

25th ANNIVERSARY and Scholarship AWARDS Celebration

*A Silver Journey of Nurturing Students to Success -
Honoring Our Legacy. Celebrating Our Impact.
Inspiring The Future.*

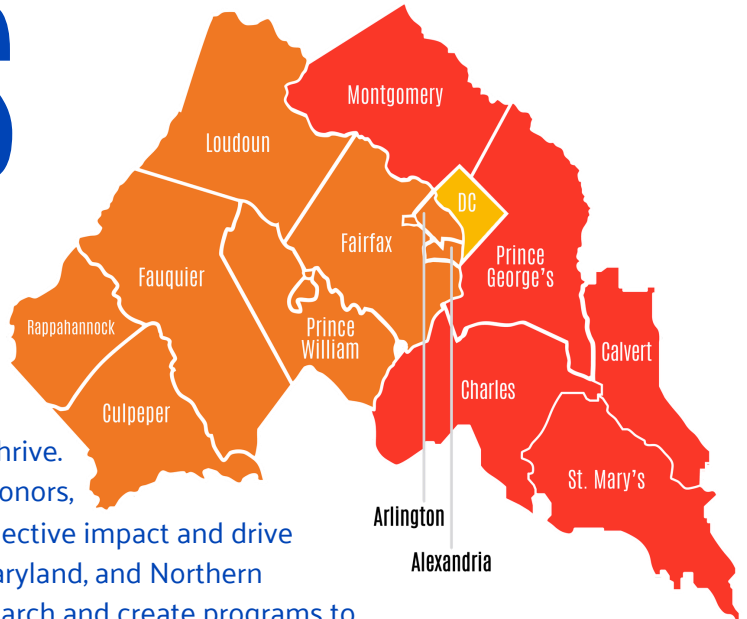


**JUNE 28, 2026 | 3:00PM
CALVERT HIGH SCHOOL
520 FOX RUN BLVD
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678**



UNITED WAY
of the National
Capital Area

UNITED IS THE WAY



United Way NCA mobilizes our community so all can thrive. Each year, hundreds of corporate partners, individual donors, volunteers, and local nonprofits collaborate to lead collective impact and drive measurable change across the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Our dedicated staff and partners conduct research and create programs to focus resources on the greatest needs within our communities.



Healthy Community

United Way NCA promotes wellness by providing physical, nutritional, and mental health resources and by removing systemic barriers.



Youth Opportunity

United Way NCA is committed to supporting Title I schools to support students from middle school onward.



Financial Security

United Way NCA, through our Financial Empowerment Centers, removes barriers to a range of financial services.

ALICE in Southern Maryland

30%

of households in Southern Maryland's **Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties** live below the ALICE Threshold

ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) Families make more than the Federal Poverty Level but below the cost of living in our region. ALICE Families work but still struggle to make ends meet.



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LEAP FORWARD INC.
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECEPTION
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Donors, Scholars, Families, Supporters, Board Members, Sponsors, and Friends,

Welcome to the 2026 LEAP Forward Inc. Scholarship Awards Program and the celebration of our 25th Anniversary.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I thank each of you for your unwavering support throughout our 25+ years as an official nonprofit organization. Our journey began in 1997 with college tours and expanded in 1998 with scholarships. What started as a vision has grown into a lasting legacy of opportunity, service, and impact within our community.

We have not reached this milestone alone. Your prayers, kindness, generosity, commitment, and belief in our mission—and in our youth—have made all the difference.

As I reflect on this journey, I often ask:

"How do you get to 25 years?"

You get there by:

- Remembering how God started the vision
- Trusting Him every step of the way
- Remaining grateful in all circumstances
- Serving, teaching, and uplifting others
- Stretching resources while holding on to faith
- Listening, learning, and growing
- Sacrificing time, talents, and treasures
- Stepping in even when it's not your role
- Bringing others along on the journey
- Celebrating both small and great successes
- Begging as there is no shame if you have a need
- Standing firm, staying committed, and remaining steady
- Saying "yes" when you really need to say "no"
- Being rooted in something other and deeper than yourself
- Giving back—and giving God all the glory

Most importantly, we stand here today profoundly grateful, knowing that this milestone belongs to God and to the incredible community He has encircled around us. It is not by our strength alone that we have come this far. We recognize God as the ultimate source, who establishes the work of our hands and walks beside us every step of the way (Psalm 90:17). Yet, His provision came to life through the vital partnerships, sacrifice, and overwhelming generosity of our donors and supporters. By locking hands with Him, with each other and LEAP Forward, your faithful support and generous contributions have become the very tools God used to fulfill this mission.

