

Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands

2017 Summer Newsletter



Donor and Program Highlight: CFVI Academic Scholarships



"It doesn't take a lot of money to give some help," says CFVI donor, Norma Levin. Ms. Levin is a long time supporter of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands and is the fund donor of the NSL Graduate Studies Fund, which was established at the Foundation more than 10 years ago.

2017 Scholarship Recipients and Donors

"As my 80th birthday approached thoughts of celebrating arose," said Levin. "To ask a few of my friends to join me at my favorite restaurant would cost around \$500 or more. Around that time, a good friend asked me If I knew anyone that could sponsor scholarships for local students, and in that moment, I decided- no dinner party." Her 80th - and 90th! - birthday came and went, but Ms. Levin continues to provide scholarships to students within the territory.

The NSL Graduate Studies Fund awards **\$2,000** to one student each year who is pursuing a graduate degree in humanities, social sciences or fine arts. Thanks to the generosity of donors like Ms. Levin, more Virgin Island students can pursue their dreams of higher education.

In 2017, CFVI awarded more than **\$100,000** in scholarships to students throughout the territory. Sponsored by First Bank VI, an annual awards reception celebrated scholarship and grant recipients, donors and community partners on August 3rd at the Prior-Jollek Courtyard at Antilles School.

(Names of scholarship recipients and awards are listed on page 4.)

Consider establishing a scholarship fund at CFVI! Contact our Development Director at katrinb@cfvi.net for more information.

CFVI and Daily News Collab!



We have some very exciting news! CFVI and the Daily News will be bringing you a new feature in the local paper which will highlight non profit organizations, donors, volunteers and beneficiaries within the Territory. This new section will feature profiles, wish lists/needs, events, and general philanthropic news and information to help connect members of the community

and reinvigorate the VI "Village." There will be more information to come! Know that your organization will have the opportunity to publicize information about its programs, needs and offerings. Contact us at general.info@cfvi.net to join our emailing list. Be the first to know about our upcoming initiatives!

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CFVI Now Accepting Applications for the Next Generations Scholars Program



NGSP Scholars

The Next Generation Scholars Program (NGSP) provides first generation college-bound students enrolled in one of the public schools on St. Thomas with the coaching and support necessary to help them achieve their dreams of higher education. NGSP is funded through the generosity of the Lana Vento Charitable Trust. Beginning as early as their freshman year, eligible Scholars are supported in high school and beyond to ensure success in college. The program works with parents, mentors, donors, school personnel, and educational institutions to prepare Scholars for higher education and success in life.

Applications are available at cfvi.fluidreview.com and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Fall Deadline: Sept. 22, 2017 | **Spring Deadline:** Feb. 23, 2018

Eligible applicants must:

- Be the first person in their immediate family to attend college (neither parent having received a four-year college degree from a traditional campus program, unless it was achieved while raising a family).
- Be enrolled in a public high school on St. Thomas.

Next Generation Scholars Program Celebrates Scholars at Closing Ceremony



NGSP Scholars; Brittany Brin, CFVI Communications and Programs Manager; Shanik George, NGSP Intern

The Next Generation Scholars Program (NGSP) Summer Institute is a program enhancement funded by the Kimelman Family Fund. The closing ceremony took place on August 12, 2017 at the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute. Students were joined with their parents and former NGSP members to celebrate the completion of the summer program.

Jenisha Stapleton, a former NGSP Scholar, was a guest speaker at the event. Stapleton encouraged the Scholars to always do their best and to use the resources that are available to them. As a junior at the Bryn Mawr College, Stapleton is appreciative of the support she received as a member and now mentor of the Next Generation Scholars Program.

Scholars moved attendees to tears, as they shared stories about life lessons and experiences within their personal essays. Students also presented their poster board projects to attendees with their career and college choices, including information about their goals for the upcoming year.

The Summer Institute is a 4 week program dedicated to preparing Scholars for the college application process. Students met twice a week to prepare for their senior year. For the first time, the Summer Institute hired a writing instructor to work with students on their writing styles and techniques. At the end of the program, students created a professional college/career package, which included personal essays and a comprehensive list of colleges and universities and scholarship opportunities they will apply to in the fall. Their packages also included possible internship and volunteer opportunities that are available within the territory.

2017 NGS Scholars

Jadiah Bailey | Brianna Cromwell | Hezekiah George | Twanique Gordon | Brianna John Baptiste | Shamyah Joseph |

Thank you, Angels!

Angels are caring members of the community that give an annual donation of **\$500** or more to the Foundation. Become an Angel and join the largest philanthropic network in the territory. With your generosity, Virgin Islanders will continue to receive the support they need. Many thanks to our Angels, because you enable us to do all that we do! Interested in becoming an Angel? Contact our Development Director at katrinb@cfvi.net.

Staff Highlight: Who is CFVI?

