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The 18th Annual
Black Male Achievement and Scholarship
Breakfast Program

April 18, 2026



Keynote Speaker
Anthony Walters, President & CEO
YMCA of South Hampton Roads

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A photograph of Senator L. Louise Lucas, a Black woman with short, styled white hair, wearing a black top and a dark necklace. She is smiling and has her hands clasped in front of her. The background is a blurred image of a classical building with white columns and a pediment, set against a blue sky.

Senator L. Louise Lucas

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**Welcome to Virginia's 18th Senatorial District,
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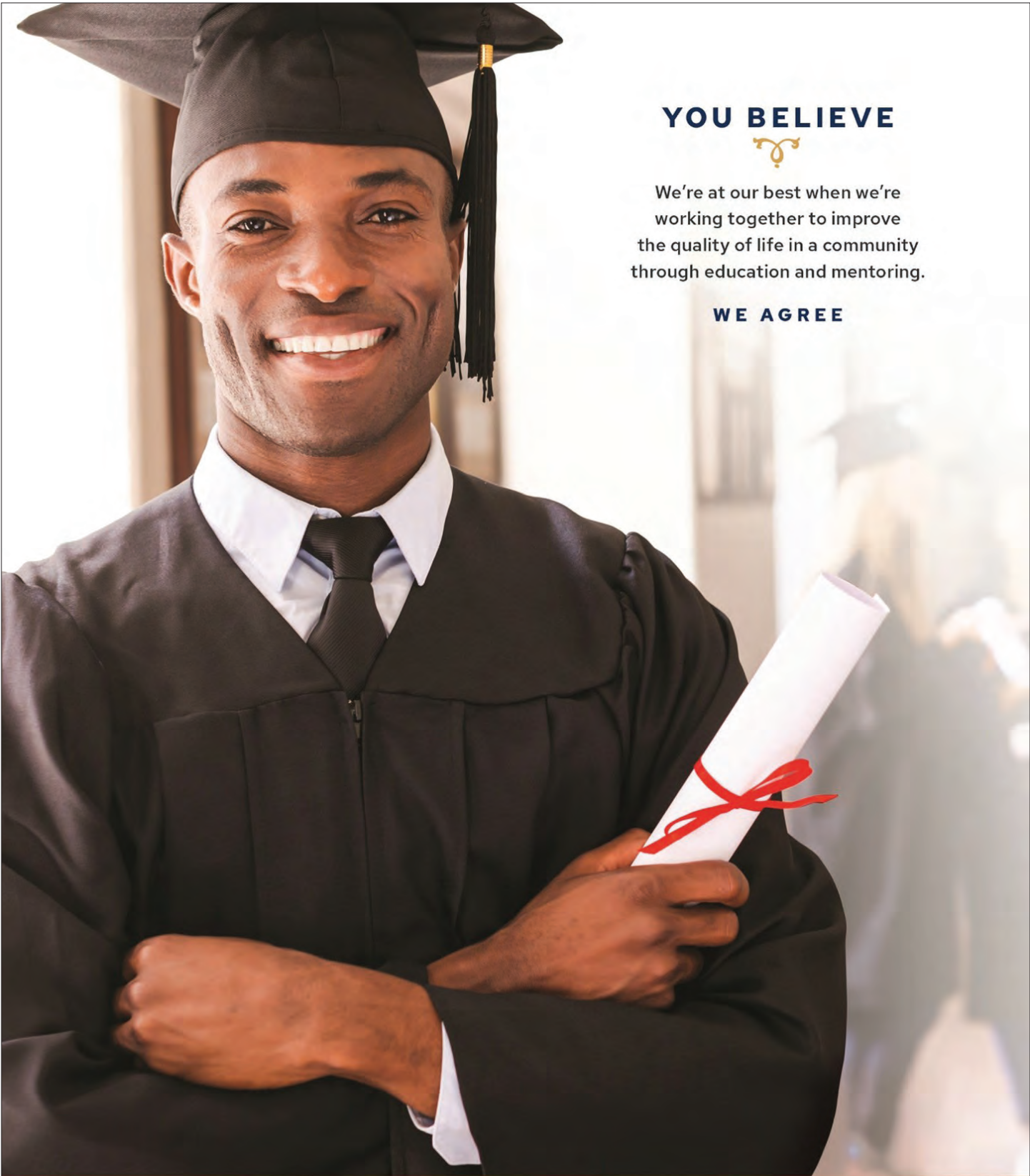
Master of Ceremonies

Tim Jones, Secretary, New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation

