

2026 SAHCCEFI SCHOLARSHIP

20TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK



SAHCC
Educational Fund Inc.

**Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund, Inc.
Celebrates 20 years of Scholarship-giving
P.O. Box 58124, Kissimmee, FL 34758
Website - sahccef.com**

President's Message

Greetings,

This celebration marks an extraordinary milestone in our shared journey. As we gather to celebrate 20 remarkable years, my heart swells with pride and gratitude for each person here. Looking across these familiar faces brings back countless memories of challenges overcome and victories achieved together. Those early days started with big dreams. Special thanks to the original Board of Directors (our starting team) whose ideas created our winning approach. But the true measure of our success lies in the relationships we've built, the trust we've earned and the positive change we've created in young people's lives.



As I step down from the presidency, the years ahead fill me with optimism. The foundation we've built together stands solid. Our innovative pipeline stays full. Most importantly, our commitment to excellence remains steady. To our dedicated Board of Directors, thank you for your creativity, strength and commitment to excellence. Every contribution, small or large, builds our shared success. To everyone who has been part of this incredible journey, THANK YOU. Your passion, creativity and dedication make this organization exceptional.

Here's to the next chapter of our story, one achievement at a time. The future holds amazing opportunities. Thank you all for joining this remarkable journey. Let's celebrate what we've done while taking on future opportunities with enthusiasm and confidence. Our achievements tell an impressive story. The real impact shows in lives made better and dreams achieved. To everyone who helped create 20 years of success, again I say Thank you.

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A Special Thank You To All Our Mentors



Class of 2022

**Raymonde Dimanche
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Glity Gordan
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Jenny Suarez
Wayne Tolliver**



Humble Beginnings

2006 - 2010

Scholar recipients during this time period



Colleen Wickham
Natalie Aristor
Precious Dorch-Robinson
Christina Hibbert
Valerie Aristor
Alexandra Richard
Leshawn Richards
Chantel Sutherland

Accomplishments

- * Started Awarding 2 Scholarships Instead of 1
- * Awarded 8 Scholarship Recipients: 1 Male, 7 Females
- * Began Annual Celebratory Luncheons
- * Instituted Summer Gatherings for Skills and Fun
- * Distributed Elementary School Grants
- * Initiated 501 C (3)
- * Included Liberty HS & Poinciana HS

Walking By Faith

2011 - 2015

Scholar recipients during this time period



Kadeem Campbell, Audreyanna Loguerre, Shanise Holmes, Marquise Lawrence, Crystal Laidley, Brenda Mensah, Julisa Desir, Dontae Parker, Anne Baptiste, Sintra Morgan, Samuel Washington

Accomplishments

- * Awarded 11 Scholarships: 3 Males & 8 Females
- * Added 2 New Schools: New Dimensions HS & Haines City HS
- * Conducted Black History Programs at Middle Schools
- * Presented 1 st Memorial Scholarship honoring William Conde

We Have Come To Far To Turn Around

2016 - 2020
Scholar recipients during this time period



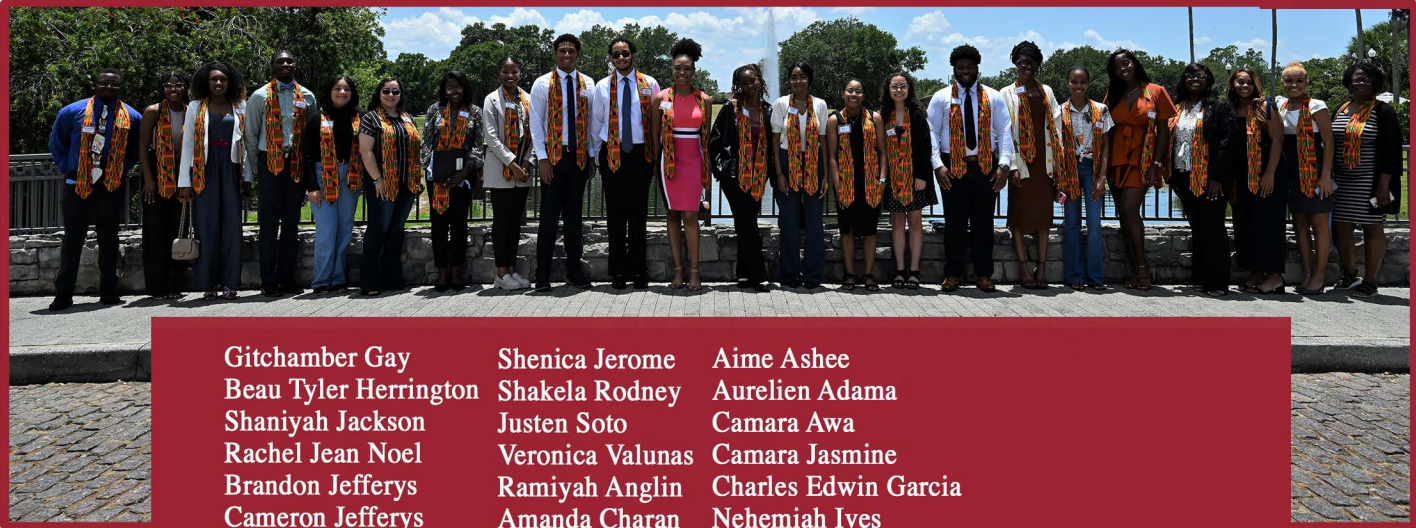
Ezekiel Davis
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Tyler Black
Chelsea Fleuridor
Jah'leeka Callwood
Nia Getfield

Natasha Goodall
Julia Delmas
Mitdline Joseph
Marky Noel
Akeila Reid
Kay Rodriguez
Tiffanie Crumble
Siul dela Paz
Crishawn Gayle
EboninMatthias
Aria McDaniel
Miguel Silva, Jr
Martyna Smart
Doneel Thomas
William Wilson

Accomplishments

- * Initiated the Full Scholarship (AHCC, K. Wheeler, M. Wheeler, Stevens)
- * Instituted 3 Memorial Scholarships honoring Barbara Sibblis, Henry Carter and Marilyn Peals O'Hara
- * Continued SAHCCEFI Annual Programs virtually because of Covid-19

