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The William O. Lockridge Community Foundation, founded in 2011, is a non-profit organization located in Southeast Washington, D.C. The Foundation promotes access to higher education to students in Wards 7 and 8 by offering scholarships, transportation assistance to college and international travel.

Spread Your Wings

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MESSAGE FROM FOUNDER/CHAIRWOMAN

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Second Quarter 2022 Newsletter of the William O. Lockridge Community Foundation (WOLCF)! The newsletter is but one of several vehicles that we use to keep you and our community abreast of the great work we are doing with our students in Wards 7 and 8.

As you read this newsletter, you will immediately see that the WOLCF had a very busy and exciting second quarter. After an extensive application process, \$46,000 in scholarships was awarded to 15 high school graduating seniors for the 2022-2023 academic year. I cannot tell you just how impressed the Scholarship Committee members were with the essays and in-person interviews with our leaders of tomorrow.

I think that I speak for the entire committee when I say that based on the caliber, academic proficiency, and professional aspirations of these 15 scholars, each will shine as a positive and contributing member of our society.



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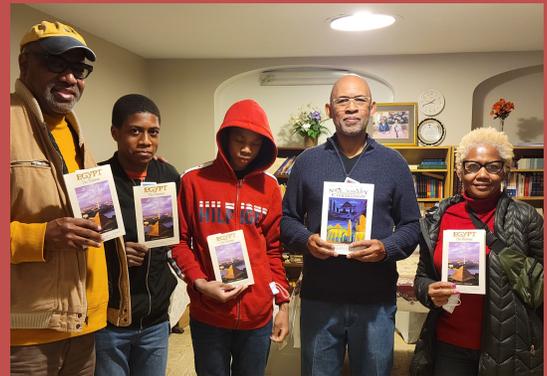


The William O. Lockridge Community Foundation
U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE Initiative

In January 2022, the WOLCF launched its U.S. Foreign Service Initiative. The pilot program, which falls under the International Ambassadors Program (IAP), exposed 12 8th, 9th, and 10th graders to professional and nonprofessional careers options overseas with the U.S. Government and private sector, not only in Africa but around the world.

On the last Saturday of each month, the WOLCF team met with student participants for interactive discussions. The sessions, which will end in July 2022 and resume in January 2023, covered topics which included International Trade, Africa Fashion, Media Exposure/Language/Culture, Tourism, and Agriculture. Two student participants also participated in an *Egypt on the Potomac Tour* in Northwest Washington, D.C.

A special shout-out and sincere thank you to all our speakers and hosts: Angela Chester-Johnson, Jules Jessie, Jaren Hill Lockridge, Ada Anagho Brown, Ebony Marshman, David Saunders, and Greg Simpkins.



DID YOU KNOW?



Approximately 2.94 million U.S. students graduate from more than 27,000 high schools each year, meaning each college applicant is competing against 27,000 valedictorians, 27,000 salutatorians, 27,000 student government presidents, and 27,000 editors-in-chief.

Source: [Factretriever.com](https://www.factretriever.com)

The Spice is Right

CINNAMON

The sweet/savory spice has been found to improve working memory in older adults and in people who are prediabetic while improving blood flow to the prefrontal cortex. It has also been shown to inhibit tau aggregation (the tangles seen in Alzheimer’s disease) and to lower cholesterol, fasting glucose, and HbA1c levels and improve insulin sensitivity.

A healthy way to dish it up: Sprinkle 1 teaspoon of cinnamon in your morning shake for a brain healthy way to start your day.



In addition, the WOLCF continued its monthly meetings with student participants of the U.S. Foreign Service Initiative. These exciting and informative sessions, each of which was interactive, exposed our students to careers in the international arena on topics that included international trade, tourism, fashion, media, and agriculture. The program will resume in January 2023.

I hope that you are not only enjoying reading these quarterly newsletters and agree that the WOLCF is making a difference in Wards 7 & 8 by providing opportunities for, uplifting, and raising the profiles of young people.

Thank you to not only our sponsors but to all of you, for your continued support of the WOLCF.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wanda D. Lockridge".

