



The Foundation for
**ENSURING ACCESS
AND EQUITY**
Helping Students to Pursue Their
College and Career Aspirations

2020-21 College Cohort

Senior Recognition

2021

Yesterday has left me forever

I cannot relive it

I cannot undo the things that were done

I cannot retrieve the words that were spoken

I cannot pull back the blows that were thrown

Tomorrow is forever out of my reach

I cannot live it today

I cannot substitute it for yesterday

I cannot live my life waiting for it to come

Today is always with me

I can live it to its fullest

I can always give it my best

*It is always the first day
of the rest of my life*

— Mychal Wynn

© Mychal Wynn 1997, from the book, 'Don't Quit — Inspirational Poetry'

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College Planning During a Pandemic

Our face-to-face sessions were abruptly halted in March of 2020, amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic. However, despite the national disruptions to everyday life and huge challenges experienced by school districts forced to transition students to all-virtual instruction, students were still in need of college planning guidance and support—perhaps even more than ever with the uncertainty of college admissions and in-person instruction.



Pictured above are students from our Florence School District 3 Class of 2020, who abruptly moved from our monthly in-person meetings in the College Corner, to all virtual sessions.

With the support of our school and community partners; college, high school, and middle school interns; and adult volunteers, many of whom had students go through our program, we made successful transitions to all-virtual formats for our year-long Cohort Program and summer College Planning Boot Camps. As a result of their efforts, as well as the resilience of students and families during an unprecedented world-wide pandemic, participating students in grades 8 - 11 finished a stellar school year of academic scholarship, leadership, and service. Our High School Senior Class of 2021 were offered admission to some of the country's most selective institutions (made even more selective with an unprecedented increase in college applications), and over \$5 million in scholarships.

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Students in our Class of 2021 were offered full merit- or need-based scholarships to: Brown; Carleton College; Claflin University Honors Program; North Carolina A&T Honors Program; University of Chicago; University of Southern California; Wesleyan University; and Xavier University of Louisiana.

Our slogan, “We provide content and you provide conversations,” became even more relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced students into their homes and other small group settings. Marietta High School senior (Marietta, GA), Faith Kumi, reflected on her journey through our program into being selected as a 2021 Ron Brown Scholar and being offered admission to the University of Chicago, her top choice college:

“My sophomore year is when I joined the College Planning Cohort program. I really didn’t know what to expect because I felt dragged into it. I remember walking into my first meeting and I saw one of my friends from school. I felt like everything would be fine because I knew someone already, and also everyone was surprisingly super nice. I was able to meet other students who had similar aspirations of getting into a good college. After every meeting I would be both scared and motivated from the speeches Mr. Wynn would give. I knew that I would have to work for my dreams, but unfortunately I didn’t take the program as seriously as I should have sophomore year. I still stayed on top of my studies, but I didn’t see the importance of college research until my junior year.”

At the beginning of my junior year, I decided to get more involved with the College Cohort program after a conversation I had with a graduating student named Nina. She told me how important this program was, and encouraged me to, “Own the Process.” I knew that I had to step up and take advantage of the program not because I was dragged into it, but because it could help me. It became really easy to actually “Own the Process” because I was able to find a community of high achieving students. My experiences with other people of color were amazing and drastically different from some of the experiences I had when I was younger. I have gained friends and seeing everyone’s work pushed me to do better.”

— Faith Kumi, 2021 Ron Brown Scholar

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As we celebrate our High School Graduating Class of 2021, we marvel at their resilience and believe them well prepared for the many challenges ahead as they transition into college and careers.



“My discussion group (juniors) was phenomenal, and inspired me in so many ways. In addition to their exceptional high school careers, they are also incredibly humble. The piece of advice I was given that I wish I knew at my age, is “Root for yourself like you would your best friend.””

These students have all the talent and intellect to take them far, but I know how overwhelming and discouraging this process can be. That is why I would always praise and encourage them; because I know what it can feel like to work yourself to the bone without taking a moment to be proud of yourself.