Musical Prelude	Western Branch High School Quartet
Posting of the Colors	Oscar Smith High School Honor Guard
Pledge of Allegiance	David K. Hamilton, Vice President The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.
National Anthem	Charlotte Boothe, Senior, Western Branch High School
Invocation and Grace	Pastor Andre Jefferson, Jr., New Mount Olive Church (Chesapeake)
Welcome	Al Alexander, Chairman, Board of Directors The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.
Statement of the Occasion	Quentin Hicks, Director of Secondary Schools Chesapeake Public Schools
Musical Selection	Western Branch High School Quartet

Breakfast

Acknowledgement of Special Guest	Tim Jones
Sponsor Presentation	Al Alexander
Scholarship Recipient Comments	Lafayette Robinson III, Scholarship Recipient Norfolk State University
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Duane McNair Jr., Treasurer The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.
Keynote Speaker	Anthony Walters, President & CEO YMCA of South Hampton Roads
Middle School Academic Scholars Award	Quentin E. Hicks
Awarding of Scholarships	Clifton Randolph, Chairman, Education & Scholarship Committee The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.
Congratulatory Remarks	Al Alexander
Benediction	Pastor Andre Jefferson, Jr.



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We're at our best when we're working together to improve the quality of life in a community through education and mentoring.

WE AGREE



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THE
NEW CHESAPEAKE MEN
 FOR PROGRESS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC.

April 18, 2026

*18th Annual Black Male Achievement and
Scholarship Awards Breakfast*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Chesapeake City Council, it is my honor and privilege to recognize and extend heartfelt congratulations to The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. as you celebrate the 18th Annual Black Male Achievement and Scholarship Awards Breakfast.

Your faithful commitment to uplifting and empowering young men in our community is both admirable and deeply impactful. Through scholarships, mentorship, and meaningful outreach, you continue to open doors of opportunity and inspire young scholars to pursue excellence in education, leadership, and character. By serving as role models and advocates for success, you help cultivate confidence, discipline, and purpose in the lives of those you serve.

Thank you for being a beacon of encouragement, leadership, and hope. The seeds you plant today will bear fruit for years to come. Chesapeake is stronger because of your commitment. Congratulations on another successful year, and best wishes for a memorable celebration and continued success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,



Dr. Richard W. West
Mayor



Office of the Superintendent

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Dear Friends and Community Members,

On behalf of Chesapeake Public Schools, I extend a heartfelt thank you for being here to celebrate the rich history and enduring impact of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Educational Foundation at their 18th Annual Black Male Achievement and Scholarships Awards Breakfast.

For over six decades, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress has played a vital role in our community as a champion for education. The organization's commitment to our schools and students has had a profound and lasting impact.

We are truly grateful for the organization's partnership and the ways in which their mission aligns with ours. Through events like this one, they empower young men in our community to pursue their dreams of higher education.

In addition to these valuable scholarships, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Educational Foundation has also provided mini-grants to several of our schools, including the Chesapeake Center for Student Success, Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Truitt Intermediate, and Rena B. Wright Primary. These grants support innovative educational programs and initiatives that benefit our students and staff.

I encourage you to join us in celebrating the students being recognized today and the enduring legacy of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Educational Foundation. By supporting the organization's mission, you are investing in the future of education in the city of Chesapeake and helping to ensure that all students fulfill their life's purpose.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jared A. Cotton
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Chairman's Message



Welcome to the Eighteenth Annual Scholarship Breakfast of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.

During the past eighteen years, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation has publicly recognized two hundred ninety-four African American male graduates from the City of Chesapeake's seven high schools with over \$250,000 in scholarships. As "the best and the brightest", these students have functioned as role models in the classroom, on the athletic fields/courts, and in the community. All of these young men are either currently enrolled in, or are graduates of, colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia and across the country. In addition, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation is pleased to continue the Dr. Darnell Johnson Distinguished Scholar Award that will recognize one African American male selected from each middle school from Chesapeake Public Schools. This initiative is to encourage middle school students to be ambassadors for high academic achievement and to prepare for a successful transition to high school.

The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. It was established January 21, 2010 as the philanthropic arm of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress. The mission of the foundation is to provide scholarships, grants, and mentoring services to the youth in the City of Chesapeake. The Foundation could not exist without your continued financial, physical and spiritual support. Thank you to the growing list of loyal supporters such as Senator L. Louise Lucas, Dominion Energy, Towne Bank, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Dragas Companies, Tidewater Community College, ILA Local 1248, Chesapeake Regional Healthcare, and a host of individual donors in the continuous investment in the youth of Chesapeake. Their continuous support will be crucial to supporting our initiatives of awarding scholarships and providing mentoring services.