The Fruits Of Our Labor



Gitchamber Gay	Shenica Jerome	Aime Ashee	
Beau Tyler Herrington	Shakela Rodney	Aurelien Adama	
Shaniyah Jackson	Justen Soto	Camara Awa	
Rachel Jean Noel	Veronica Valunas	Camara Jasmine	
Brandon Jefferys	Ramiyah Anglin	Charles Edwin Garcia	
Cameron Jefferys	Amanda Charan	Nehemiah Ives	
Tyler McFarlane	Taylor Hylton	Tiger Jackson	
Rebecca Raymond	Destiny Jennings	Cachet Kirkland	
Alexia Smith	Ge'Niya Lewter	KeenanmLewis	Wilmer Miranda
Belinda Augustin	Abrahm Loguerre	J'Kayla McCree	Typhany White
Eyanna Garcia	Zion McPaul	Bricy Noel	Floraliz Garcia
Daneek Grant	Trinity Miller	Qayla Baily	Niaima McClain
Kasini Haskins	Briana Olivia	Troy Livingstone	Hannah Young
Daniel Jackson	Leah Rodriguez	Sarah Lubin	Tariko Satterfield, Jr.
Daija Williams	Angelo Fils	Jahvony Vital	Mallory Paul

Accomplishments 2021-2026

- * Initiated Post Graduate Scholarships
- * Began Black History Awards
- * Started the Fellows Program
- * Awarded 20 scholarships in 2026
- * Presented full scholarships by the Duncans and the Womacks
- * Celebrated 20 th Year Anniversary with a Dinner/Program
- * Cited Memorial Scholarships honoring
Rev, Canon Dalton Downs and Abraham Donald Duncan



Categories of Giving

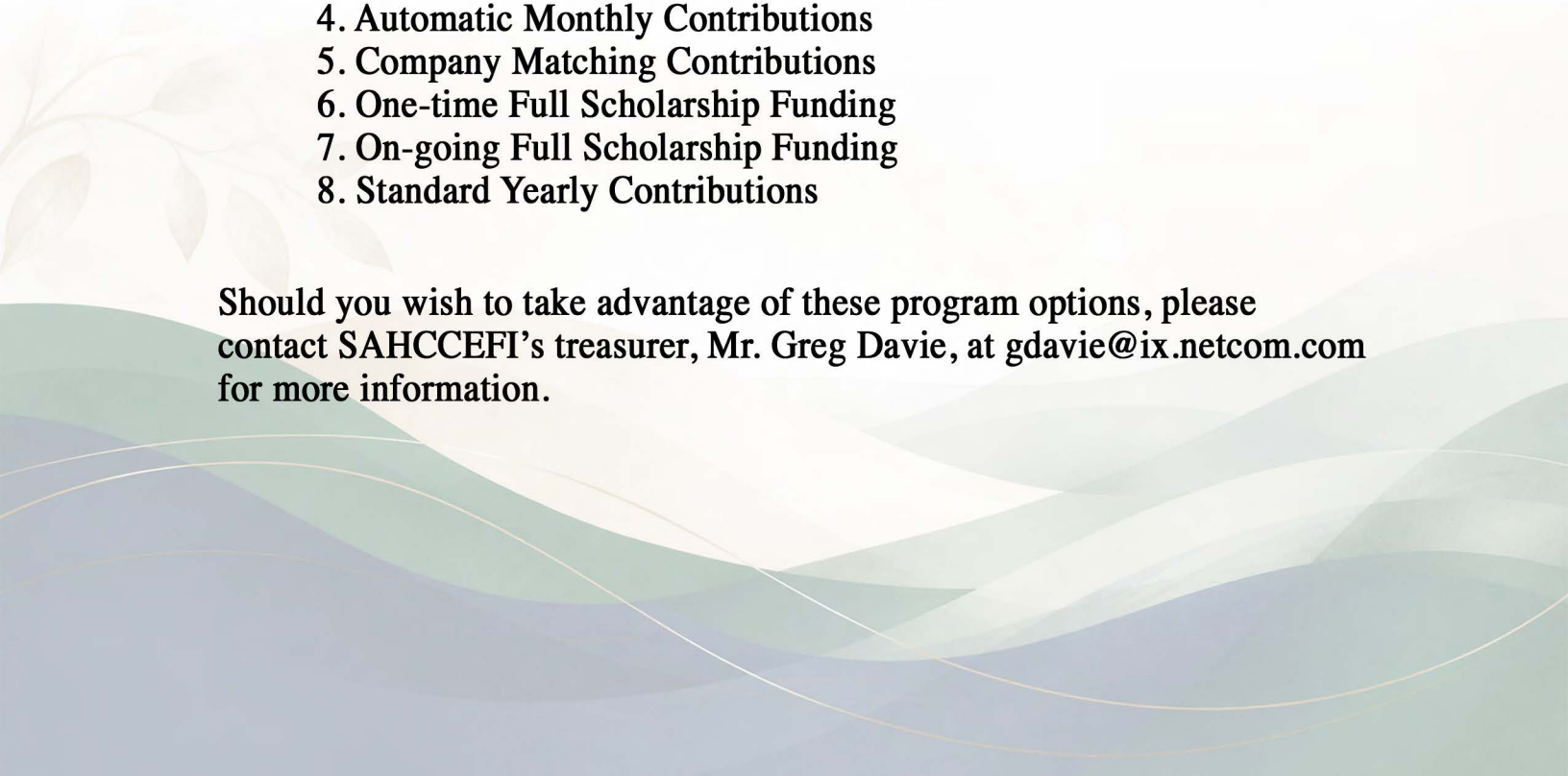


Allow us to first thank our contributors for the financial support you have already given and continue to give. SAHCCEFI and our recipients are eternally grateful for all you have done and for the lives you have touched.

As we are experiencing in every aspect of life, costs are increasing at an alarming rate. The cost of higher education is not immune from this trend. Therefore, each selected high school graduate receives a \$5,000.00 scholarship over the course of four years.

Accordingly, for your convenience, we have established various options for your continued support of our students. We have listed a few of them below.

1. Qualified Charitable Distribution
2. Required Minimal Distribution
3. Establishment of a Memorial Fund
4. Automatic Monthly Contributions
5. Company Matching Contributions
6. One-time Full Scholarship Funding
7. On-going Full Scholarship Funding
8. Standard Yearly Contributions



Should you wish to take advantage of these program options, please contact SAHCCEFI's treasurer, Mr. Greg Davie, at gdavie@ix.netcom.com for more information.