I hope I am able to continue as their discussion leader as we all head into our senior year, working with these students always gets me excited to wake up early on a Saturday!”

— Peyton Wilson (George Washington University | Posse Scholar)



MALIK AARON

ASA Kappa League Cohort
Centennial High School
Roswell, Georgia

Fisk University
Music Business



PRINCE ABBAN

Atlanta-area Cohort
Hillgrove High School
Powder Springs, Georgia

Kennesaw State University
Electrical Engineering



KRISTIANA ANDERSON

Atlanta-area Cohort
North Cobb High School
Kennesaw, Georgia

Valdosta State University
Undecided



AVA BINGHAM

Florence School District 3 Cohort
Lake City Early College High School
Lake City, South Carolina

Clemson University School of Nursing
Nursing

"I just wanted to let you know that I was accepted into Clemson University's nursing program. There were over 3,378 applications for the nursing program alone, which is a 68% increase from previous years. They could only accept 176 students, making the acceptance rate into the program 5.2%, the same as Harvard. I have decided to commit, while I never planned on going to college in South Carolina, this was a huge opportunity for me that I couldn't pass up. Thank you for all that you've done to help me, I probably wouldn't have made it into the program if it weren't for you guys."

— Ava Bingham



Joel Bolds

Pinellas County Schools Cohort
Northside Christian School
St. Petersburg, Florida

Southeastern University
Music Production

"As an advisor who was once a participant of the program, I had a unique connection to the emotions, challenges, and feelings all of the students encountered. I believe my own positive experience with the cohort in 2019 provided me with the knowledge, tools, and resources to help my group achieve their collegiate goals and aspirations."

Whitney Williams - College Intern (Spelman College Honors Program)

"The Cohort program has been beneficial to me during my high school career assisting me with my college plans by helping me with class selection, extra curricular activities, scholarships, recommendations, and the college application process. This program has also helped me decide what career I want to pursue in life and provided me with the steps I need to take to achieve my goals. I appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Wynn for the guidance they have provided to help me be successful in college and beyond."

— DJ Davis, Jr.

"My son hated writing. His papers and summarizations for his teachers were awful! The Wynns encouraged him to own the process and eventually he did and he wrote pages and pages of his story that both of us now see very clearly why he had to do this. This made the college application process much easier since he has addressed so many essay topics in his story. The narratives all make sense now. On behalf of our entire family, we express our gratitude and love to both of the Wynns. You have a way with these kids and you are a huge blessing to them."

— Julia Denton (Parent, Guilford County Schools)

The Brothers Family's Journey

As the parents of triplets, we instilled in our daughters the importance of education from a very young age. In addition, we knew that they would all need to earn academic scholarships for us to afford to send all three of them to college at the same time. Although we knew what our ultimate goal was, we had no clue how to get there. College Planning Cohort was the missing link! College Planning Cohort partnered with our family to strategically guide our daughters through the entire college application process. This program challenged our daughters to take ownership of the application process, forced them to dig deep to uncover their unique attributes, and taught them to express themselves authentically. College Planning Cohort's comprehensive plan for college readiness helped our daughters find the universities that were not only a good fit for them but schools that would best position them for present and future success. With the Wynn's guidance, two of our daughters were accepted into the Honors College of their respective universities with full academic scholarships. Based on the Wynn's advice to apply to schools that meet 100% demonstrated need, our third daughter's school met all of our family's demonstrated financial need. This was a huge blessing for our family and was a direct result of the Wynn's wisdom and guidance. This program is successful because the Wynns are experts in their field, they possess many years of experience, and they have a vast network of resources available to them. If you trust the process, listen to the Wynns, and do the work, the results will speak for themselves.

Thank you!
West and Heather Brothers

"College Planning Cohort was such a huge blessing to me because it provided me with the knowledge, resources, and support necessary to pursue and receive a full-ride academic scholarship. One of the biggest steps in college readiness is planning and goal setting. This program helped me to properly plan and prepare for the college application process and without the Wynns and College Planning Cohort, I wouldn't have been as successful in my college goals."