Brittany A. Brin

CFVI Communications and Programs Manager

Hometown: St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

Education: I attended All Saints Cathedral School K-12 and graduated in June of 2009. I obtained both my bachelor's and master's degrees in Communication at Loyola University Maryland.

Describe your role at CFVI. "As the Communications and Programs Manager, I am responsible for increasing awareness of CFVI programs, offerings and donor services. I also manage the Foundation's existing and newly developed programs.

What is the best part of your job? "The best part of my job is knowing that our programs/services are working towards improving the lives of families within the territory."

Random fact about yourself: "In high school, I was a member of the VI National Volleyball team and travelled to Trinidad & Tobago to represent the territory."



VI Students Receive Summer Enrichment Scholarships



Each year, CFVI awards summer enrichment scholarship to students to attend high quality summer programs within the Territory and abroad. This year, CFVI awarded a total of **\$20,000** in summer enrichment grants, that were given to programs that could assist in placing students at high quality programs or to organizations that were providing enriching summer opportunities. Scholarships were awarded to foster children living within the territory and to children who had high financial need.

These offerings were provided by our generous donors, who make an annual donation of **\$500** or more to the Foundation. Students ages, 5-17 attended music, sports and art programs on St. Thomas and St. Croix.

2017 CFVI Summer Enrichment Grant Recipients

Department of Human Services- Foster Care Unit
Lutheran Social Services-Queen Louise Home for the Children
PSP Summer Camp
World Ocean School- Roseway Schooner
VI Children's Museum

For more information about our summer enrichment scholarships, visit our website at www.cfvi.net.

CFVI Directory of Community Organizations

Our 2016-2017 Community Organization Directories are still available. Contact us at 340-774-6031 to receive a copy today. Directories are also available online at www.cfvi.net. If you would like your organization to be included in our 2018-2019 directory, please fill out the form in the link below or contact us at general.info@cfvi.net.

<https://goo.gl/forms/E65hkQCWNmftTxaB3>



Scholarship Recipients/ Scholarship Awards

Adesha Gumbs, *Alexander A. Farrelly Scholarship*
Ajayi Pickering Haynes, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Chasen Richards, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Cyana Francis, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Denzel Laurent, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Georgerine Wright, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Iyahna Hiss, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
J'Had Ferris, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Keesha Stuart, *Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship*
Nirisha Commodore, *Artrelle M. Wheatley Scholarship*
George Francis II, *Blackhall Scholarship Award*
Dalissa Lettsome, *CAHS Class of 1951 Scholarship*
De'Umee Liburd, *CAHS Class of 1951 Scholarship*
Amal Bryson, *Coral World Scholarship*
Habeeba O'Neil, *Falek Family Fund Scholarship*
Alex Cintron, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Ameera Mustafa, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Briault Atemazem, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Cassia Smith, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Chanae Ottley, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Iris Battiste, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Mhina Barry, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Pooja Chainani, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Shaquane Fenton, *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Stuart Liburd, Jr., *Heavy Materials Scholarship*
Tori Huyghue, *Isaac & Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship*
Joash Lake, *Isaac & Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship*
Tommy Wise, *Isaac & Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship*
Diamond Lewis, *Isaac & Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship*
Brianna Berry, *Junior Angels Scholarship*
Addis Miller, *Kitty Koenig-Probyn Scholarship*
Malik Alexander, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Shadora'h Donadelle, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Ja'Shonique Greenaway, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Shirmara O'Garro, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Mariamma Richards, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Yari Munoz, *Kym's Kids Caribbean Scholarship*
Arnon Nickie, *Lana Vento Scholarship*
Antonio Farchette (Graduate), *Lana Vento Scholarship*
Jan-Alexis Barry (Graduate), *Lana Vento Scholarship*
Louisa Fredey, *Lana Vento Scholarship*
Tekettay Ludvig, *Lana Vento Scholarship*
Chinique Charles, *Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship*
Makeda Mills, *Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship*
Mariamma Richards, *Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship*
P'Azhae Harrigan, *Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship*
Shanique Henley, *Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship*
Alliyah Desout, *Milan & Ailiki Glumidge Memorial Scholars Award*
Nisha Hodge, *NSL Graduate Studies Scholarship*



Shanik George
Next Generation Scholar Award Recipient

Ella Barr, *Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship*
Isis Collier, *Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship*
Maurice Hansby, *Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship*
Joshua Farrell, *Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship*
Junia Washington, *Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship*
Hillori Norford, *Subbase Drydock, Inc. Scholarship*
LeeAnn Knight, *Subbase Drydock, Inc. Scholarship*
Summer Jose, *Subbase Drydock, Inc. Scholarship*
Yudelka Acevedo, *Subbase Drydock, Inc. Scholarship*
Michael Carraciolo, *Theodore E. Sharp Scholar Award*
Lester Frett, *Tunick Family Fund Scholarship*
Larisma Maduro, *Whitley E. A. Williams Scholarship*



Pooja Chainani, *Heavy Materials Scholarship recipient*

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