In closing, I believe that American Statesman Frederick Douglass said it best "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." With your support, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation can be the catalyst to help build strong children.

Sincerely,

Al Alexander
Chairman, Board of Directors,
The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.



THE
Helen E. Dragas
Foundation

is proud to support the mission of **the New Chesapeake Men for Progress** and their vision to enhance the quality of life in the Chesapeake community through educational programs, services, scholarships, and mentoring initiatives.

Best wishes on the
**18th Annual Black Male Achievement
& Scholarship Breakfast**

Congratulations Scholarship Recipients!

Keynote Speaker

Anthony Walters

President and Chief Executive Officer
YMCA of South Hampton Roads



Anthony Walters has served as President and CEO of the YMCA of South Hampton Roads since 2019. Before stepping into that role, he served as Chief Strategy Officer, helping guide the organization through a period of meaningful growth, including strategic mergers with the YMCA of Portsmouth and the YMCA of South Boston/Halifax County.

Under Anthony's leadership, the YMCA has developed two comprehensive strategic plans, most recently Vision 2030—a bold seven-year roadmap that sets an intentional course focused on connecting communities, empowering youth, and inspiring hope. The plan positions the YMCA as a catalyst for unity and impact by expanding service, strengthening philanthropic engagement, developing leaders and changemakers, and enhancing member experiences through innovative programming. At its core, Vision 2030 reflects a commitment to deeper relationships and thoughtful stewardship in service of lasting community impact.

Before joining the YMCA of South Hampton Roads, Anthony served with the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. His path to leadership began in the classroom as a high school English teacher with Durham Public Schools. Teaching continues to shape his people-centered approach to leadership, and instilled in him a deep respect for listening, clear communication, and the belief that growth happens when people feel seen and supported.

Anthony is widely recognized by his peers as a thoughtful and innovative civic leader and remains deeply engaged in nonprofit and civic leadership at the local, regional, and national levels. He was elected to the YMCA of the USA National Board in 2022 and currently serves on numerous boards focused on education, workforce development, youth, and community well-being, including the YMCA Employee Assistance Fund, Norfolk State University Foundation, Virginia Wesleyan University Board of Trustees, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly, and the Virginia Alliance of YMCAs, where he serves as Board Chair.

He is a graduate of the Civic Leadership Institute, Leadership at the Peak at the Center for Creative Leadership, the YMCA Multicultural Executive Development Institute, and the Next Level CEO Coaching Program. Anthony is a proud graduate of Norfolk State University and member of the Norfolk Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Anthony measures success less by recognition and more by whether communities are stronger, relationships are trusted, and people have real opportunities to grow.

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NCMPEF Mission & Vision

The Foundation's mission is to provide educational scholarships, mentoring and other educational programs to support youth in Chesapeake. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided more than \$249,350.00 in scholarships, school supplies to four Title I school youth, and supported five other organization's mentoring programs in the city of Chesapeake. The Foundation's vision is to become the premier philanthropic leader in Chesapeake for improving the quality of life for our youth in the community through scholarships, mentoring services, school supplies, and other related educational programs and initiatives.

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NCMPEF Community Impact from 2009 to 2026

With your help, the Foundation has distributed \$275,350 which has impacted the lives of many youths in the city of Chesapeake by helping them reduce the cost of their education, have sufficient school supplies, and participate in mentoring programs. As a designated “*Proud Partner*” with Chesapeake Public Schools, the Foundation provides guidance and mentoring to middle and high school students. Mentoring and educational grants are provided annually to Ground Zero Development, Inc., and the Chesapeake Center for Student Success. The Foundation also provides annual school supplies grants to four Title I Schools: Thurgood Marshall Elementary, Truitt Intermediate, G.W. Carver Intermediate, and Rena B. Wright Primary.

Overview of Contributions:

- Honored 300 high school graduates and provided \$230,000 in scholarships.
- Provided \$7,600 in support of Chesapeake Unit Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year Program.
- Provided \$7,600 in school supplies grants to four Title I Schools.
- Provided \$6,840 in mini grants to support mentoring programs and initiatives serving Chesapeake Youth.

Prior to establishing the Foundation, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress sponsored three Black Male Development Conference and Parent Education Summits from 2006-2008, at Indian River High School. The Black Male Development Conference and Parent Education Summit served 300 youth and 75 parents. The first Black Male Achievement and Scholarship Breakfast was started in 2009 as a result of the success of the Black Male Development Conferences. In 2012, the Foundation Sponsored its first Student Merit Award Program which recognized the academic achievements and community services of students from Indian River, Western Branch, Deep Creek, and Hickory High School.