— Sydnee Brothers



KAILER BROTHERS

Atlanta-area Cohort
Mount Paran Christian School
Kennesaw, Georgia
**Wesleyan University
Undecided**



SYDNEE BROTHERS

Atlanta-area Cohort
Mount Paran Christian School
Kennesaw, Georgia
**North Carolina A&T State University
Honors Program | Dowdy Scholar
Kinesiology**



TRISTYN BROTHERS

Atlanta-area Cohort
Mount Paran Christian School
Kennesaw, Georgia
**Clafin University Honors Program
Undecided | Minor: Spanish**

"The College Planning Cohort has really changed my life! I am so grateful to the Wynns for everything they have done for my family. As they say, if you trust them and do the work, everything will work out in the end. They really know what they're doing! Especially for essay writing. They helped me to articulate my thoughts and show the best version of myself.

Without the Wynns, I would not have a full ride! Both of my sisters had already decided where they were going to college and I was very stressed about my choice when the Wynns encouraged me to apply for a full scholarship to the Honors College at Clafin. Originally, Clafin University wasn't even on my list. Thanks to the Wynns, my college choice was made much easier and my dream of graduating debt-free will be attained."

— Tristyn Brothers

"I have been a member of the College Planning Cohort since sophomore year, and working with the Wynns has greatly impacted the outcome of my future. From pushing me to take the highest courses and get the highest grades, to providing extremely insightful information about planning for college, to providing leadership opportunities through the Youth Leadership Board, this program has thoroughly prepared me for my next steps toward success. I wouldn't be where I am today without their help, and for that, I am eternally grateful."

— Kailer Brothers



MAKAYLA CARTER

Atlanta-area Cohort
DeKalb Early College Academy
Stone Mountain, Georgia

Benedict College
Biology/Education



ADON CESAIR

ASA Kappa League Cohort
Campbell High School
Smyrna, Georgia

Morehouse College
Psychology



TANISHA CLARKE

Pinellas County Schools Cohort
Northeast High School
St. Petersburg, Florida

St. Petersburg College
Dental Hygienist



DERRICK "DJ" DAVIS, JR.

Atlanta-area Cohort
Sprayberry High School
Marietta, Georgia

University of Georgia Honors Program
Neuroscience

This is to certify that

"The ASA Kappa League College Planning Cohort has imparted knowledge and life strategies that will continue to assist me, even post-graduation. This cohort has taught me the college application process, developed time management skills, attained motivation to set goals and accomplish them, and joined an excellent community comprised of Kappa Alpha Psi brothers. This cohort has been a blessing and has changed my life for the better; I will always strive for excellence regardless of the situation. Be phenomenal or be forgotten."

— Adon Cesair



DANIELA DE LEON VELASCO

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Western Guilford High School
Greensboro, North Carolina

East Carolina State University
Art



CALEB DEAN

ASA Kappa League Cohort
Wheeler High School
Marietta, Georgia

Morehouse College
Cinema, Television, and Emerging Media



STEPHANIE ESTRADA-PEREZ

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Lucy Ragsdale High School
Greensboro, North Carolina

University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Pre-Nursing



KHALIL FELDER

Atlanta-area Cohort
North Cobb High School
Kennesaw, Georgia

Xavier University of Louisiana | Presidential Scholar
Computer Science

"I had a great experience with the cohort and although it was a lot of work, the experience gave me motivation to engage in intentional college preparation and brought me to where I am today. I would never have been this prepared to take the next step into college, if not for the activities, monthly discussions, and support of the cohort."