To our 66 Scholars: You are the reason we do this work. As you move forward, may you discover the purpose God has prepared for you. Be bold in your faith, committed to your growth, and generous in your giving back.

To our Support Village: As we celebrate 25 years of impact, we are reminded that this is not the end of the journey—it is only the center of even greater things to come. Together, we will continue to lift, inspire, and create opportunities for the next generation.

Thank you! Sixty-nine scholarships totaling \$121,000 (\$1500-\$3500 awards).

As I preach to myself: May we never lose sight of the mission, never grow weary in well doing, and never forget that with God, all things are possible.

“Leaping Forward Together”

With sincere gratitude and continued faith,

Rhonda Thomas

President, LEAP Forward Inc.



To God Be All the Glory

PROGRAM

LEAP Forward Inc. 25th Anniversary Celebration

Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence and Impact

*A Silver Journey of Nurturing Students to Success—
Honoring Our Legacy. Celebrating Our Impact. Inspiring The Future.*

Atrium

Scholar Career Exploration

Opening Ceremonies – Mistress of Ceremonies - Ms. Chandrai Jackson-Saunders

- Welcome Address
- Opening Prayer
- Occasion
- Vocal/Instrumental Interlude – Ms. Taylor Pratt (Scholarship recipient)

Reflections & Visions

- A Look Back: Interview with the First LEAPer – Mr. Gordon Taylor, District Manager
- Testimonies: Donor Families & Scholarship Recipients
- **Keynote Address – Mr. Khalil Lee**
Native Washingtonian Scholar Congressional Speechwriter

Intermission / Transition to Dinner

Cafeteria

Evening Reception & Awards

- Blessing of the Food & Dinner
- Scholarship Presentations
- LEAP Founder's Closing Remarks – Ms. Rhonda Thomas
- Closing Prayer

Thank you All for celebrating our 25th Anniversary with us. God Bless You!

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



**Bill and Blanche Finch
Memorial Scholarship**

Aneesa Azar

Major: Biology
Bowie State University
Thomas Stone High School



**Bill and Blanche Finch
Memorial Scholarship**

Kylee Sims

Major: Pre-Medical Studies
Thomas Jefferson University
Northern High School



**Calvert County Branch of
the NAACP**

Victoria Schreffler

Major: Biology
Pennsylvania State
University
Northern High School



**Carrie Bertha Jones and
Clyde Jones Memorial
Scholarship**

Madison Harris

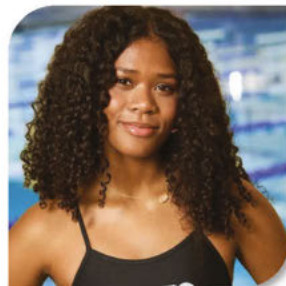
Major: Business
Bowie State University
Calvert High School



**Carroll and Evangeline
Wills Memorial
Scholarship**

Na'Taliya Young

Major: Nursing
Southern University A&M
College
Great Mills High School



**Clyde and Olive Sealey
Memorial Scholarship**

Laila Umrani-Sanders

Major: Nursing
Stevenson University
Huntingtown High School



**Dorothy Mae Smith
Memorial Scholarship**

Brianna Reynolds

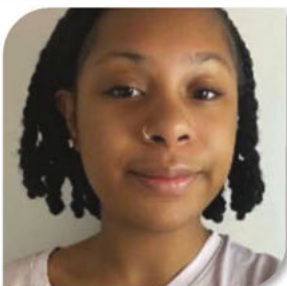
Major: Dance
Alabama State University
Bishop McNamara High
School



**Dorothy Mae Smith
Memorial Scholarship**

Karmen Pompey

**Major: Business
Management**
Towson University
Mercy High School



**Dorothy Randolph
Menchan Memorial
Scholarship**

Taylor Pratt

Major: Musical Theatre
St. Mary's College of
Maryland
Calvert High School



**Dorothy Randolph Menchan
Memorial Scholarship**

Shaniya Love

**Major: Elementary
Education**
Morgan State University
Meade Senior High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