African Heritage Cultural Club (AHCC) Scholarship

In 2005, at the newly formed African Heritage Cultural Club (AHCC), participants were asked to generate future goals for the organization. Establishing a scholarship program for local high school students was introduced as one of the club's objectives.

The following year, a scholarship committee selected the first recipient. AHCC members and Solivita residents have continued to support the concept of "giving and reaching back." This year-the 20th year-we proudly continue our funding and award a full scholarship to a graduating senior.

William Wilson



2020

Shaniyah Jackson



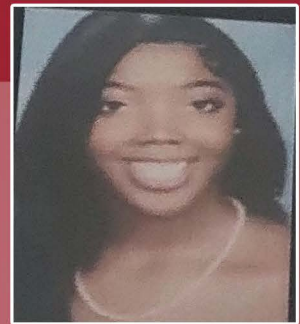
2021

Belinda Augustine



2022

Brinna Oliver



2023

Keenan Lewis



2024

Qayla Bailey



2025

Dawson Satterfield



2026

Kathy Wheeler Educational *Scholarship*



My husband Mel and I moved to Solivita in 2003. It was the best decision I have made in my life. We were so very lucky to meet and become friends with Bill and TT Conde. They introduced us to the African Heritage Cultural Club and we were members for several years. My 25 years of Public Health nursing experience guided me toward the idea that prevention was better than problem solving after the fact. I believe the best way to solve social and economical problems at large is to have a system to help youth grow and develop their leadership skills. It is such a pleasure to be part of the SAHCCEFI scholarship program and if, because of my efforts, one or more young people can achieve their life goal of higher education then my goal will also have been reached.

I am grateful for the endless efforts of the SAHCCEFI scholarship committee in promoting, selecting, guiding and mentoring the recipients as they move forward towards their educational future. Since 2008, Mel and I have continued to support the scholarship fund on a yearly basis and now this scholarship will be a definite part of a lifelong project to help our young people reach their goals. Congratulations on 20 years of successfully providing support for our youth.

Kathy Wheeler

Doneel Thomas



2020

Rachel Noel



2021

Kasani Haskins



2022

Trinity Miller



2023

Bricy Noel



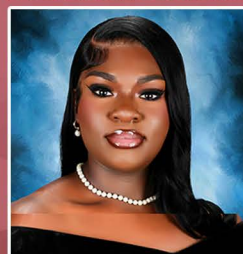
2024

Jamoya Gayle



2025

Maranda Ghent



2026

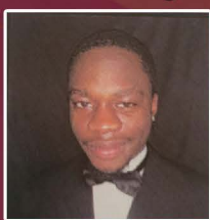
Melvin E. Wheeler Educational Advancement *Scholarship*



As a public school teacher for 35 years, I have seen the value of post-secondary education in all its many content areas. I was gifted with parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents who had a high school education, and they loved to read, learn, and travel. They were the foundation upon which other wonderful people, including too many teachers to list, laid the bricks of knowledge and skills that formed the stairway to my own career, which was more of a calling. A sturdy foundation, excellent building materials, and a personal desire to continue climbing up the staircase of lifelong learning sometimes needs a little financial help. Consider this scholarship a bit of mortar to help keep the building materials together. Living in Solivita, I have seen the excellent products produced with the help of the SAHCCEFI Scholarship Program. My first contribution was in 2008, and early on, I served as a board member. I firmly feel that this effort, done by so many caring and forward-thinking people, provides a great start to enhance the lives of each recipient and all those that they, in turn, influence during their own lives. As the 20th year is celebrated, continue to go forward and be a positive element in our future.

Melvin E. Wheeler

Crishaw Gayle



2020

Brandon Jefferys



2021

Daneek Grant



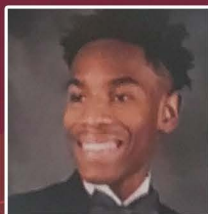
2022

Taylor Hylton



2023

Edwin Garcia Jr.



2024

Sarah Lubin



2025

Rose Joseph



2026

The Jamieson-Duncan *Scholarship* Achievement Award

Donald and Lois Duncan moved to Solivita in 2003. Once there, they began to build community. They are founding members of the African Heritage Cultural Club. Donald became the second president, and Lois became chairperson of the scholarship committee. Later, Lois became president of the newly formed Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund, Inc. Since SAHCCEFI's inception, Donald and Lois have been instrumental in the growth and development of this educational fund. Therefore, in keeping with their commitment to furthering the educational aspirations of local high school graduates, they have established this award.



Deija Williams



2021

Destiny Jennings



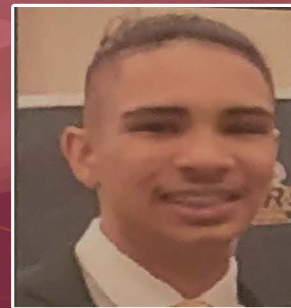
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Angel Hadley



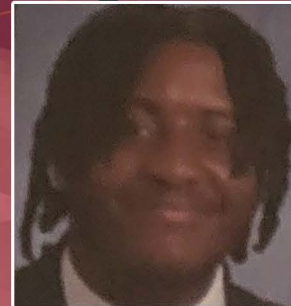
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Justen Soto



2022

Angelo Aime



2024

The Cowart *Scholarship*



We have contributed to the Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund Inc., since moving to Solivita because the purposes of the educational fund are consistent with two of the primary principles of life that we maximize efforts to live in accordance with: the Golden Rule of Life and Serenity Prayer. Believing in God, we realize we would not have had the little success that we have if it were not for His Will, as well as having help along the way. We are committed to assisting Historically Black Colleges and Universities survive and thrive financially and otherwise today and into the future. These institutions have been forced to educate the nation's most needy students and have done so with fewer financial and other resources. Nationally, Black students are most likely to borrow money to pay for higher education, and they also graduate with the highest student-loan debt. Both of us were participants in federal government special pilot program that allowed HBCU students who performed excellently academically to take classes simultaneously at non-HBCU institutions for the purpose of demonstrating that Black students could succeed in both. These are only a few of the reasons we are proud to support through contributions this most worthy cause. Congratulations for your successful 20 years. May your success continue.