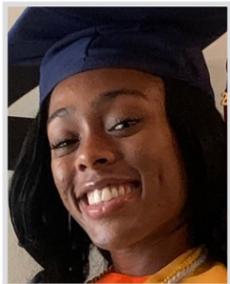
— Daniela De Leon Velasco



IAN FERNANDES

Judson Independent School District
Wagner High School
San Antonio, Texas

Princeton University
Computer Science



JADA FOOTE

Atlanta-area Cohort
South Cobb High School
Austell, Georgia

North Carolina A&T State University
Honors Program | Cheatham-White Scholar
Business



JORDAN FREEMAN

Atlanta-area Cohort
Roswell High School
Roswell, Georgia

University of Southern California
TV and Film

"My cohort experience was sensational. I would love to thank the Wynns and my cohort coaches. I don't know where I would be in life right now if it wasn't for this opportunity!"

— Malik Aaron

"I was in a state of disbelief when I received offers of admission to my top four choices: Harvard College, University of Southern California, New York University Stern, and Northwestern University. I still don't think I have been able to internalize this reality. The feeling of complete euphoria I experienced upon seeing the admissions letter confetti was overwhelming. I am happy to say that the stress and hard work of the college process have fully paid off."

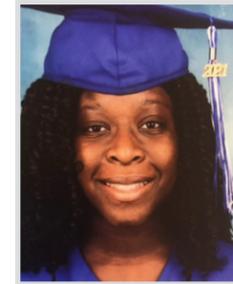
— Jordan Freeman



TYRA GRANT

Atlanta-area Cohort
Collins Hill High School
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Georgia Tech
Biomedical Engineering



SYDNEY GRIER

Pinellas County Schools Cohort
East Lake High School
Tarpon Springs, Florida

University of Central Florida
Business



BLAINE HADDIS

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Cornerstone Charter Academy
Greensboro, North Carolina

High Point University | Presidential Scholar
Business/Entrepreneurship



HALEY HARDWAY

Florence School District 3 Cohort
Lake City Early College High School
Lake City, South Carolina

Francis Marion University
South Carolina Teaching Fellow
Education



JOSHUA HUFFMAN

Atlanta-area Cohort
Pope High School
Marietta, Georgia

Georgia State/Georgia Perimeter College
Exercise Science

"The decisions I have made now are not the plans I had when I first began the College Planning Cohort program at Lake City High School. However, Mr. and Mrs. Wynn always stuck by me and were willing to help me with anything I needed. Through this program, I was able to better my writing, create a résumé, and search for colleges and scholarships that I never would have found on my own. Overall, it's been a great experience and helped me so much in my college planning process."

— Haley Hardway



AMINATA KEITA

Guilford County Schools Cohort
The Academy @ Smith
Greensboro, North Carolina

North Carolina A&T State University
Biology



FAITH KUMI

Atlanta-area Cohort
Marietta High School
Marietta, Georgia

University of Chicago
Political Science
Odyssey Scholar | 2021 Ron Brown Scholar



ADONNA MCBRIDE

Atlanta-area Cohort
Eagles Landing High School
McDonough, Georgia

North Carolina A&T State University
Honors Program
Business



AARON MCFADDEN

ASA Kappa League Cohort
The Lovette School
Atlanta, Georgia

Loyola University New Orleans
Music Industry

“Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, I could not have done this without you. When I joined the cohort as a high school sophomore I could not have imagined the changes to life and school as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Yet, your guidance and prayers comforted me through each step of a hugely stressful senior year of high school. You guided me in writing my essays and preparing for interviews. You literally were with me every step of the way. Consequently, I will be attending the University of Chicago in the fall and I am a 2021 Ron Brown Scholar!”