**Gladys Henson
Memorial Scholarship**
Keyona Tharpe

**Major: Business
Administration**
North Carolina Central
University
Suitland High School



**Gladys Henson
Memorial Scholarship**
Peyton De la Cruz

**Major: Broadcasting
Journalism**
Temple University
District of Columbia
High School



**Gloria Mae Gross
Memorial Scholarship**
Tristan Stowe

Major: Nursing
West Virginia University
Patuxent High School



**Gloria Mae Gross
Memorial Scholarship**
Seth Leslie

**Major: Computer
Science**
University of Maryland:
Baltimore County
Calvert High School



**Gloria Mae Gross
Memorial Scholarship**
Sekai Manley

**Major: Pharmaceutical
Sciences**
Hampton University
Huntingtown High
School



**Grace Parker Memorial
Scholarship**
Makaya Lancaster

Major: Criminology
Howard University
Calvert High School



**Grace Parker
Memorial Scholarship**
Vidal Bickersteth

**Major: Computer
Science**
University of Maryland
at Baltimore County
Charles Herbert
Flowers High School



**Hamilton Sr. and Alice
Parran Memorial
Scholarship**
Morgan Parran

Major: Public Health
Towson University
Calvert High School



**Hamilton Sr. and Alice
Parran Memorial
Scholarship**
Taylor Pratt

Major: Musical Theatre
St. Mary's College of
Maryland
Calvert High School



**Hamilton Sr. and Alice
Parran Memorial
Scholarship**
Michayla Jackson

Major: Finance
Morgan State University
Patuxent High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



**Earl Thorne Memorial
Scholarship**

Kennedi Jones

**Major: Computer Science
& Mathematics**
Hood College
Huntingtown High School



**Elizabeth Simms Memorial
Scholarship (B)**

Jessica Hall

Major: Cybersecurity
Morgan State University
Northern High School



**Elizabeth Simms Memorial
Scholarship**

Dylan Payne

**Major: Information
Systems**
Morgan State University
Mount Saint Joseph High
School



**Evelyn Irvine Memorial
Scholarship**

Jocelyn Berry

**Major: Learning Design &
Technology**
University of Maryland Global
Campus
St. Mary's Ryken



**Gail E. Patterson Memorial
Scholarship**

Naomi Boldon

Major: Neuroscience
University of Maryland,
College Park
Baltimore City College High
School



**George and Geneva Green
Harrod Memorial
Scholarship**

Saniyah Willett

Major: Forensic Chemistry
Towson University
Calvert High School



**George and Geneva Green
Harrod Memorial
Scholarship**

Sydney Prince

Major: Criminology
Davis & Elkins College
Northern High School



**George and Geneva Green
Harrod Memorial
Scholarship**

Jocelyn Berry

**Major: Learning Design &
Technology**
University of Maryland Global
Campus
St. Mary's Ryken



**George and Geneva Green
Harrod Memorial
Scholarship**

Randolph J. Hart IV

Major: Criminal Justice
Lincoln University of PA
Henry E.Lackey High School



**Geraldine Delores
Whittington Memorial
Scholarship**

Amari Edmonds

**Major: Cyber Operations
Engineering**
Bowie State University
Thomas Stone High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



Iris Anne Harris Memorial Scholarship

Zaniyah Bush

Major: Instrumental Music Education
East Carolina University
Chopticon High School



Joan Gray Butler Scholarship

Seth Leslie

Major: Computer Science
University of Maryland,
Baltimore County
Calvert High School



Lawrence Myers Memorial Scholarship

Rebekah Bobo

Major: Music
Morgan State University
Suitland High School



MacArthur Jones Memorial Scholarship

Bryce Cooksey

Major: Aviation
Hampton University
Northern High School



Marilyn Preston Killingham Memorial Scholarship

Mirakohl Coates

Major: Broadcasting Journalism
Howard University
Northern High School



Marilyn Preston Killingham Memorial Scholarship

Isaiah Bobo

Major: Computer Science
Morgan State University
The Living Water School



Marilyn Preston Killingham Memorial Scholarship

Reece Hart

Major: Social Work
Johnson C. Smith University
Henry E. Lackey High School



Martin Barnes Scholarship Fund

Kevin Neale

Major: Biology
Morehouse College
Westlake High School



Martin Barnes Scholarship Fund

Duke Boateng

Major: Information Science
University of Maryland
Charles Flowers High School



Michael J. Moore Memorial Scholarship

Zarah Hawkins

Major: Psychology
Morgan State University
Northern High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