Cowart

**Rebecca
Raymond**



2021

**Eyanna
Garcia**



2022

**Ramiyah
Anglin**



2023

**Awa
Camara**



2024

**Jordan
Lawrence**



2026



The Enduring Legacy of the Turnipseed Family

Honoring Excellence Through “The Marvell Turnipseed Legacy Scholarship”

The Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund Inc. is proud to announce the 2026 recipients of the Marvell Turnipseed Family Legacy Scholarship. This prestigious award serves as a tribute to the remarkable life and enduring impact of Mr. Marvell Turnipseed, whose legacy continues to inspire generations. Through his legacy and the generosity of his family, we celebrate the excellence of high school scholars pursuing higher education. Each 2026 Turnipseed Scholar will receive \$5,000 to assist in paying for college expenses and a mentor to lead them through their undergraduate experience. Born and raised in Mississippi, Mr. Turnipseed moved his family to the Southside of Chicago where he rose from humble beginnings to become a guiding force within his family and community. He was more than a devoted family leader. He embodied and actively promoted the values that defined his life. These guiding principles included an unwavering commitment to excellence, a deep love for God and family, self-reliance, the pursuit of education, and the importance of preparedness. Notably, Mr. Turnipseed often spoke about “watching the room”—being ever ready to contribute and have an influence when needed. Through his words and actions, Mr. Turnipseed instilled these values in his children and all those fortunate enough to cross his path. His legacy is not merely remembered; it is lived daily by those he influenced and uplifted. The ripple effect of his teachings has blessed countless lives, strengthened the bonds of family and community, and encouraged others to aspire toward greatness. By awarding the Marvell Turnipseed Family Legacy Scholarship to students dedicated to academic excellence, the Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund Inc. ensures that Mr. Turnipseed’s legacy endures. Each scholarship recipient becomes a living testament to his values—carrying forward the spirit of excellence, faith, self-reliance, and service. In celebrating these scholars, we honor the legacy of the Turnipseed family, defined by leadership, love, and generational impact.

FUNDED BY THE YANCY FAMILY
**The largest contributor since the inception of
our scholarship program**



**2026 TURNIPSEED FAMILY
STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

2026 Recipients of the SAHCCEF's \$5000,00 Scholarship



**2026 Black History
Month Award Recipient**



Aria McDaniel
Meharry Medical School
Nashville TN

**2026 (Gradute Fellows) \$4000,00 Stipend Awards
by the Turnipseed family**



Kworweinski Lafontant
Kinesiology PHD Candidate
University of Central Florida

Arthur Ephraim
Howard University
College of Medicine

Jordynn Johnson
Master of Science
Sports Science
Florida State University

**Academy of Fine Arts Winter Haven, Florida
Dr. Jessie Owens, President**



SAHCCEF \$5000.00 Community Stipend Award

“Transforming Lives Through the Arts”

The Academy is a local non-profit organization that provides music education to low-income, disadvantaged youth and adults throughout Polk County.

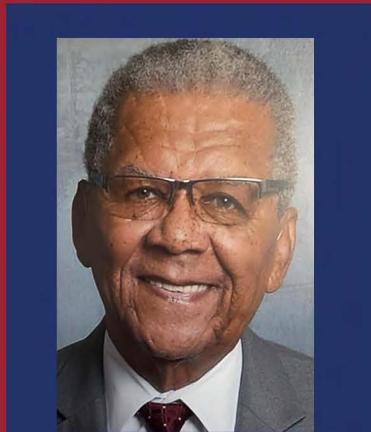
Thank you, Turnipseed Family and the Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund Inc. for watering the seeds of our future and investing in our Legacy.

The Abraham Donald Duncan Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to honor Donald's memory not only with words, but with the respect he has earned. He left behind a legacy of kindness, teamwork and quiet leadership. He brought integrity, reliability and humor to life. He did not seek credit but always delivered, offering help before being asked and went beyond what was expected. His memory will be kept alive through this scholarship which contributes to the educational journey of a future leader and innovator - Christian Lattimore.

African Film Festival
Amend Ministry
Vanessa Bailey-Reid
Vivian Batts
Audrey Bellamy
Lynwood Blake
Victoria Champion
Covenant Charities
Juanita Claiborne
Marina Claudio
Tim Colton

Leta Crawford
Edward Dandridge
William & Nancy Dandridge
Maryann David
Gregory & Darleen Davie
Cheryl Duncan
Deborah Duncan
Lee Duncan
Del & Charley Gillispie
Carole Grandberry
Sharon Greene-Dansby
Danette Gregory
Leroy Gurganious
Darlene Horton
Lee Innocenti
Gia Kenner
Karen Keys-Turner



Donald Duncan



Christian Lattimore

Sean Jamieson
Jacqueline Jones
Myron & Everetta Lofton
Craig & Lisa Lynch
Robert & Nita Mayberry
Mary Mays
Bill & Denise McCoy
Joe & Linda Meade
Inez Mitchell-Myers
Ronald & Beatriz Motley
New Covenant Baptist Church
Gene & Melba Officer
Janice Officer
Drs. Joan & Wale Omawale
Valerie Payton
Dilicia Phillips
Matt Polk
Walter & Bettye Reeves
Mildred Roldan
Dorothy Schwartz
Reginald & Sheryl Shell
Edward & Sheila Smith
William Snyder
James & Pam Sykes
Shomari Wade
Art & Mary Whorley
Ronald Woodson

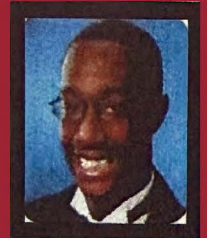
Past Memorial Scholarships

In 2015, we began our Memorial Scholarship Program to pay tribute to those who have a lifetime of service. They have honored us with their lives. We cannot forget them and believe life is better in Solivita because of them. We thank the families for honoring their memory with these scholarships. This page serves as our thanks to those listed below who were examples of what fine people look like.



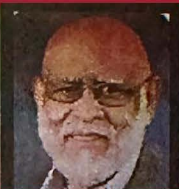
William Conde had a great sense of adventure and love of travel and formed friendships spanning his entire life. He believed that through education, one could develop critical thinking, overcome obstacles, change perceptions, and level the playing field.

**2013 William Conde Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Samuel Washington**



Barbara Sibblis began her nursing career as a medical-surgical nurse and quickly advanced to family nurse practitioner. Later, she became a patient advocate director and finished her career as a regional director of case management.

