



*The New Chesapeake Men for Progress  
Education Foundation, Inc.*

P. O. Box 1262  
Chesapeake, Virginia 23327

**August 23, 2024**

**Dear: Friends, Corporate Executives, and Community Organization Leaders**

**RE: Seventh Annual Black-Tie Scholarship Gala (BTSG)**

The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. (NCMPEF), a 501 (C) (3) nonprofit charity, is excited about sponsoring its Seventh Annual Black-Tie Scholarship Gala to raise funds to award scholarships to deserving high school graduates from Chesapeake Public Schools, to support its mentoring and school supplies initiatives for elementary and middle school students. This year's Gala will feature presentation of one Life Time Achievement Award, two Community Service Awards and the Foundation's newly created Eagle Award.

In addition to raising funds for scholarships, mentoring and school supplies initiatives, the purpose of the Gala is to acknowledge the achievements and contributions of four of Hampton Roads' outstanding citizens contributions to Hampton Roads communities, our state, nation and the world. This year's awardees are as follows:

**Life Time Achievement Award**

***Thomas M. Little***

International Vice President  
International Longshoremen's Association

**Community Service Award**

***Brenda H. Andrews***

Owner and Chief Editor  
New Journal and Guide

***Bonita Billingsley Harris***

Regional Policy Director  
Dominion Energy

**Eagle Award**

***Honorable L. Louis Lucas***

VA Senate President Pro Tempore

The Black-Tie Scholarship Gala will be held Saturday November 16, 2024 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott Chesapeake, 725 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320, from 7:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. As Chesapeake's premier BTSG, the program banquet will feature a VIP Reception, a delicious meal, presentation of awards, a raffles, and dancing. The banquet will be followed by a live raffle and an evening of dancing with music provided

by the acclaimed “Doc Christian”, radio host, producer, and Voice-Over Artist at Studio Center in Virginia Beach. Electric Eye Photography will be onsite to take pictures to add to your memory collections. Please join us for an elegant evening that honors our leaders and community servants, dining, music, dancing and networking with friends and associates.

The Black Tie Scholarship Gala Live raffle will take place during the banquet and you do not have to be present to win. Items that will be raffled-off include:

1. \$750.00 Cash
2. \$500.00 Cash
3. \$250.00 Visa Gift Card

Please note that raffle tickets are \$10.00 each and must be purchased from any member prior to the event. You do not have to be present to win. Also, individual BTSG tickets are \$75.00 each.

The Board of Directors and members of the NCMPEF seek your support in our efforts to assist more students with scholarships as they pursue opportunities through institutions of higher education, and mentor our youth. We are proud to announce, with your support, the Foundation has awarded more than \$229,000.00 in scholarships, and \$18,490.00 in educational mentoring grants, and book supplies to Title I schools since 2009. As an all-volunteer Foundation and good stewards of your financial contributions, we are happy to let you know that our administrative cost is only 3.244%. This means that 96.756% of each dollar you contribute supports scholarship awards, school supplies and mentoring of our students. The Black-Tie Gala offers you and your corporation a unique opportunity to make a difference in the lives of these students and at the same time market your company’s product and services in the Foundation’s BTSG Souvenir Program for this event and on the Foundation’s website and social media to potential customers.

**Specifically**, I am requesting that you become a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze Sponsor, buy an ad or purchase a table for this event. Details of each sponsorship, ad purchase, and ticket price are included in the attached Sponsorship/Contract Form. Sponsorships, donations, and ticket purchases are tax deductible to the full extent of the laws governing nonprofit charities. Sponsorship, ads and ticket purchases can be made on the Foundation’s website on the “Donate Button” using major credit cards: **thencmpeduf.org**, or by completing the **Sponsorship Contract Form**. We are counting on your support and presence as we support these young men in their pursuit of careers via attending colleges and universities.

In the next few weeks, expect a follow up call from a member of the Foundation’s Black-Tie Scholarship Gala Planning Committee regarding sponsorships, ad purchases, event and raffle ticket purchases. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dr. George F. Reed – 757-650-0174 or Mr. David K. Hamilton – 757-477-3933.

Sincerely,

**Al Alexander**

Al Alexander, Chairman  
Board of Directors

Enclosures:

Sponsorship Contract Form.

