

**Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated
and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®
Zeta Chi Omega Chapter**

Present:

62nd Annual Cooley Moore Scholarship

LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW



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“Building Communities through Education and Empowerment”

The Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated (IFNV) was established in 2001 by members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter. The IFNV is an outgrowth of an unending dedication to provide exemplary community service activities in Northern Virginia, with special emphasis in the Arlington and Alexandria communities. The IFNV's mission is to promote the well-being and betterment of mankind, and particularly to sponsor programs that address the needs of the community, with special emphasis on programs for families, cultural activities, and programs and services for youth, elderly, and disadvantaged persons to enhance their quality of life. Based on our mission, the IFNV strives to enhance the quality of life for the community that we serve by providing scholarships, making charitable donations, promoting community service activities, and raising funds to support its theme: “Building Communities through Education and Empowerment.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is an international service organization founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, DC, in 1908. It is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African American, college-educated women. AKA is comprised of more than 355,000 members in graduate and undergraduate chapters that span 12 countries. Led by International President & Chief Executive Officer Danette Anthony Reed, AKA is often hailed as “America’s premier Greek-letter organization for African American women.” The International Program theme for 2022-2026, *“Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood,”* includes six program initiatives to build upon AKA’s rich legacy of service by galvanizing the sisterhood of more than 120,000 active members to lead on the front lines of change, education and advocacy.

- **Strengthen Our Sisterhood**
- **Empower Our Families**
- **Build Our Economic Wealth**
- **Enhance Our Environment**
- **Advocate for Social Justice**
- **Uplift Our Local Community**



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Zeta Chi Omega Chapter

Zeta Chi Omega Chapter: In 1954, Evelyn Reed Syphax organized a group of women with courage and ability to charter a new chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. During the chartering period, the interest group sponsored a program called Reine des Mois (Queen of the Month), in which 16 high school girls from local area black schools were selected and presented to society which later evolved into the annual Debutante Cotillion. The chapter was chartered in Arlington, Virginia, on May 25, 1956. In 1958, the chapter held its first annual fashion show to raise funds for educational scholarships. Through the years, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter has become a mainstay in the Alexandria and Arlington, Virginia, communities collaborating with local, regional and national organizations to provide programs of service. Currently our members develop innovative service programs that address significant issues to implement the sorority's ***"Soaring to Greater Heights of Service and Sisterhood"*** program initiatives. Led by President Crystal Lander, Zeta Chi Omega Chapter has approximately 400 members.

The **Cooley-Moore Scholarship Fund** was established in honor of two Zeta Chi Omega Chapter charter members - Marie Cooley and Emma Moore. The first educational grants were awarded in 1957 to students graduating from Parker Gray, Luther Jackson, and Hoffman Boston High Schools. Zeta Chi Omega Chapter continues the tradition of encouraging high scholastic achievement by monetarily supporting the educational goals of talented and deserving students. The Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, with support from the chapter, awarded approximately \$40,000 in scholarship funds to deserving students in the Northern Virginia area in 2023.



Cooley-Moore Luncheon Fashion Show Committee

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Zeta Chi Omega Chapter



Master of Ceremony



Guy Lambert ***News Director and Radio Anchor***

Mr. Guy Lambert is arguably one of the most recognized voices in Washington, DC radio. Currently serving as the news director and anchor for WPGC 95.5, his distinct and captivating voice delivers entertainment, community, and political news stories across the airwaves every weekday morning.

In addition to being a staple in radio, Guy Lambert has maintained an elite reputation as an event host, emcee, and entertainment correspondent nationwide.

Guy is also a continuous contributor to the hit TV Show "Like it or Not" on DC's WTTG FOX 5.

With over 20 years in commercial radio, television news, and entertainment Guy has built a refined brand.





Brach Cobb ***Saxophonist***

Brach Cobb, a King George native, is a well known musical talent in the DC Metropolitan area. His showmanship, along with jazzy, gospel-inspired covers of famous songs brings out the magic in every performance. His diverse performance experience ranges over 25 years from Dorothy Norwood to Ginuwine.

Today, Brach Cobb is an independent recording artist that created the jazz group 632 Express in 2019. The 632 Express aims to create unique sounds with a blend of jazz, R&B, and neo-soul music. In 2020, the band released their debut project *The Express Voyage*.

Brach holds Music degrees from Hampton University (B.S. Music Engineering) and George Mason University (M.M. Saxophone Performance). He recently taught Orchestra, Band, and Piano in Fredericksburg City Schools and neighboring counties. Brach also maintains a thriving music studio of private students and serves as Minister of Music at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Supply, VA.