**2019 Barbara Joyce Sibblis Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Amiya Clarke**



**Henry Carter Funded by the Yancy Family.
2020 Henry F. Carter, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: Eboni Matthias**



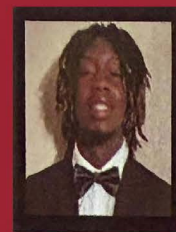
Marilyn Peals-O'Hara was a wonderful blend of joy and laughter and seriousness and overwhelming generosity to others and herself. She was a social worker, and her work ethic and behaviors manifested her belief that God put us on this earth to take care of ourselves and others.

**2020 Marilyn Peals-O'Hara Memorial Scholarship
Recipient: McKayla Getfield**



Rev. Canon Dalton Downs was a life-long learner who valued the lessons found in education and practical experiences. He shared his knowledge formally and informally, from official pastoral and doctrinal roles to simply leading by example.

**2022, 2023
Rev. Canon Dalton Downs Memorial
Scholarship Recipient
2022: Shenica Jerome
Recipient 2023: Abrahm Loguerre**



Scholarship Awards 2026



Za'quana Canty
Parents: Parris & Brenda
Burns-Canty
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. South Florida
Major: Event Planning
Mentor: Victoria Champion



Valeria DeLeon Diaz
Parents: Jose DeLeon & Lorell Diaz
Davenport High School
Attending: Univ. Of Central FL
Major: Event Planning
Mentor: Margie Sposito



Neriah Dunkley
Parents: Shemar McPherson
& Sophia Mitchell
Haines City High School
Attending: University of Florida
Major: Healthcare
Mentor: Sheila Hickman



Maranda Ghent
Parents: Marcus & LaQuitta Ghent
Polk State Lakeland Gateway
College to Collegiate HS
Attending: Florida A & M Univ.
Major: Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Mentor: Donna Chester



Gabrielle Goree
Parents: Perez & Mara Goree
Haines City High School
Attending: Florida Southern Univ.
Major: Actress
Mentor: Jacqueline Jones



Isabel Gutierrez
Parents: Armando & Sonia
Gutierrez
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. South Florida
Major: Business
Mentor: Donna Gilmer



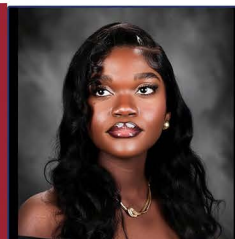
Angel Hadley
Parents: Ronodell Hadley
& Erica Griffin-Gardner
Harrison School for the Arts
Attending: Fl. A & M Univ.
Major: History Teacher
Mentor: June Cantor



Ares Johnson
Parents: Andrew & Teneka Grant
Haines City High School
Attending: Psychologist
Major: University of Florida
Mentor: Sam Washington



Rose Joseph
Parents: Weendy Joseph
Winter Haven High School
Attending: University of FL
Major: Bikomedical Engineer
Mentor: Robin Wilson



Sephorah Labastille
Parents: Jackson & Nadine Labastille
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. South Florida
Major: Business
Mentor: Rose Rainford Thomas

Scholarship Awards 2026



Christian Lattimore

Parents: William & Bridget Lattimore
Strawberry Crest High School
Attending: Florida Southern Univ.
Major: Healthcare
Mentor: Stanley Dillard



Jordan Lawrence

Parents: Andre & Ebony Lawrence
George Jenkins High School
Attending: Howard Univ.
Major: Plastic Surgeon
Mentor: Kay Oubre



Tanika Noel

Parents: Dunel Noel & Marlange Noel Louis
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. of South Univ.
Major: Registered Nurse
Mentor: Nancy Hawkins



Marie Kebreau-Pierre

Parents: Didler Kebreau-Pierre & Marielle Pierrot
Harrison School for the Arts
Attending: Pace Univ.
Major: Public Relations
Mentor: Victoria Champio



Alana Pough

Parents: Clyde Pough & Wilma Jones
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. of South Florida
Major: Business Administration
Mentor: Donna Gilmer



Dawson Satterfield

Parents: Deena V. Tyler
Lakeland Senior High School
Attending: Howard Univ.
Major: Music Theater
Mentor: Diana Becton



R'riance Smith

Parents: Lovell Smith & Wilquantae Watson
Haines City High School
Attending: Florida A & M Univ.
Major: Cybersecurity
Mentor: Cortiss Stallworth



Ciara White

Parents: Candice White
Haines City High School
Attending: Florida A & M Univ.
Major: Pediatric Nurse
Mentor: Donna Chester



Mariah Williams

Parents: Michael & Latonia Parker- Williams
Haines City High School
Attending: Univ. South Florida
Major: Business Administration
Mentor: Rochell Young



Robyn Williams

Parents: Miranda Crayton
Harrison School for the Arts
Attending: Florida A & M Univ.
Major: Nursing
Mentor: Theanita McGraw

Departing Scholars



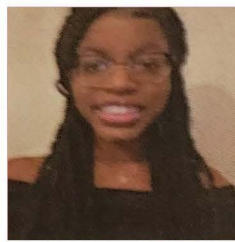
Belinda Augustin
Haines City HS
Stetson University-Nursing
Mentor:
Dr. Joan McLeod-Omawale



Eyanna Garcia
Haines City HS
Valencia College-Nursing
Mentor-Ana Downs



Daneek Grant
Liberty HS
Valencia College-Sonographer
Mentor-Debra Gates



Kasani Haskins
Haines City HS
University of Florida
Education Sciences
Mentor-Dr. MaryAnn Wilkey



Danielle Jackson
Haines City HS
University of Southern
Florida-Paralegal
Mentor-Christine Jefferies



Shaniyah Amarie Jackson
Liberty HS
Florida International
University-Psychology
Mentor-Dr. Del Gillisple



Shenica Jerome
Liberty HS
University of South Florida
Gynecologist/Obstetrician
Mentor-Raymonde Dimanche



Veronica Valunas
Liberty HS
Advent Health University
MS/Biomedical Science
Mentor-Sheila Haire

Departing Scholars

2023

Book Awards

2023



Ramiyah Anglin

Ridge Community High School
Bethune Cookman University
Aspiration: Pediatrician
Mentor: Dr. Marilyn Gaston



Amanda Charana

Ridge Community High School
Florida Southern University
Aspiration: Veterinarian
Mentor: Claudia Byrd-Day