— Faith Kumi



JAYLON ODURO

Atlanta-area Cohort
Elite Scholars Academy
Jonesboro, Georgia

University of Chicago | Odyssey Scholar
Mathematics



JACOB PERRY

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Northwest Guilford High School |
Greensboro, North Carolina

East Tennessee State University
Digital Media



JASHAUSHA POPE

Florence School District 3 Cohort
Lake City Early College High School | Lake
City, South Carolina

Clafin University Honors Program
Biology (Nursing)

“I joined the Lake City cohort during my senior year. Although I joined later than some, during the small amount of time I’ve worked with Mr. and Mrs. Wynn, they’ve tremendously helped me choose the perfect college for the next few years of my life. I was trying to fill out numerous applications by myself, which was stressful/confusing. When I joined the cohort, I narrowed down a list of schools that fit me and my situation. Everything I described I wanted in a college, the cohort guided me in identifying schools that were perfect for me. I can’t explain how grateful I am to have the cohort in my college decision process. I now have a full ride to the Clafin University Honors Program.”

— Jashausha Pope

“Thank you so much Mr. Wynn and everyone with the cohort staff, for helping support me in my college research, application, and acceptances. I could not have done any of the intense research and creating such an amazing personal essay and résumé. I could not have gotten accepted into 10 out of 12 of my colleges without you busting your butts for me. I can’t thank you enough!”

— Jacob Perry



GABRIELLE QUARELLS

Atlanta-area Cohort
Campbell High School
Smyrna, Georgia

Spelman College Honors Program
Sociology



NIA SIMON

Atlanta-area Cohort
Lithia Springs High School
Lithia Springs, Georgia

Georgia Tech
Biomedical Engineering



SARAH STANSILL

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Northern Guilford High School
Greensboro, North Carolina

Appalachian State University
Psychology



CHANDLER STEVENSON

Atlanta-area Cohort
Northview High School
Johns Creek, Georgia

Brown University
Electrical Engineering

"I found the general group discussion to be a very detailed, in-depth summary of what we reviewed and discussed over the summer. My discussion group was helpful, and I learned a lot about packaging myself and how to bring out my best self in my college applications. I discovered a lot about Spelman College and learned a little more about the school itself through Whitney (My Discussion Group Leader)."

— Gabrielle Quarells



KAI WAYMAN

Pinellas County Schools Cohort
Lakewood High School
St. Petersburg, Florida

University of South Florida - Tampa
Computer Science

"In short, my overall experience was astonishing, it was so helpful and inspiring. The interns were amazing and so helpful. It means a lot that they gave us their contact information to contact them any time we need help. I originally quit the program in 11th grade (It was a really stupid decision, yes) and I actually couldn't get this program out of mind, and when I heard that they were doing a summer boot camp I jumped right on it and I'm so glad I did. All the activities and breakout sessions were very helpful and cleared up SO much for me as applying to colleges and what I should be doing, I can't thank you guys, Mr. Wynn and Mrs. Wynn, for offering this opportunity to me not just once, but twice!"

— Kai Wayman



TERRELL WHITE

Atlanta-area Cohort
McEachern High School
Marietta, Georgia

Oglethorpe University
Business



COUPER WILKINS

Guilford County Schools Cohort
Lucy Ragsdale High School
Greensboro, North Carolina

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Psychology



BREE WILSON

Pinellas County Schools Cohort
St. Petersburg High School
St. Petersburg, Florida

University of North Florida
Biology

COLLEGE GRADUATES



KIMBERLY HADAWAY

Turner Chapel AME Church Cohort
Williams College
BA Math

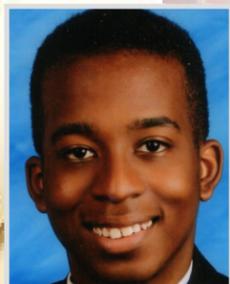
Iowa State University
PhD Candidate in Mathematics



ALEXIS MITCHELL

Turner Chapel AME Church Cohort
University of Alabama
BS Nursing (BSN)