Luncheon Fashion Show Program

Master of Ceremony	Guy Lambert News Director and Radio Anchor, WPGC
Welcome	Jennifer Creighton, Chairman Ivy Foundation of Northern Virginia, Incorporated
Greetings	Crystal Lander, President Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Zeta Chi Omega Chapter Karen Briggman, Chairman Cooley-Moore Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show
2023 Scholarship Recognitions.....	Diann Burns, Chairman Scholarship Committee Zeta Chi Omega Chapter Landi Stewart Scholarship Recipient
“Ways to Give”	Guy Lambert
Grace	Mauri Bishop Zeta Chi Omega Chapter

Luncheon Fashion Show

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Curated by
Kenny Kas Flannigan, Lead Designer
Kenny Kas Clothing

Brach Cobb, Saxophonist

Stroll Team
Zeta Chi Omega Chapter

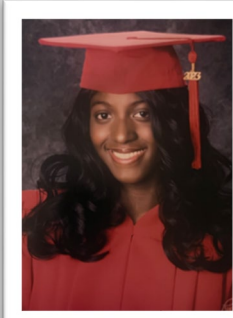
Announcement of Prize Winners..... Guy Lambert

Closing Remarks Shelia McCray, Co-Chairman
Cooley-Moore Scholarship Luncheon Fashion Show



COOLEY-MOORE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2023 Four-Year Cooley-Moore Scholarship Recipients

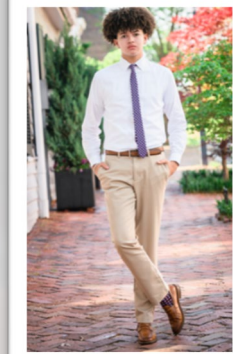


Miracle Gross

Alexandria City High School, Class of 2023

College: Hampton University

Achievements and Activities: National Honor Society; Designs Websites and Posters, AP Science, AP Statistics, AP World History, GPA exceeded 4.0, Member of High Ground Teen Ministry, Captain of Varsity Cheerleaders



Mitchell Loggins

Thomas Edison High School, Class of 2023

College: Virginia Tech

Achievements and Activities: Eagle Scout - Boy Scouts of America, Participated in Multiple Food and Toy Drives throughout the Community, Regal Theater staff, 14 Honor Roll Awards, Basketball Team Captain; Cross Country Track, GPA exceeded 4.0, Black Student Union; IB Geography, IB Psychology, IB Math, IB Language

2023 Cooley-Moore Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Scholarship Recipients

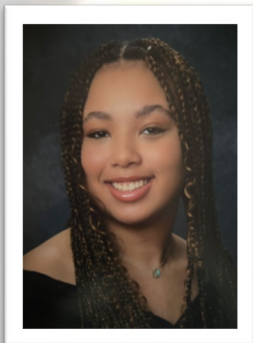


Aaliyah Goins

Alexandria City High School, Class of 2023

College: Hampton University

Achievements and Activities: Chorus, Theater, including appearing in the cast of *Sister Act*, Varsity Volleyball – 2022 & Virginia State Championship Team Member, Church Choir, Bible Boot Camp; Employed as an Photography Studio Assistant, Kitchen of Purpose, Honor Roll, AP History, AP English, Honors English



Landi Stewart

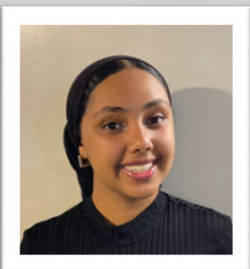
Alexandria City High School, Class of 2023

College: Hampton University

Achievements and Activities: Black Student Union, Merit Honor Roll; Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant; Varsity Girls Basketball Team Manager; Black Student Union; Titan Pride; Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) college readiness program; Honors English, AP World History, Honors Biology



2023 Cooley-Moore Scholarship Stipend Recipients

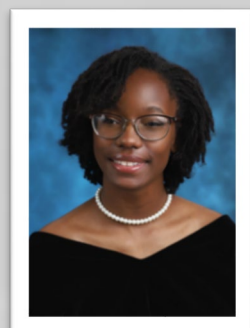


Elgamal Bassmala

Alexandria City High School, Class of 2023

College: Virginia Tech

Achievements and Activities: Class Vice President, Black Student Union, DECA, FBLA, Soccer Varsity and JV, Girl Scouts, Athletic Department Intern, AP Calculus, AP Physics, AP Statistics, AVID, Honors English



Ciara Birdsong

Hayfield High School, Class of 2023

College: University of Virginia

Achievements and Activities: National Honor Society, Color Guard, National Art Honor Society, French Honor Society, Wreaths Across America, AP English, AP US History, AP Government, AP Biology, US Missions Packaging



Nathan Desta

Alexandria City High School, Class of 2023

College: George Washington University

Achievements and Activities: Student Liaison for Student Government Association, Five Theater Productions, Best Actor in a Production, High School Basketball Team, Honor Roll; Honors Biology, IB Spanish, AP Statistics