In 2016, the Foundation in partnership with Chesapeake Public Schools established the Dr. Darnell Johnson Middle School Distinguished Scholar program to recognize the achievement and success of middle school students from ten middle schools.

Scholarships Available in 2026

	No.	FY 2026	Amount
1. Foundation (CPS Black Male Students)	21	2026	\$52,500
2. Dr. William E. Ward Family (HBCU)	1	2026	\$2,500
3. Fine Arts	1	2026	\$2,500
4. NCMPEF Vocational Trades and Technology	1	2026	\$2,500
5. George W. McCadden, Sr. Vocational Trades Technology	1	2026	\$2,500
6. NCMPEF & Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority	1	2026	\$2,500
7. NCMPEF & Chesapeake Education Association (Educator)	1	2026	\$2,500
8. Intercooler, Inc. Vocational Trades and Technology	1	2026	\$2,500
9. Blake Family Vocational Trades & Technology	1	2026	\$2,500
10. David R. Benson Vocational Trades and Technology	1	2026	\$2,500
11. March Cromuel, Civic	1	2026	\$2,500
12. Norfleet Claude Jr., Music & Band	1	2026	\$2,500
2026 Scholarships TOTAL	33	2026	\$80,000

The Board of Directors and members of The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation express their gratitude to you for your support of its mission: to provide educational scholarships, mentoring, and other educational programs and services to the youth in the City of Chesapeake.



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George W. McCadden, Sr.

Vocational Trades and Technology Scholarship



George W. McCadden, Sr. was laying bricks and building walls since his birth in Lawrenceville, Virginia. They were not always made of clay, cement, concrete and other building materials; but were strong and enduring, nonetheless. His first bricks were bricks of:

LOVE – the love he had for his parents and siblings and a work ethic that lasted his entire life. As a young man in his home, he understood the need to work and help. He left St. Paul’s College after two years to ensure that he could provide for his family. This selfless attitude continued throughout his life. His love for family enabled him to further lay bricks of:

STRENGTH – laying bricks for twelve years not only developed his physically but mentally, as well. He knew that there had to be more to life than just laying bricks so, in 1962, he founded G&V Masonry. This company saw the bricks he laid increase in number and the walls becoming higher. His bricklaying further included bricks of:

KNOWLEDGE – as George learned more about the business, G&V expanded to include general contracting, necessitating a name change to G&V General contractors, Inc. In 1984, the company was recognized by the Small Business Administration as the Small Business of the Year. His ideas and work ethic are evident throughout Hampton Roads in numerous churches, residential complexes and various projects on federal installations.

While there have been many more bricks laid by George, such as bricks of **FRIENDSHIP**, **GENEROSITY**, **MENTORING** and **FINANCIAL ADVICE**, brevity dictates that we cannot speak to all; however, we cannot overlook the bricks of:

WISDOM – While unable to complete his college education, he was known to leave with every young person he had the opportunity to interact two important bits of advice, “**GET AN EDUCATION**” and “**HANDLE YOUR BUSINESS**”!

In his memory, his family now hopes that young Vocational Trade and/or Technology students will continue to build bricks from George W. McCadden, Sr.’s legacy by advancing their education and “**Handling their Business**”!

Congratulations Brother Anthony O. Walters, Sr.

Keynote Speaker

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Dr. William E. Ward Family Scholarship



The Dr. William E. Ward Family Scholarship was created in 2018 to honor his legacy as a model family man; service as Councilman and mayor for the city of Chesapeake; distinguished university professor and political liaison; one of the founders of the Chesapeake Men for Progress and The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc.; mentoring, philanthropy, and servant leader.

Dr. Ward was the first African American mayor of Chesapeake and the official to serve the longest in that role. He presided over a period of explosive growth in what was then the state's third largest city with a population of about 240,000 people. Under his leadership as mayor, the city drew major development projects and international companies including Volvo and Panasonic. Dr. Ward envisioned Chesapeake as a major economic development powerhouse, and under his leadership, Chesapeake was transformed from being a suburban, residential city to being an economic engine in Hampton Roads.

He was a longtime history professor at Norfolk State University, roughly serving 30 years and was chairman of the Department of History and president of the Faculty Senate. He also served as the University's legislative Liaison in Richmond. Dr. Ward served on the Board of Visitors for Virginia State University, Executive Director, Hampton Roads Partnership, Hampton Roads Economic Development Alliance, Hampton Roads Planning District Commission, and Southeastern Public Service Authority.

