNUAL VIRTUAL 5K FUNdraiser



In May, we kicked off the summer with our second annual Virtual 5k Run | Walk | Bike Fundraiser! Members of our WFF community went on runs, walks with their partners, and bike rides with their families. Sekou Biddle had the best time and ran 7 miles. CONGRATULATIONS! Dwight Franklin, Sr., and Ida Irvine enjoyed a lovely bike ride together, as well as Tashai Little and her family.





MENTOR MATCHING PROGRAM GOES LIVE!

We are officially launching our 2021-2022 Mentor Matching Program! The Williams-Franklin Foundation is committed to funding our scholarship recipients' HBCU education, as well as, providing mentorship, professional development, and networking opportunities. The 2018 Gallup Alumni Survey found that "college graduates are almost two times more likely to be engaged at work if they had a mentor who encouraged them to pursue their goals and dreams."

Our Mentor program will foster trusting relationships between WFF Scholars and community members. We intend to pair scholars with mentors sharing similar career interests, experiences and passions. The program aims to develop accountable, nurturing professional connections to help our students succeed professionally and personally.

We are seeking mentors who will:

- Encourage healthy study habits and time management skills;
- Support students achieve their academic and career objectives;
- Assist students with creating a viable professional network;
- Engage students by phone or email once a month;
- Schedule 1-2 activities with student per semester; and
- Commit to being a mentor to a paired WFF Scholar for at least one year.

Apply to mentor a HBCU student by completing this [form](#) by **Monday, August 30, 2021**. Mentors must be at least 22 years of age and have a can-do attitude! We are looking for mentors who are approachable, prepared, and compassionate.

INAUGURAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER



On July 26th, we hosted our Inaugural Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Lakewood Country Club! Members of our WFF community joined together in Rockville, Maryland for a day of golfing, fellowship, and family fun. We had a total of 132 golfers and 22 sponsors. Our Title Sponsor, Virtual Enterprise Architects, donated \$25,000 to invest, educate, and impact HBCU students around the nation.

We are happy to announce that we greatly exceeded our fundraising



goal of \$50,000! One of our 2021 WFF Scholarship recipients, Troy Wilson, attended the Golf Tournament with his stepfather, Mikel Jackson. Troy, expected class of 2023, is from Pennsylvania. He is a Mass Communications major at Lincoln University of Pennsylvania.



"I am beyond thankful for being invited to the Inaugural Williams-Franklin Foundation Golf Tournament Fundraiser.

Because of this fundraiser, more HBCU students like myself will have an opportunity to earn scholarships that will help them out financially, and I love every part of that." - Troy Wilson, Lincoln University of Pennsylvania Class of 2023.



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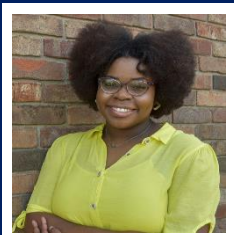


WILLIAMS-FRANKLIN FOUNDATION AWARDEES



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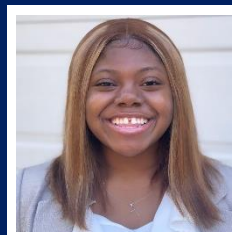
Laten Jordan
Howard University



Khyla Turner
Hampton University



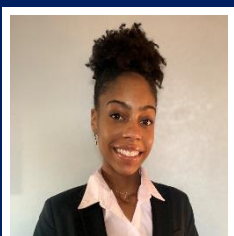
Kyla Mayo
Dillard University



Déja Daniel
Howard University



Jayden Rush
Howard University



Jaden Petrus
Howard University



Troy Wilson
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania



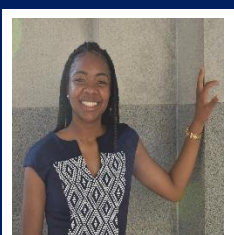
A'Maiya Allen
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Cheyenne Riley
Lincoln University of Pennsylvania



Gabriella Forchion
Howard University



Serina McMillian
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D'nai Thomas
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Taylor Owens
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Maya Solomon
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

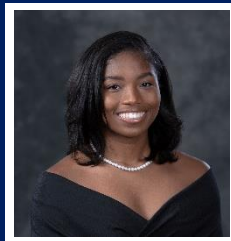


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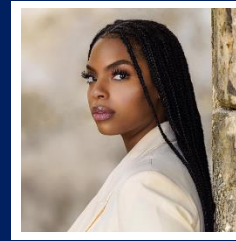
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Meiyah Hill
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Nya Morgan
Spelman University



Eryka Anabell Clarke
Howard University