Morsell Legacy Scholarship

James Smith

Major: Computer Science
University of Maryland,
College Park
Thomas Stone High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (B)

Anthony Grady

Major: Mechanical Engineering
North Carolina A&T State University
St. Charles High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (B)

Lusenie Turay

Major: Information Science
University of Maryland,
College Park
Charles Herbert Flowers High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (B)

Dajah Hinmon

Major: Biology
Towson University
Great Mills High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (B)

Todd Waller

Major: Mechanical Engineering
College of Southern Maryland
Maryland
Thomas Stone High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (M)

Muhammad Bilal

Major: Computer Science
University of Maryland,
College Park
Charles Herbert Flowers High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (M)

Jahdane Thaxter

Major: Electrical Engineering
Louisiana State University
Great Mills High School



Morsell Legacy Scholarship (B)

Evan Brown

Major: Neuroscience
High Point University
Our Lady of Good Counsel High School



Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship (B)

Gavin Goldring

Major: Electrical Engineering
The Catholic University of America
Huntingtown High School



Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship

Lena Bell

Major: Psychology
College of Southern Maryland
Calvert High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



Russell Costley Memorial Scholarship

Emiley Ruffin

Major: Psychology
Virginia State University
Huntingtown High School



Russell Costley Memorial Scholarship

London Gray

Major: Criminal Justice
University of Maryland
Eastern Shore
Calvert High School



Ruth Reid Memorial Scholarship

Micah Estep

Major: ASL/English Interpreting
Bloomsburg University
Patuxent High School



The MasterMind Scholarship Fund

Boyan Jise Tiwang

Major: Data Science
University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
Charles Herbert Flowers High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship

Israel Felix

Major: Data Science
Bowie State University
Huntingtown High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship (M)

Jamar Gross

Major: Biology
Misericordia University
Northern High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship (M)

Samuel Leslie

Major: Cinematography
Stevenson University
Calvert High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship (M)

JaLeigha King

Major: Criminal Justice
Mount St. Mary's University
Patuxent High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship (M)

Johanna Wainwright

Major: Speech and Language Pathology
Old Dominion University
Patuxent High School



The Thomas Family Scholarship (M)

Kai Jones

Major: Accounting
Indiana University of Pennsylvania
DeMatha Catholic High School

2026 RECIPIENTS (SCHOLARS)



**Victoria Lodge #71
Scholarship**

Zoey King

Major: Sociology
University of Maryland
Eastern Shore
Huntingtown High School



**Violet Parker Memorial
Scholarship**

Maximus Salawu

**Major: Electrical
Engineering**
Princeton University
Charles Herbert Flowers High
School



**Violet Parker Memorial
Scholarship**

Sanaa Gray

**Major: Business
Administration**
Bowie State University
Calvert High School



**Vivian Lemort Rogers
Memorial Scholarship**

Rania A. Amin

**Major: Mass
Communications
(Journalism)**
Towson University
Baltimore Leadership School



**Wallace Leeper Memorial
Scholarship**

Harmony McClane

**Major: Architecture and
Environmental Design**
Morgan State University
Great Mills High School



**Wallace Leeper Memorial
Scholarship**

Sydney Cooksey

Major: Marketing
Morgan State University
Northern High School



**Wilson Ennis Sr. Memorial
Scholarship**

Kennedi Hunt

Major: Civil Engineering
North Carolina A&T State
University
Baltimore Polytechnic
Institute



**Wilson Ennis Sr. Memorial
Scholarship**

Humayrah Williams

Major: Biology
College of Southern Maryland
Westlake High School



**Wilson Ennis Sr. Memorial
Scholarship (B)**

**Thomas Quincy
Quattlebaum**

**Major: Mechanical
Engineering**
Howard University
The Calverton School

● (B) Matching funds provided by Battelle for STEM majors

● (M) Funds provided by Mallory & Associates

The Impact of Your Investment: Scholar Voices and Aspirations

Your generosity continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of our scholars. Because of your support, students are not only able to pursue higher education—they are empowered to dream boldly, overcome barriers, and create meaningful change within their communities.