Taylor Hylton

Poinciana High School
University of North Florida
Aspiration: Army Nurse
Mentor: Bernice Dillard



Destiny Jennings

Liberty High School
University of Florida
Aspiration: Nurse Practitioner
Mentor: Dr. Sharon Thomas



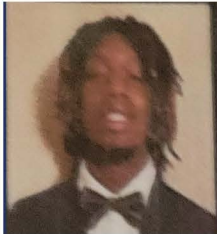
Ge'Niya Lewter

Lakeland High School
University of South Florida
Aspiration: Dance/Kinesiology
Mentor: Jaqueline Jones

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Son of Nellie Loguerre
Poinciana HS-3.2 GPA
University of North Florida
Aspiration: Social Worker
Mentor: Edward "Rick" Bowles



Zion McPhaul

Daughter of Ronterrious & Shekisha McPhaul
Winter Haven HS-3.8 GPA
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Aspiration: Nursing
Mentor: Victoria Champion



Trinity Miller

Daughter of Randy Bennett & Shenika Brown
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Aspiration: Registered Nurse
Mentor: Josephine Hollins



Brianna Oliver

Daughter of Bernard & Marlyn Oliver
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Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Aspiration: Business Major & Psychologist
Mentor: Princess Ramos



Leah Rodriguez

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Poinciana HS-4.0 GPA
University of Florida
Aspiration: Psychiatrist
Mentor: Idalia Pons Velez

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Angelo Fils Aime

New Dimension High School
Ohio State University
Aspirations: Social Therapist
Mentor: Dr. Kadeem Campbell



Ashlee Aurelien

New Dimension High School
University of South Florida
Aspirations: Doctor, own a clinical practice
Mentor: Claudette Benjamin



Adama Camara

Haines City High School
University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Neurologist or Cardiologist
Mentor: Claudette Benjamin



Awa Camara

Haines City High School
University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Dentist
Mentor: Denise Archibald



Jasmine Charles

Haines City High School
University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Psychologist
Mentor: Eugenia Young



Edwin Garcia

Haines City High School
Florida Atlantic University
Aspirations: Water Treatment Scientist
Mentor: Ray Ramos

2024 Book Awards



Nehemiah Ives

College Collegiate High School
Florida International University
Aspirations: Pathologist
Mentor: Rochelle Young



Tiger Jackson

Haines City High School
University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Nurse Practitioner
Mentor: Dr. Council Miller



Cachet Kirkland

Harrison School for the Arts
Savannah College of Art & Design
Aspirations: Film director/writer/
cinematographer
Mentor: Yvette White



Keenan Lewis

Poinciana High School
Howard University
Aspirations: Accountant,
Financial Analyst, Actuary
Mentor: Marcus Barnette



J'Kayla McCree

Chain of Lakes Collegiate High School
Florida A&M University
Aspirations: Lawyer
Mentor: Dariel Janerette



Bricy Noel

Haines City High School
University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Travel Nurse & Business Owner
Mentor: Joe Andrades

2025 Book Awards



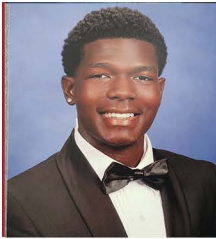
Qayla Bailey

Winter Haven High School
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Aspirations: Airline Pilot
Mentor: Theresa Copeland



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Polk State Lakeland Gateway to College
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Aspirations: Veterinarian Medicine
Mentor: Joyce Bowles



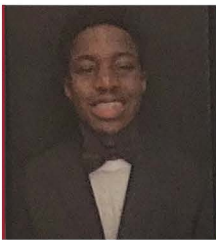
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University of Central Florida
Aspirations: Cybersecurity
Mentor: John Austin



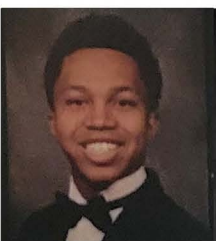
Sarah Lubin

Haines City High School
Florida International University
Aspirations: Elementary Education
Mentor: Dr. Jan Jennings



Jahvony Vital

Lake Region High School
University of South Florida
Aspirations: Engineering
Mentor: Gregory Crosby



Wilmer Miranda

Haines City High School
University of Florida
Aspirations: Psychology
Mentor: Kevin Lee

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Typhany White

Neocity Academy High School
Florida State University
Aspirations: Theology
Mentor: Betty Myers



Floraliz Garcia

Haines City High School
University of South Florida
Aspirations: Accounting
Mentor: Nancy Figueroa-Galarza



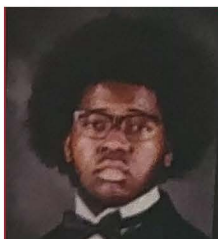
Niaina McClain

Florida Virtual High School
University of Oklahoma
Aspirations: Veterinarian Medicine
Mentor: Edna Gee



Hannah Young

Haines City High School
Florida International University
Aspirations: International Relations
Mentor: Jenny Suarez



Tariko Satterfield, Jr.

Davenport High School
Florida State University
Aspirations: Music
Mentor: Wayne Tolliver



Mallory Paul

Poinciana High School
Florida A&M University
Aspirations: Law/Medicine
Mentor: Kester Crosse

Post-Graduate Awards



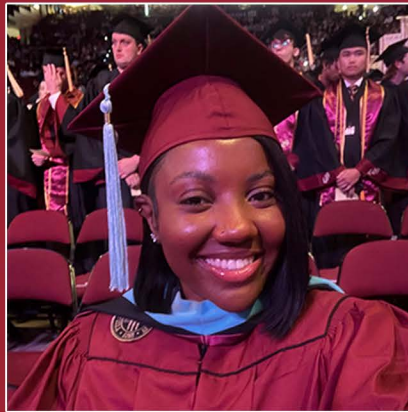
In 2023, we instituted a program to provide financial support for SAHCCEFI Scholars seeking post-graduate degrees. This initiative, funded by the Yancy Family, provided four \$3,000.00 awards in 2023, three \$5,000.00 in 2024, three \$4,000.00 awards in 2025 and three \$4,000.00 awards in 2026.

We thank the Yancy Family for their generosity.

- **Kworweinski LaFontant** is pursuing a PhD in Kinesiology at the University of Central Florida in May 2027.
- **Jordynn Johnson** We congratulate these scholars and wish them continued success with their advanced degrees.
- **Arthur Ephraim** is second year medical student at Howard University School of Medicine.