The scholarship is a joint endeavor between the Foundation and Dr. Rosemarie Ward wherein each party will contribute matching funds to annually award scholarships, and to the advancement of the fund. The first scholarship was awarded in 2019. The Foundation will maintain and manage the scholarship fund as a separate fund and will fulfill the wishes of the late Dr. William E. Ward to designate the scholarship to a student attending a Historical Black College or University. The scholarship will be awarded annually.

In addition to family members, individuals, corporations, and other community organizations can contribute to the growth of the fund by making cash donations or by using a major credit card on the Foundation's website: **thencmfpeduf.org**. In making donations on the website, use the donate button. You can also mail checks to The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1262, Chesapeake, Virginia 23324.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

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Ian Isaac Thomas — InterCooler Vocational Trades and Technology Scholarship



I have been a resident of Chesapeake for over 20 years. I have been in the transportation business and have served in many different roles within the industry for over 30 years. My Wife, Karen, and I founded Intercooler, Inc. in 2013 and continue to grow. We are a Minority-Owned Trucking Company, and the Thomas family has been a trusted member of the transportation industry for 25 years. Our company's mission is to attract and retain clients by providing the best-in-class transportation and fostering a profitable, disciplined culture of safety, service and trust. At Intercooler, we offer dedicated Regional, QTR, Intermodal, Teams, and Owner Operator opportunities in 48 states. It has been quite a learning experience, and I strive to share my knowledge and expertise with others over the years. One of the mottos I live by is, "when you change the way you look at things, things you look at change". Being a member of The New Chesapeake

Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc., has brought enlightenment and inspiration to do more. It is important to always give 100% to whatever you're doing and being a part of this organization assists with fulfilling that mission.

We established the Intercooler Vocational Trade and Technology Scholarship because we want to give whoever may need the help a better chance. Opportunities like this one remind me of my father-in-law or my children. Obstacles come up, but no obstacle should stand in the way of what we wish to achieve. We entrusted The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. to administer this scholarship because they are truly working on closing the gap, providing opportunities, and making a collaborative effort.

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NCMPEF Fine Arts Scholarship



In 2020, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. established the Fine Arts Scholarship for students involved in the fine arts. A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to one student graduating from Chesapeake Public Schools and planning to attend a college, university, or community college.

The student must be planning to major or minor in one of the following:

- Music — vocal or instrumental
- Speech
- Drama and acting
- Set design and construction
- Stage crew
- Student director
- Dance

The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship is intended to alleviate some of the financial cost associated with attending institutions of higher education and to increase higher education participation by students from minority backgrounds. The awarding of the scholarship is based on the applicant's academic and extra-curricular record.



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Norfleet Claude, Jr. Music and Band Scholarship



The Norfleet Claude, Jr. Scholarship was established in 2024 by Mr. Norfleet Claude Jr., to assist students who will be attending Norfolk State University and pursuing careers in music with emphasis on playing the flute or alto saxophone. As a former member of the I.C. Norcom High School Mighty Greyhounds, Norfolk State University Marching Band, and the Norfolk State University Alumni Bands, Mr. Claude is inspired to financially assist aspiring musicians.

Norfleet served his country in the United States Army, where he received advanced training in Artillery Ballistic Meteorology, and served two tours in the Vietnam War. Returning to the United States, he served as Drill Sargent in the US Army Reserve and retired from the Army Reserve after 27 years of service.

Mr. Claude received his BA Degree in social work in 1971 from Norfolk State University in 1972 and did further study in Computer Programming at (ECPI) Electronic Computer Programming Institute and finance at Old Dominion University.

Norfleet retired in 2021 from the United State Postal Service after 47 years of successful service as a Letter Carrier, Distribution Clerk, Data Technician, and Expeditor.

He is a member of First Baptist Church South Hill and Mt. Gilead Alpha and Omega Lodge #46 He is affiliated with the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees (NAPFE), The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc., American Postal Workers Union (APWU), and Norfolk State University Alumni Association Military Alumni Chapter (NSUAAMAC).

Norfleet is most proud of his Diamond Pin Certificate from the Postmaster General for his 51 years of government services. He enjoys helping family, friends, and members of the community The Norfleet Claude, Jr. Music and Band Scholarship will be awarded annually in August to a deserving and qualified student.

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1. Awards shall be made in the name of the Micah and Kandi Hall Endowment.
2. Recipient(s) shall be selected by The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. Scholarship committee.
3. Recipients must live in the Camelot and South Norfolk neighborhoods of Chesapeake.
4. Applicants must demonstrate that funds will be used to advance technological knowledge, skills, or abilities. Examples of such advancements are, but not limited to: training and education; higher education; software purchases to advance technological skillsets; materials for participation in technological competition; fees and expenses associated with participation in conferences, fairs or other activities; unique opportunities for technology related engagement.
5. Awards are renewal as long as the student (s) show development in the area of technology.