For many of our scholars, receiving financial support is life-changing. One student reflected, *“The first scholarship I ever received came from my local NSBE Jr. LEAP Forward Chapter. This current scholarship would allow me to complete my final year without financial strain and honor the sacrifices of my family and community.”*

Another scholar shared the reality of funding their education independently: *“I have saved money from work, past savings, and earned merit scholarships due to my grades. Those things have helped me, but since I am paying for college on my own, scholarship money from any program would put me in a better financial position.”*

These voices remind us that behind every award is not just a student, but a story of perseverance, responsibility, and determination.

Our scholars represent a wide range of passions and academic pursuits, yet they are united by a common desire: to make a difference.

Some are drawn to **service-oriented careers** rooted in compassion and care. One aspiring nurse shared, *“Nursing is not a job where you can simply clock in, sit, put in minimum effort, and clock out. You see people on their worst days. As a nurse, you have to pour your heart and soul into helping people recover. Ever since I was little, it has been my dream to make a difference in the world.”*

Another future healthcare provider, currently preparing for medical school, expressed a commitment not just to treating illness, but to leadership and mentorship: *“I want to use my education, experiences, and personal story to make a lasting impact, especially on those from less fortunate neighborhoods who often face barriers to success.”*

Others are focused on **advocacy and systemic change**. One scholar described a vision grounded in purpose: *“My goals are rooted in wanting a meaningful and sustainable career where I can help people and express creativity. I am considering paths in law or public health policy, where I can advocate for communities and contribute to real, systemic change.”*

Innovation and problem-solving also drive many of our students. Future engineers and technologists are preparing to tackle some of the world’s greatest challenges. One aspiring mechanical engineer shared an interest in *“developing sustainable technologies, including renewable energy systems and cleaner industrial processes, with the goal of reducing environmental impact while improving everyday life.”*

The Impact of Your Investment: Scholar Voices and Aspirations

A computer science student reflected on a lifelong passion for technology, adding, *“My long-term goal is to build accessible educational software that makes learning engaging and available to everyone, regardless of background.”*

Several scholars are already thinking beyond their careers, envisioning **ways to uplift others**. One student highlighted the growing challenges of the digital divide: *“Technology is advancing faster than many older adults can adapt. My goal is to eventually develop a nonprofit organization that provides training and support for the aging population, especially in the communities where I grew up.”*

Dreams also take flight in more literal ways. One scholar pursuing aviation shared a lifelong passion: *“I have been captivated with flying since I was young and plan to pursue a career as a commercial pilot. I am currently working toward my private pilot license, and college will allow me to fully pursue this path.”*

Creative and business-minded ambitions are equally present. One student pursuing brand marketing expressed gratitude by stating, *“Your investment in my education is not just helping me get a degree—it is helping me create a solid foundation for my family and turn my dreams into reality.”*

And for some, the impact is deeply personal. One future educator shared a powerful motivation shaped by lived experience: *“Growing up, I never had a teacher who fully recognized my needs. That experience shaped the kind of educator I want to become. I want to be the teacher who shows up for students, listens, and creates an environment where they feel valued and capable of success.”*

These stories represent more than aspirations—they reflect a generation of leaders, innovators, caregivers, and advocates who are committed to making a difference.

Because of you, our scholars are not limited by circumstance. They are equipped with opportunity, strengthened by support, and inspired to give back in ways that will impact countless others.

As you reflect on these voices, we invite you to continue supporting and uplifting our scholars—not only through your generosity, but also through your thoughts and encouragement. Their journeys are just beginning, and the ripple effect of your investment will be felt for years to come.

Thank you for helping turn dreams into reality.

SCHOLARSHIPS in Memory of and in Appreciation of –



**Bill and Blanche
Finch Memorial
Scholarship**



**Carrie Bertha and
Clyde Jones
Memorial Scholarship**



**Carroll and
Evangeline Wills
Memorial Scholarship**



**Clifton Morsell and
Randolph Adams
Memorial Scholarship**



**Clyde and Olive
Sealey Memorial
Scholarship**



**Dorothy Randolph
Menchan Memorial
Scholarship**



**Dorothy Mae Smith
Memorial Scholarship**



**Earl Thorne Memorial
Scholarship**



**Elizabeth Simms
Memorial Scholarship**



**Evelyn Irvine
Memorial Scholarship**



**Gail E. Patterson
Memorial Scholarship**



**George and Geneva
Green Harrod
Memorial Scholarship**



**Gloria Mae Gross
Memorial Scholarship**



**Geraldine Delores
Whittington memorial
Scholarship**



**Gladys Henson
Memorial Scholarship**



**Iris Anne Harris
Memorial Scholarship**



**Joan Gray Butler
Memorial Scholarship**



**Grace Parker
Memorial Scholarship**

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MacArthur Jones
Memorial
Scholarship