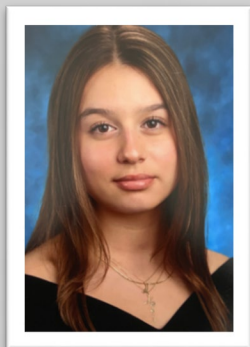
Ruth Melese

Hayfield High School, Class of 2023

College: University of Virginia

Achievements and Activities: Class Historian, Advanced Orchestra (Violinist), Executive Officer of Ethiopian Society, Honor Roll, Spanish Honor Society, Math Honor Society, AP Physics, AP Statistics



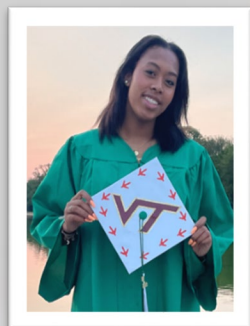


Azra Pehlivan

Washington-Liberty High School, Class of 2023

College: Virginia Tech

Achievements and Activities: Connect Mentor for Freshmen, National Honor Society, Clothing Drive, Organized a School-wide Coat Drive, English Tutor, Employed at South Block Juice, IB Geography, IB Anthropology, IB Biology



Maya Solis

Wakefield High School, Class of 2023

College: Virginia Tech

Achievements and Activities: Varsity Basketball Team Captain, United Minority Girls, Wakefield Leadership Council, Volunteer Swim Coach, Lifeguard, Honor Roll, Principals List, All-District Honorable Mention, AP Statistics

In College, Continuing Four-Year Cooley-Moore Scholarship Recipients



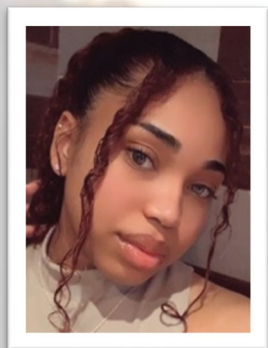
Michelle Basoah

Mount Vernon High School, Class of 2020

College: University of Virginia

High School Achievements and Activities:

AP Statistics, IB Chemistry, IB History, All American Cheerleader Award, Student Government Executive Board, Science National Honor Society Member



Delilah Garvin

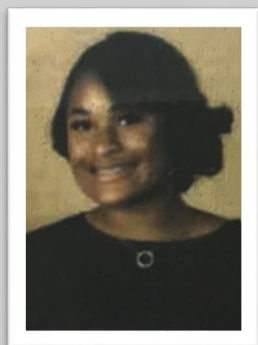
Alexandria City High School, Class of 2021

College: Winston-Salem State University

High School Achievements and Activities:

AVID, Honors English, Honors History, Project Discovery, Summer Camp Counselor, Counselor's Aid for the City of Alexandria, Mentor in the Peer Advisories Program





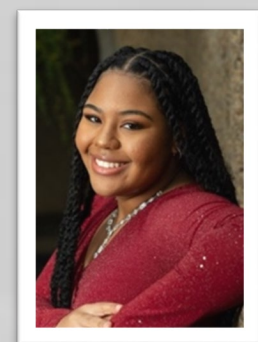
Danielle Williams

Alexandria City High School, Class of 2020

College: **Virginia State University**

High School Achievements and Activities:

Honor Roll, Merit Honors, Minority Students Achievement Network, AP courses, Honors Chemistry, Honors VA/US History, Iron Chef Winner, Departmental Achievement Award



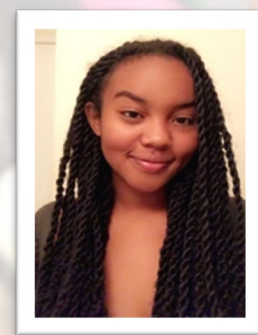
NeAva Zayas

St. Stephens-St. Agnes High School, Class of 2022

College: **Temple University**

High School Achievements and Activities: President of Black Student Union, Varsity Volleyball, Honors History, AP courses, Deans List, SAINTS Student- Athlete Award

2023 College Graduates



Solyana Bekele

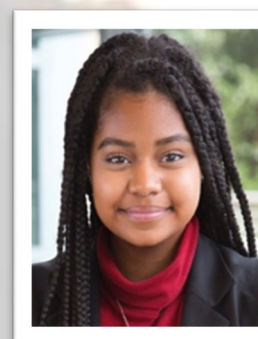
Alexandria City High School, Class of 2019

2023 Hampton University Graduate

Currently in graduate school.

High School Achievements and Activities:

Honor Roll 2016-2018, Taco Bell Service Champion, Outstanding Achievement in English Award, AP Scholar Award, Sunday School Assistant, Orchestra, AVID



Sanaa Payge

Washington-Lee High School, Class of 2019

College: **VA Tech**

High School Achievements and Activities:

Black Lives Matter Club, Historian/Planner Girl Scouts, Secretary, Teen Network Board, Asante Mariamu Co-President, Urban Alliance Intern at Mastercard, National Honor Society



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We thank you in advance for your participation. You can continue to support the Cooley-Moore Scholarship program by donating to:

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