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Donors may contribute additional gifts to the endowment fund at any time. Such gifts will be used to increase the number and/or amount awarded. Contributions should be made payable to The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 1262, Chesapeake, Virginia 23327 with the Micah and Kandi Hall Endowment indicated in the respective gift correspondence. Contributions to the fund can also be made on the Foundation's website donate button: thncmpeduf.org using PayPal. All contributions are non-refundable and tax deductible.

In 2025, funds from the endowment were used to purchase six microwave ovens for Oscar Smith High School students and provided a matching \$250.00 mini grant to Rena B. Wright Primary School for school supplies in partnership with New Mount Olive A.M.E. Church, 1953 Campostella Road, Chesapeake, VA 23324, who also provided \$250.00.

Thank You New Chesapeake Men for Progress for your continued community support of our youth.



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These enduring values guide our daily life towards service and kindness within the community. Our two daughters, who graduated from Chesapeake Public Schools, epitomize these values in their distinguished professional careers as a practicing licensed attorney in public service and a biomedical research scientist in immunology. Their achievements reflect not only individual dedication, but also the profound impact that community support and access to financial assistance can have on a life's trajectory.

We are mindful every day that opportunities are not equally available to all, so our family is committed to giving back and extending a hand to students who are striving to reach their career goals. Our family hopes that this scholarship will not only serve as financial assistance, but also as a symbol of belief in hard work and preparation for the next generation.



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Chesapeake Redevelopment & Housing Authority and NCMPEF Scholarship



In partnership with Chesapeake Redevelopment and Housing Authority (CRHA), The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation Board of Directors established a scholarship March 31, 2022, for male students graduating from Chesapeake Public Schools. To qualify for the scholarship, students must live in public housing or in private housing supported by CRHA Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) and attend a two or four-year accredited college or university.

On April 19, 2023, The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. launched its Leadership Development Mentoring Program for public housing students and private housing residents using CRHA Housing Choice Vouchers. This is a ten month program and will be held in the Dr. Clarence Cuffee community Center the first and third Wednesday from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. from September to June of each school year.

NCMPEF and Chesapeake Education Association Scholarship



In Partnership with Chesapeake Education Association, The New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors established in 2020 a Teacher Education Scholarship to encourage Black males to become public school teachers. The Foundation recognized that the need for such a scholarship as the congressionally mandated annual report, the Condition of Education 2020, reported that Blacks represent 15% of all public school students; Black teachers represent only 7% of all teachers; and Black principals represent only 11% of all public school principals. According to the 2020-2021 National Teachers and Principal Survey, Black male teachers made up 3.1% of all teachers. It is hoped that this scholarship, in some small way, will help in improving this interactive ratio between Black male teachers and Black students. Improving diversity in this area seems to be a worthwhile goal in the education and development of Black male students. The scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 is awarded annually.



Congratulations to all of our recipients on this well-deserved achievement. Your hard work, dedication, and commitment to growth have brought you to this moment, and we celebrate the impact you are making.

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Dr. Darnell Johnson

Middle School Academic Scholar Award



Dr. Darnell Johnson (1951-2017) was a long-time educator and professor of mathematics at Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina. A native of Henderson, North Carolina, Dr. Johnson was a 1973 graduate of Elizabeth City State University, where he was captain of the football team and president of the Student Government Association. He earned graduate degrees from Old Dominion University and George Washington University. Dr. Johnson taught in the public school system in Portsmouth for 30 years. He served as Assistant Dean of Education at Hampton University and later an endowed professor and chair of the mathematics department at Elizabeth City State University.

The Dr. Darnell Johnson's Award for Educational Excellence in Middle School recognizes a student's academic success in the classroom. This is given to a middle school student with a high academic average in challenging classes and high scores on national standardized tests, and is based also on high motivation, initiative, integrity, intellectual depth, leadership qualities, a solid attendance record, and exceptional judgment. The student must have shown tremendous growth, demonstrated unusual commitment to learning in academics despite various obstacles, and improved grades to truly superior levels.

The award will be presented at the Foundation's Annual Black Male Achievement and Scholarship Breakfast and is fully supported and funded by Dr. Johnson's widow, Dr. Stephanie D.B. Johnson.

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2026 Scholarship Honorees

Deep Creek High School

Darren Elston — GPA 3.6; SAT 490/ 480 ; class rank 115; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma Attends 4 H camp. He will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University majoring in Computer Science.