Marilyn Preston
Killingham Memorial
Scholarship



Martin Barnes
Memorial Scholarship



Michael J. Moore
Memorial Scholarship



NAACP Branch 7011
Calvert County
Scholarship



Raymond Harris
Memorial Scholarship



Russell Costley
Memorial Scholarship



Ruth Reid Memorial
Scholarship



Victoria Lodge #71
Scholarship



The MasterMind
Scholarship



The Thomas Family
Scholarship



Wallace Leeper
Memorial Scholarship
“LEAP Forward’s
Inspiration”



Violet Parker
Memorial Scholarship



Vivan Lemort Rogers
Memorial Scholarship



Hamilton and Alice
Parran Memorial
Scholarship



Wilson Ennis Sr.
Memorial Scholarship

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate the families, organizations, patrons, sponsors, donors, and corporations whose generosity made this moment possible. Because of you, **sixty-nine (69) scholarships—totaling \$121,000**—have been awarded, opening doors and transforming lives. Your kindness is a powerful reminder of what we can achieve together. We thank you all, and above all, we give God all the glory for guiding us to this remarkable milestone anniversary year.

Leaping Forward Together

Creative and Striving Hard to Succeed National Society of Black Engineers Jr. Chapter

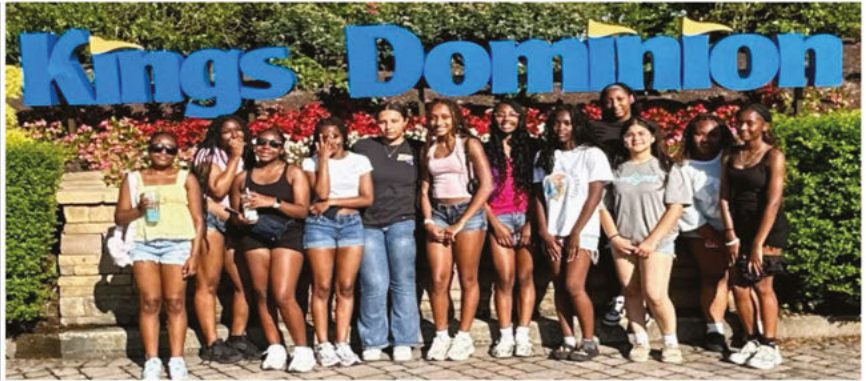
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**SHE IS BEAUTIFUL.
SHE IS INTELLIGENT.
SHE IS RESILIENT.
SHE IS PASSIONATE.
SHE IS ME.**



Leaping Forward Together
Cultural Awareness Exhibits
Thank You Maryland Humanities



In Loving Memory

Celebrating Lives of Service, Faith, and Impact

Sometimes we must pause and reflect on our journey and those who walked beside us — giving, serving, and uplifting others simply because they cared.

Today, we honor three remarkable souls whose legacy of generosity, kindness, and unwavering support continues through LEAP Forward, Inc.

Yvonne Wills

March 11, 1931 – January 30, 2026



A devoted supporter and financial contributor, Yvonne never missed an opportunity to give. She poured not only resources into LEAP Forward, but also her prayers, encouragement, and pride in every milestone.

Henry Nicholes

November 4, 1965 - March 28, 2026



Henry was a true pillar of support—serving as a coach, instructor, and always stepping in wherever needed. He embodied the spirit of 'whatever it takes' and his devotion to our STEM program was truly invaluable.

Regina Howard

February 22, 1962 – April 17, 2026



Regina, a gentle soul, helped open doors that changed our path—securing our very first \$20,000 grant through her home church. As a faithful volunteer she offered her time and support whenever and wherever it was needed.

Their Legacy

Though they are no longer with us, their legacy lives on in every life touched, every goal achieved, and every dream realized through LEAP Forward, Inc.

We are forever grateful. We will never forget.