Novant Health
Charlotte, NC



SAMUEL PATTERSON, III

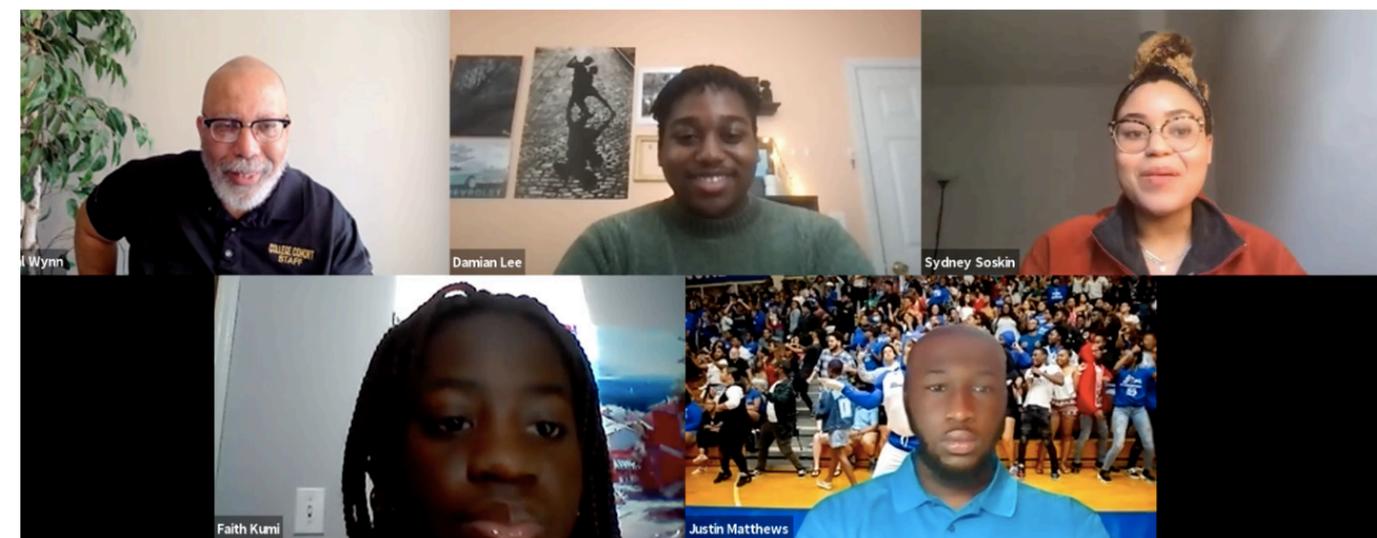
Turner Chapel AME Church Cohort
University of Maryland - Baltimore County | Meyerhoff Scholar
BS Math | BS Statistics | BA Economics

University of Oxford | 2021 Rhodes Scholar
PhD Candidate in Economics

OUR INTERNS

Renown educator John Holt in his book, "How Children Learn," believed that children learn best from other children. This belief is woven throughout our program via a culturally relevant curriculum in which we profile students from diverse backgrounds who have come through our program and have pursued postsecondary opportunities at the array of colleges and universities profiled in our curriculum. These institutions range from public and private institutions; HBCUs; liberal arts colleges; research universities; military service academies; and specialized programs such as cooperative education, dual degree, and the Meyerhoff Scholars Program (where students begin their undergraduate experience focused on pursuing MDs/PhDs).

The majority of our interns are college students (many of whom have been profiled in our curriculum) who, as high school students, were guided in pursuing their college and scholarship opportunities through our program. However, a select few of our middle school and high school students currently participating in our program serve as Discussion Group Leaders for our summer boot camps and year-long program.



Virtual Discussion Panel

Top Roll: Moderator - Mr. Wynn; college interns: Damian Lee (Northeastern University) and Sydney Soskin (University of Chicago). Bottom Roll: High school senior - Faith Kumi (Marietta High School (GA)); and college intern - Justin Matthews (Dillard University).