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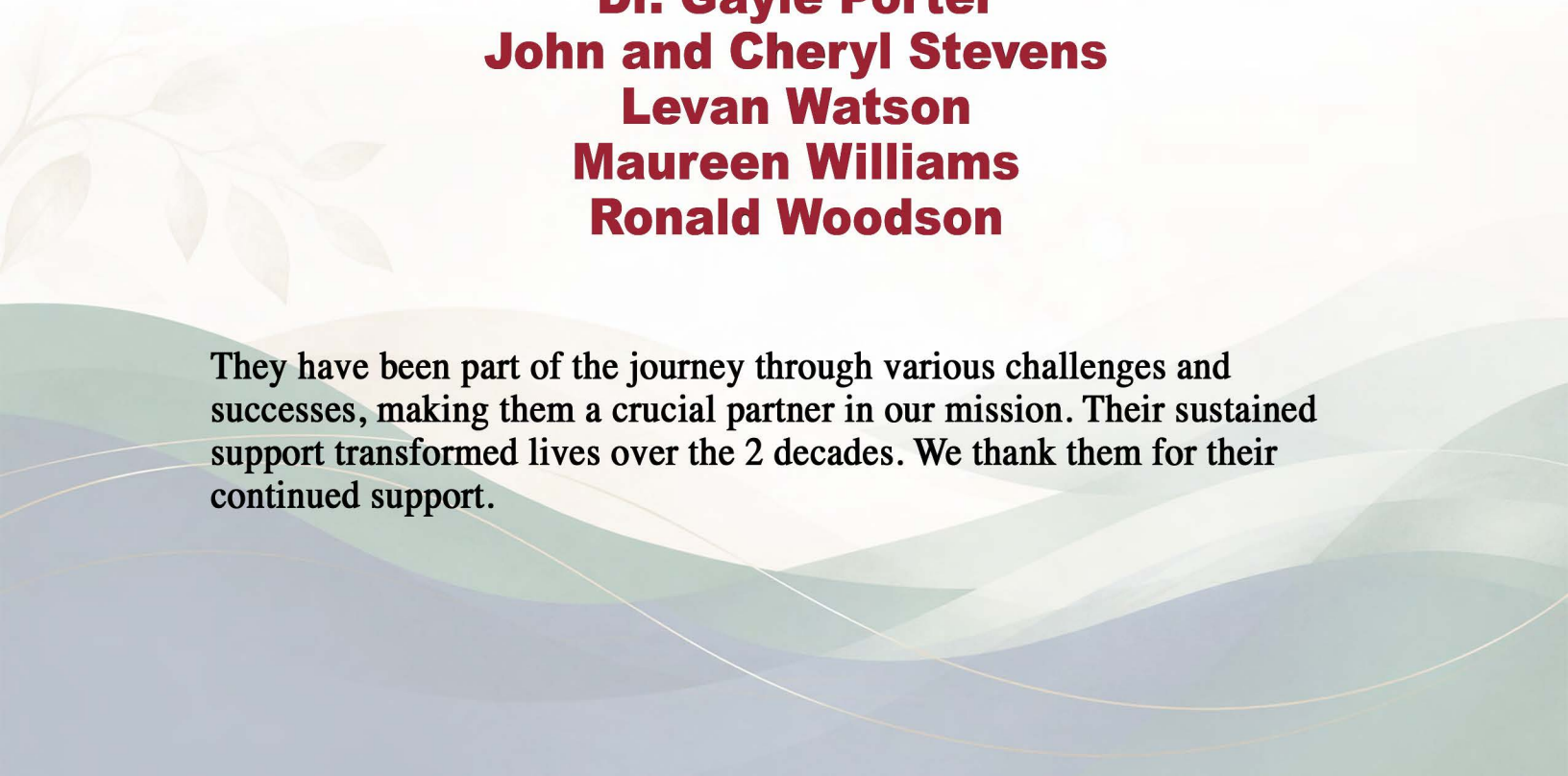


Salute to *Twenty Years of Giving*



With sincere gratitude and appreciation, we list below those who have supported our SAHCCEFI Scholarship Program since its inception in 2006.

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They have been part of the journey through various challenges and successes, making them a crucial partner in our mission. Their sustained support transformed lives over the 2 decades. We thank them for their continued support.

Tribute

to Lois Duncan

Today, we honor Dr. Lois Duncan with profound gratitude, deep affection, and the highest respect for her extraordinary leadership of the Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club Educational Fund, Inc. ("The Fund") over the past twenty years. Her service has been far more than a position of leadership; it has been a ministry of vision, tenacity, sacrifice, unwavering commitment, and heartfelt compassion.

Through her steady guidance and her exceptional ability to build and nurture a caring, purposeful team, Dr. Duncan has helped transform hope into attainable success for countless young people. Because of her dedication, "The Fund" has provided over one hundred students with the financial support needed to attend college and university, thereby changing the course of lives, families, and futures. In addition, Dr. Duncan's leadership of the scholarship program benefited board members and donors by providing them with the opportunity to connect with the community and contribute to the welfare of promising high school graduates in furthering their education.

The true measure of leadership is found in its lasting impact, and in Dr. Duncan's case, that impact is both remarkable and enduring. When we look back over these twenty years of outstanding service, this truth echoes in our minds and hearts: "A tree is known by the fruit it bears." The fruit of her labor is visible in the organization she led and students who have completed their undergraduate education and gone forward to becoming doctors, educators, and CPAs. These achievements stand as a living and lasting testimony to her character, her faith, her perseverance, and her belief in the promise and potential of others.

Dr. Duncan's legacy is not simply in the scholarships awarded, but in the dreams, she helped make possible, the doors she helped open, and the generations she has inspired through her selfless service. She has led with grace, served with humility, and given of herself in ways that have left an indelible mark on this organization and on all who have been blessed to witness her work.

As she now moves forward to her next life assignment, with thankful hearts, we celebrate all that she has accomplished and all that she has meant to so many. May God continue to bless Dr. Lois Duncan abundantly, surround her with peace and joy, and reward her for the beautiful seeds she has sown, which will continue to bear fruit for years to come. There is an old "Negro" spiritual that says, "Let the work I have done speak for me. Let the work I have done speak for me. As I travel on this tedious journey, let the work I have done speak for me." Let it be known that Dr. Lois Duncan's work speaks eloquently of her. To God be the Glory.