Our mission is to build trusted partnerships, offer tailored solutions, and provide exceptional service to ensure the success of our customers.

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anniversary and its scholarship
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✦ recipient! ✦
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GIVES OUR HEARTFELT **THANKS**

to **United Way of National Capital Area**
for the grant opportunity
to support our 2026 Scholarship Reception,
CASH NSBE Jr., Destined4Success
and Education Support.



We are Grateful 



2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECEPTION

Celebrating academic
achievement and
investing in the leaders
of tomorrow.



CASH NSBE Jr.

Our STEM program
inspiring and preparing
youth to explore,
engineer and excel
in STEM careers.



DESTINED4SUCCESS

Inspiring youth to
dream big, set goals,
and achieve their
full potential.



EDUCATION SUPPORT

Providing resources and
opportunities that
promote and support
student success.

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and Congratulates the

*2026 Scholarship Recipients

*NSBE Jr. C.A.S.H. Chapter

*Destined "4" Success Mentoring

*Cultural History Awareness Programs



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Violet Parker and Elizabeth Simms

Grace Parker and Violet Parker



Dorothy Smith



ParkerSimms Management Solutions, LLC

President and CEO, Rhonda Thomas, PMP

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NAACP CALVERT BRANCH

Proudly Congratulates
LEAP FORWARD, INC.

NAACP Calvert Branch proudly congratulates Leap Forward, Inc. for **25 years** of outstanding commitment to changing the lives of young people through education, mentorship, and opportunity.



on 25 Years of Service!

Thank you for 25 years of making a difference!

By providing scholarships and support, you are empowering students to pursue their dreams, reach their full potential, and build brighter futures.

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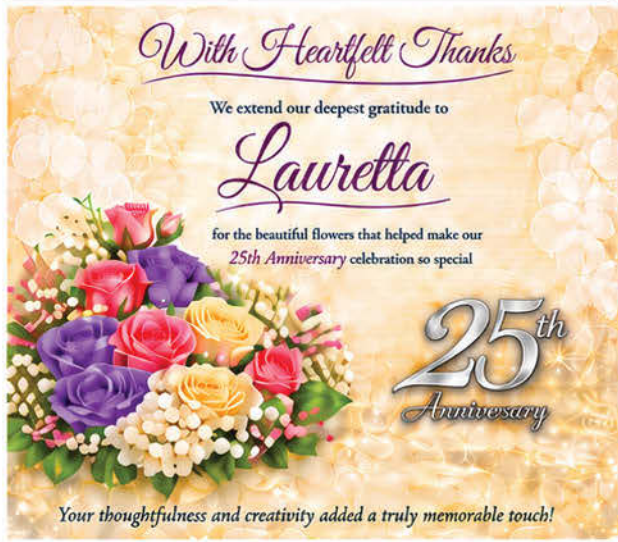
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1935-1978

LEAP Forward, Inc. honors the memory of one of the most outstanding counselors who served at Calvert High School in Calvert County, Maryland.

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper graduated from the Richmond, VA public schools and Virginia Union University (also in Richmond) with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He later received his Masters Degree in Guidance from Indiana State University. His teaching career started in Calvert County as a History and English Teacher at Brooks High School. He continued to work in the school system as a coach and guidance counselor at Calvert Senior High and the Calvert Vocational-Technical Center.

His greatest enjoyment in his work was being able to secure employment for students upon graduation and even for those who quit school for various reasons. He was particularly instrumental in helping students obtain entrance into college or other postgraduate schools.

Wallace Lorenzo Leeper was heavily involved with the Pax-Tenn program, which was a cooperative education program that provided minority students college funding and employment at the Patuxent Naval Air Station (now known as Naval Aviation Warfare Center) in Patuxent River, MD. More than 20 Calvert County students earned college engineering degrees and obtained engineering work positions through the Pax-Tenn program under Mr. Leeper's guidance.

A great number of people owe their successes in life to Wallace Lorenzo Leeper. He worked tirelessly to support students and provided an extremely personal touch to counseling. Truly a rare gift that is not prevalent in our school systems today. He really cared and it showed through his actions. What dedication! What sincerity!

Wallace Leeper is the inspiration behind our nonprofit, LEAP Forward, Inc. Surnamed in his honor. Wallace Lorenzo Leeper lived the motto "Each One - Reach One" and when he helped "one" to succeed, he looked for another.



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