COLLEGE INTERNS

Damian Lee	Northeastern University/Torch Scholar
Jayla Shoffner	North Carolina A&T Honors College/Dowdy Scholar
Justin Matthews	Dillard University/Physics Scholar
Kimberly Hadaway	Williams College
Kristen Starks	University of Richmond/Richmond Scholar
Nina Shack	Middle Tennessee State University
Peyton Wilson	George Washington University/Posse Scholar
Robert Penn	George Mason University/Mason Scholar
Summer Ford	University of Georgia
Sydney Barron	North Carolina Central Honors College/Cheatham-White Scholar
Sydney Soskin	University of Chicago/Odyssey Scholar
Sydney Starks	Bowdoin College
Whitney Williams	Spelman College Honors Program

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNS

Ava Bingham	Florence School District 3
Carmen Starks	Guilford County Schools
Couper Wilkins	Guilford County Schools
Haley Hardway	Florence School District 3
Hubert Pugzlys	Pinellas County Schools
Jada Foote	Cobb County Schools
Jayla Jones	Florence School District 3
Joanne Lioe	Pinellas County Schools
Joshua Salters	Merrillville Community Schools
Kierra Hernandez	Florence School District 3
Myrah Jones	Pinellas County Schools
Omar Dixon, Jr.	Paulding County Schools
TaRetta Bright	Cobb County Schools

MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNS

Jack Helms	Pinellas County Schools
Jocelyn Lioe	Pinellas County Schools
Josiah Walker	Pinellas School Schools

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Florence School District 3 (SC) Dr. Laura Hickson, Superintendent of Schools

Educational Consultants and longtime Turner Chapel AME Church Education Ministry Leaders, Mychal and Nina Wynn, had advocated that the College Planning Cohort Program being used to provide guidance and support for students in their church could be implemented in school districts to expand the college and career guidance for all students, but especially so for students from lower income families and those who would be the first in their family to attend college. Consequently, in 2012, Florence School District 3, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Laura Hickson, and Director of College and Career Readiness, Yvonne Scott (deceased), travelled to Marietta, Georgia to attend the 5th Annual Turner Chapel AME Church High School Graduation Celebration. In 2014, the first Florence School District 3 College Cohort was created during a summer college planning boot camp for 18 rising high school seniors. In 2015, Mikayla Hanna, a student from their inaugural cohort, became the district's first Gates Millennium Scholar and the first UMBC Meyerhoff Scholar from the state of South Carolina. In 2016, Rebeca Pacheco, who, upon her return from picking cotton and tobacco as migrant farm laborers, was asked by Spanish Teacher Kristal Martinez to participate in the summer college planning boot camp. Rebeca went on to be selected as the district's second Gates Millennium Scholar.

Our long-standing partnership with Florence School District 3 and their Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Laura Hickson, continues the legacy of Ms. Johnnie Yvonne Epps Scott, Director College and Career Readiness, who passed in 2018. The dynamic duo of Dr. Hickson and Ms. Scott have been committed to expanding college access for students from lower income families and those who will be the first in their family to attend college. The unparalleled success of program has been supported by the efforts of Lake City Early College High School counselors Ms. Kendra Wilson, Ms. Vickie Haynes, and Mrs. Beverly Singletary; and Mr. Leon Burgess, Director of College Readiness and Career Tech.

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GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS (NC)
MRS. EVELYN HOBBS, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
(RETIRED, 2020)

In 2014, we partnered with Guilford County Schools' Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Monica Walker, to implement a Black Male Book Club. The natural evolution of the book club was to incorporate college and career planning books and materials into the assigned reading. Consequently, in 2015 the first College Planning Cohort was created as the Guilford County Schools First Generation College Student Ambassadors. In 2017, under the direction of Program Administrator Mrs. Evelyn Hobbs, the program was expanded to serve 50 high school seniors and 50 high school juniors, including refugee and Native American students. The phenomenal success of the Guilford County Schools First Generation College Student Ambassadors program has been profiled by local and national news media, and in 2020, was awarded the MAGNA Award by the National School Boards Association. In 2021, as a result of the many challenges facing the school district as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was abruptly interrupted, leaving 100 students and families without college planning guidance and support. In response to this unprecedented, unexpected turn of events, the foundation offered scholarships to all participating seniors to continue receiving support from our program.