Tribute



Scholarship Program



Goals



- Define purpose of program
- Identify geographic boundaries for eligibility
- Determine criteria for applying
- Decide guidelines for acceptance
- Seek support from school officials
- Ascertain contents of application package
- Detail amount of scholarship
- Choose items to be considered as part of Application Packet
- Select who will receive/collect applications and due date

Application Form



- Applicant Information: name, parents' names, home address, email address, home and cell phone #s, high school of attendance
- School Information: Grade Point Average, favorite subject, career aspirations, name of college or university planning to attend, list of participation in extra-curricular activities and community activities

Application Package

- Application Form
- Official Transcript
- Letter of Reference
- Essay

Beginning Process

- Publicize the scholarship availability
- Print out scholarship applications with cover letters of explanation
- Visit schools to deliver
- Post signs in libraries, stores, churches, YMCA's,

Selection Process

- Collect all applications on day after deadline
- Organize committee to review each application
- Rank applications
- Arrange zoom interviews
- Pick top ones

Notification

- Inform winners by phone
- Follow-up letter of congratulations
- Collect Agreement Forms and formal photos
- Take photos, send to newspapers

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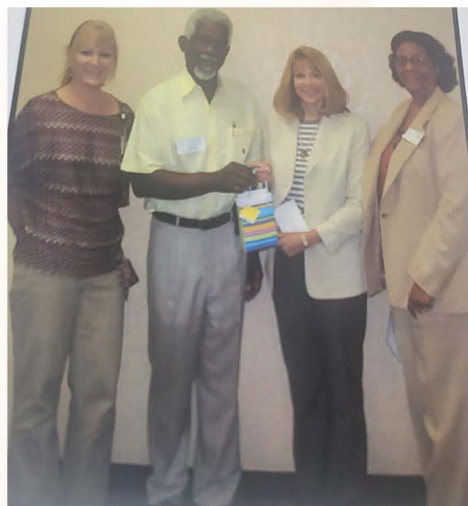
**Our goal is to help local students get
to college, stay in college, and
stay connected to their community**

**SAHCCEF scholarships include funding and ongoing support.
Each scholar is matched with a mentor and invited to take part
in programs that build confidence, skills, and connection.**



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About SAHCCEF

SAHCCEF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing scholarships, mentoring, mini-grants, and cultural enrichment to students in Polk and Osceola Counties. Since 2006, we have supported more than 46 students and distributed more than \$159,000 in financial aid.

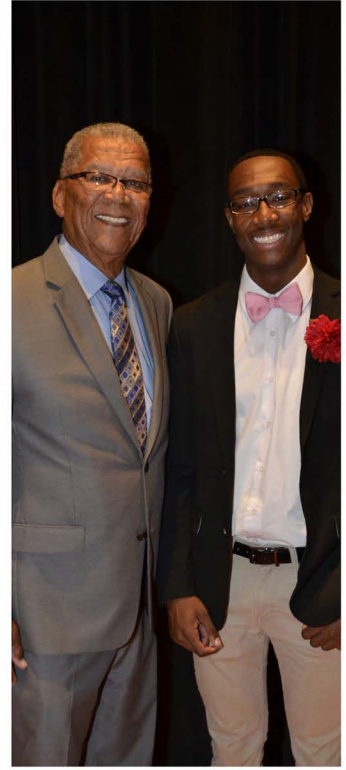
SAHCCEF began in 2006 as a committee of the Solivita African Heritage and Cultural Club (AHCC), formed to address the educational needs of students in the surrounding community. Two years later, in 2008, the organization incorporated as an independent nonprofit under Florida law, formalizing its mission to provide college scholarships, mentoring, mini-grants, and cultural enrichment to students in Polk and Osceola Counties.

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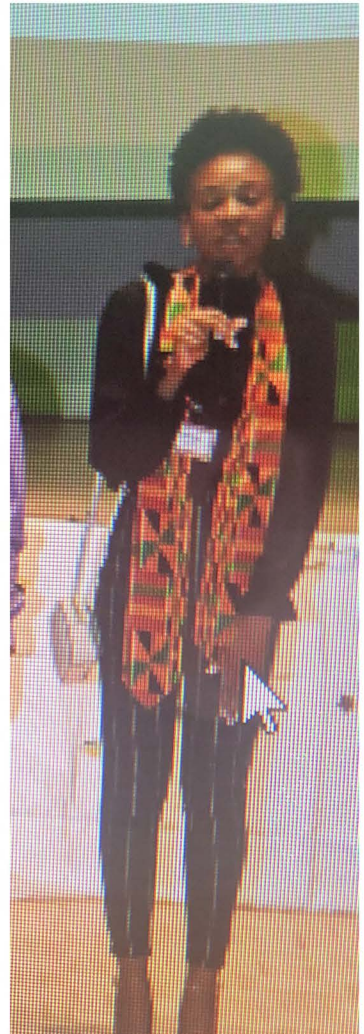
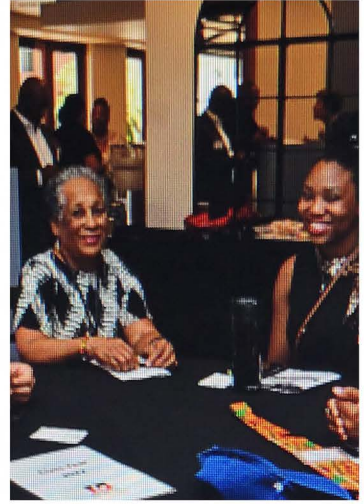
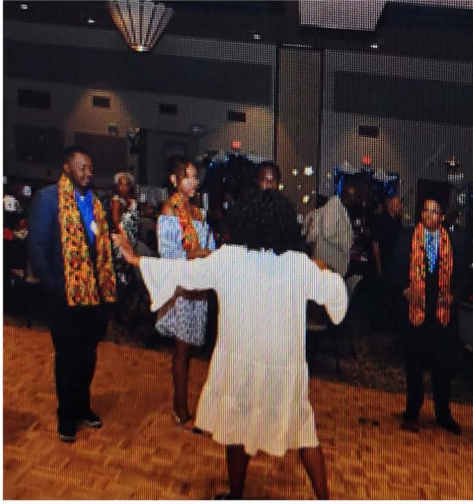
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