Trajan Colden — GPA 3.9; SAT 580 / 550 (1130); class rank 180; will earn an Advanced Studies Diploma. He is a member of the multicultural club, Model UN, Lions Club (treasurer); Southeastern Virginia Fil-AM . He will be attending Old Dominion University, majoring in Biology.

Jabari Anderson — GPA 3.48; class rank 180; member FBLA, varsity basketball; will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University, majoring in Real Estate.

Grassfield High School

Melvin Agbai — GPA 4.01; SAT 1280; class rank 155 of 599; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma; member of the National Honor Society, JROTC. He will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Ebenezer Tesfaye — GPA 4.0; SAT 1360; class rank 138 of 599; Advanced Studies Diploma; serves as a youth leader of Newsong Fellowship Youth group, Chesapeake United soccer. He will be attending Old Dominion University, majoring in Computer Science.

Nathan M. Gichuhi — GPA 4.35; SAT 1210; class rank 81 of 599; Advanced Studies Diploma; will be attending Virginia Tech, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Great Bridge High School

Nehemiah Bryant — GPA 4.0; SAT 1140; class rank 98 of 347; Advanced Studies Diploma; National Honor Society, church food pantry volunteer; attending George Mason University, majoring in Computer Science.

Andrew Griffin — GPA 3.82; SAT 1060; class rank 113; Advanced Studies Diploma; National Honor Society; attending Norfolk State University, majoring in Exercise Science.

Ky' Shawn Manuel — GPA 4.0; class rank 99; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma. Member Great Bridge marching band. He will be attending Culinary Institute of America, majoring in Food and Business.

Hickory High School

Ikaika Leao — GPA 4.0; class rank 137; Advanced Studies Diploma; He is member of Hickory High football team; plans to attend Old Dominion University, major undecided.

Benjamin Robinson — GPA 3.4; SAT 1090; class rank 242; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma. Member of the Literary Magazine Club, International club, Varsity Track; He will be attending Morehouse College, majoring in Political Science.

Jordan Ross — GPA 3.56; class rank 213; Advanced Studies Diploma. Member of the Great Bridge Marching Band, stage band (percussion). He will be attending SAU, majoring in Game Art.

2026 Scholarship Honorees

Indian River High School

Christian Holley — GPA 3.99; ACT 23; class rank 38; Advanced Studies Diploma; Member of National Honor Society. College, undecided.

Jaden A. Norman — GPA 3.38; Varsity Volleyball & Basketball (captain), VHSL First Team All State; volunteers at The Harris Institute and Urban Renewal Center; Leads STEM camps in Ghana and is CPR certified; works at Windy City Pizza. He will be attending Central State University, majoring in Business.

Elijah Oliver — GPA 4.48; SAT 1250; class rank 2; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma; member National Honor Society, school orchestra, and Virginia Boys State; He will be attending University of Virginia, majoring in Astronomy & Physics.

Oscar Smith High School

Zayvion Gaines — GPA 4.29; SAT 1100; class rank 45; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma; member AVID, Beta Club, Student Council Association, National Honor Society, and Spanish Club, football, and wrestling teams; volunteers with Meals on Wheels. He will be attending Virginia Tech, Engineering.

Justin Goffney — GPA 3.56; class rank 175; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma; member marching band, symphonic/jazz bands, all state band/chorus/orchestra; He will be attending Norfolk State University, majoring in Construction Management.

Gabriel Laney — GPA 4.67; SAT 1370; class rank 9; will receive an IB Diploma; member 200+ Men Scholars Club, Student Council Association and The Golden Fold of Suffolk. Volunteers with The Salvation Army and Hero Kids Foundation for Kids Fest events. He will be attending Howard University, majoring in Pre Med/ Environmental Science.

Western Branch High School

Phoenix Ellis — GPA 4.59; SAT 1310; class rank 11; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma. Member Writing Club (president), National Honor Society (secretary), English Honor Society, STEM club, all state choir, CHKD volunteer. He will be attending University of Richmond, major undecided.

Cameron Duckworth — GPA 4.3; SAT 1250; class rank 41; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma. Member National Honor Society. He will be attending Old Dominion University, majoring in Computer Science.

Camryn J. Clark — GPA 4.1; SAT 1210; class rank 80; will receive an Advanced Studies Diploma. Member National Honor Society, DECA, Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Track. Camryn internship with Hampton Roads Workforce Council and is active in his church. He will be attending Christopher Newport University, majoring in Biology.






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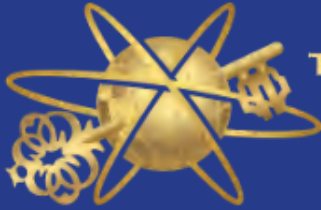


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It is a privilege for me to contribute again to the New Chesapeake Men for Progress as we celebrate the incredible achievements of our local scholars. This breakfast is a testament to the power of mentorship and the bright future of Chesapeake.