JUDSON ISD (TX)
SYLVIA GREENWOOD
MILITARY FAMILY & COLLEGE READINESS SPECIALIST

Our partnership with Judson ISD is coordinated by Ms. Sylvia Greenwood, Military Family & College Readiness Specialist, and began in 2017 with our first College Planning Boot Camp for military connected families. The initial 5-day boot camp which provided guidance for 40 rising 9th graders has been expanded to two 5-day college planning boot camps serving students from military connected families and students who have experienced homelessness as part of the McKinney-Vento Federal Program. Ian Fernandes, implemented the high school action plan developed during the boot camp and was subsequently offered admission to some of the country's most selective colleges and universities, including Caltech, Cornell, Princeton, Rice, UC Berkeley, the University of Pennsylvania, and Yale.

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PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS (FL)
DR. LEWIS BRINSON, MINORITY ACHIEVEMENT OFFICER

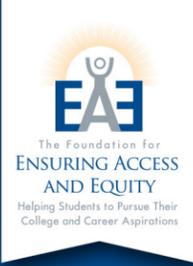
Our partnership with Pinellas County Schools began in 2019 under the direction of Minority Achievement Officer Dr. Lewis Brinson. While our partnership with Pinellas County Schools is focused on expanding college and career access for black males, one of the district's most underserved and lowest performing demographic groups, any student seeking college and career guidance may enroll in the program. In February 2020, our program moved to an all-virtual format and has continued to achieve amazing student outcomes. With the support of Pinellas County Schools Superintendent Dr. Michael Grego, the program has expanded to offer summer college planning boot camps for middle school and high school students. In 2020, an outstanding group of 8th graders from Thurgood Marshall Fundamental School and Dunedin Middle School, became the first group of middle school students to participate in our year-long high school program. The program is supported by middle school counselor Dr. Lois McKee, and high school counselor, Mrs. Cathy Heatly.

SMYRNA-ALPHARETTA ALUMNI CHAPTER
KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC.

Mr. Doug Lucas, a member of the Alpharetta-Smyrna Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Incorporated, and his wife, Cynthia, attended one of our college planning workshops and used what they learned to guide their oldest daughter into a full scholarship to Drexel University for their. Impressed with their outcomes, they then enrolled their two younger daughters in our Turner Chapel AME Church College Planning Cohort. Both daughters went on to receive full scholarships as a Templeton Scholar at Ohio University and as a Dowdy Scholar in the North Carolina A&T State University Honors Program. Consequently, having experienced the successful college and scholarship outcomes firsthand, in 2018, Mr. Lucas' fraternity partnered with our foundation to create the ASA Kappa League College Planning Cohort Program.

FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIPS

We have continued our long-standing faith-based partnerships with the Turner Chapel AME Church (Marietta, Georgia); United Ghana Christian Church (Atlanta, GA); and World Victory Christian Center (Greensboro, NC).



Thank you to our volunteers

Our program relies on the time and encouragement provided by volunteers from throughout the country, many of whom are the parents of students who have gone through our program. We are so very grateful to: Afrem Armstrong; Anne-Marie Johnrose-Brown; Brian Thomas; Carolyn Crook; Charles Williams; Cynthia Lucas; Derrick Parker; Doug Lucas; Eric Henderson; Eric Nelums; Ernest Glenn; Faith Kumi; Jeff Bell; Kim Pope; Lora Williams; Milford Rosemond; Pastor Dextor McCree; Rachel Thompson; Rev. Don Ezell; Rev. Dr. Yolanda Davis; Susan Helms; Vanessa Bridges; and William Parker.

Thank you to our Special Guest

Alyssa Orrantia Bieneme, Associate Director of Admissions, Coordinator of Diversity Outreach Coordinator of Southeast Regional Admissions, Undergraduate Admissions Office, Cornell University.

Special Appreciation

Mychal-David Wynn: Editor; Zoom Facilitator; Curriculum Reviewer; and Writing Workshop Instructor.

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