Education has been the cornerstone of my life and career. My K-12 public school teachers prepared me to graduate from Princeton University and the University of Virginia School of Law, and to serve our country in the Navy JAG Corps. As I run for City Council, my goal is to ensure that every young person in our city has equal access to opportunity and the support systems they need to thrive.

Thank you to the NCMP Education Foundation for your dedication to our youth. To the students: you are our greatest asset. Congratulations on your success!



Dan Rosinski

Attorney, Veteran, and Candidate for Chesapeake City Council

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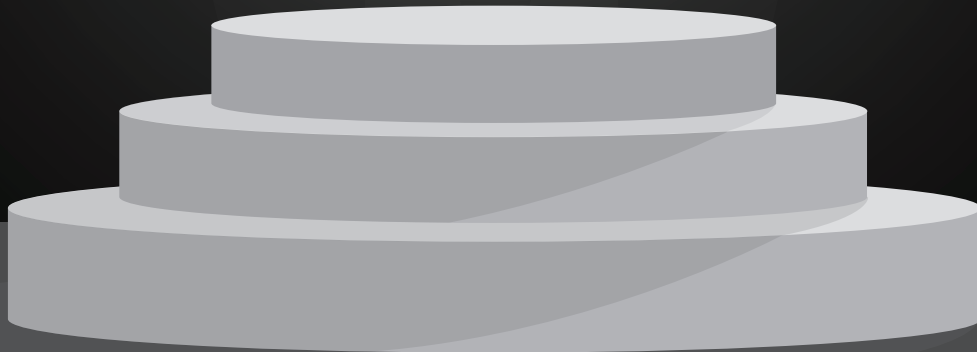


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Congratulations and Best wishes to the award recipients on your outstanding achievement.

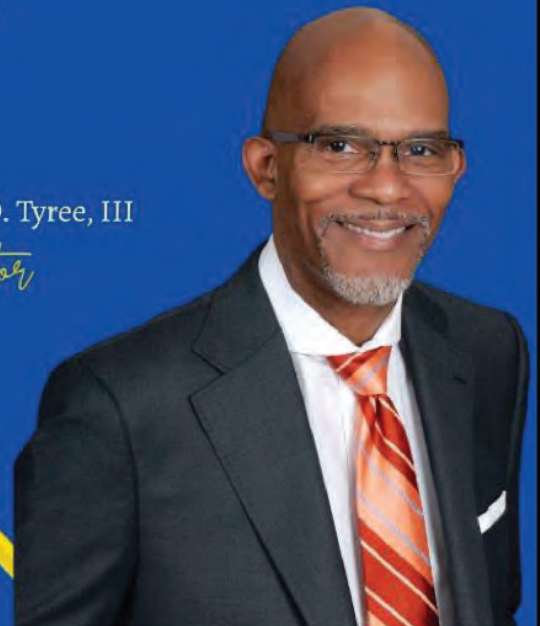


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Save the Date

Please to Join us for the
9th Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala

Saturday, November 21, 2026

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Delta Hotel by Marriott Chesapeake
725 Woodlake Drive
Chesapeake, Virginia 23320



Honoring the Life Time Achievement of Community Service Leaders
VIP Reception | Fine dining | Raffle | Dancing

For more information regarding event tickets, sponsorships, ads, donations, and raffle tickets,
contact Ret. Colonel William Bennett (willbenn2@aol.com) or Mr. David Hamilton (757-477-3933)

All proceeds benefit the NCMPEF Scholarship Fund.

Bronze Eagle Achievement, Leadership, and Philanthropy Award



Purpose:

The Bronze Eagle Achievement, Leadership and Philanthropy Award, recognizes an outstanding individual or organization for their achievements, leadership, and generous service and financial contributions to advancing education, scholarships and mentoring services for Black males by serving as a Signature Sponsor for the Foundation's Annual Black Male Achievement and Scholarship Breakfast Award program and its Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala program.

Eligibility:

Individuals nominated and selected for this award must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be a signature sponsor of the Foundation's Annual Black Male Achievement and Scholarship Breakfast Award Program and the Annual Black Tie Scholarship Gala
- Be committed to supporting the mission and vision of the Foundation
- Possess an acknowledged record of philanthropy

Award and Recognition Recipient Receives:

- A Commemorative Bronze Bald Eagle atop a wooden stand which is a symbol of strength, peace, keen vision, freedom, and faith
- A formal press release and recognition on the Foundation's website



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