Wanda D. Lockridge
Founder/Chairwoman



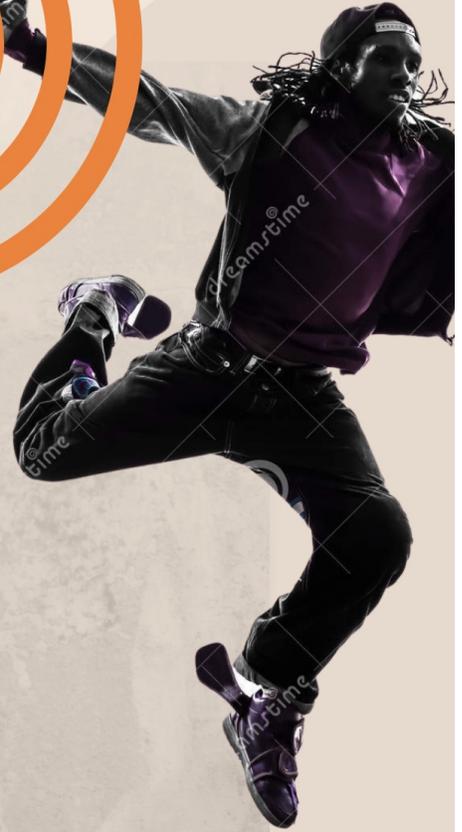
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NOVEMBER 19, 2022

DANCING WITH THE SCHOLARS XII

"The Battle of the Kings"

DETAILS FORTHCOMING



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INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS MEET AND GREET

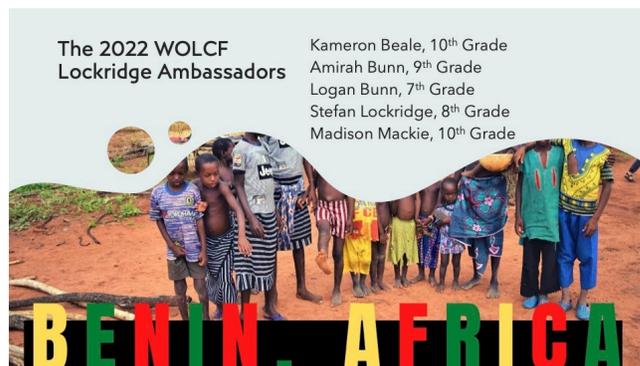
On Saturday evening, July 16th, the next Class of Lockridge Ambassadors will depart Washington Dulles Airport for Cotonou, Benin. They will return to the United States on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 25th. The initial Benin trip was delayed by two years due to COVID-19. The trip was initially scheduled for the summer of 2020.

On Sunday afternoon, June 26th, the students, and their parents gathered at the William O. Lockridge/Bellevue Neighborhood Library for an official Meet and Greet before departing for Africa. Ada Anagho Brown, President of Roots to Glory Tours and who will lead the visit, provided trip highlights and answered questions from the excited Lockridge Ambassadors and their parents.

Welcome, and closing remarks were offered by Wanda D. Lockridge, Founder/Chairwoman, and highlights of reflections were made by Tatiana Robinson, Chair of the WOLCF Young Adult Advisory Committee. Tatiana was a Lockridge Ambassador in 2019 when she traveled with the Lockridge Foundation to Ghana during the summer of 2019.

Travel to Africa for Lockridge Ambassadors falls under the WOLCF's International Ambassadors Program (IAP). In previous years, and in addition to Ghana, Lockridge Ambassadors have traveled to Cameroon.

While on the continent, the Lockridge Foundation Delegation will pay a courtesy visit to the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Benin at the American Embassy in Cotonou. Upon their return to Washington, D.C., the Lockridge Ambassadors will meet with Benin's Ambassador to the United States and tape an interview with the Voice of America (VOA).



12TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday evening, June 25th, the WOLCF held its annual Spread Your Wings Scholarship Awards/Ceremony in the James E. Bunn Amphitheater at Oxon Run Park.

During the program, \$46,000 was awarded in scholarships!

In addition to the 13 scholarship recipients (15 received scholarships), also in attendance were parents and other family members, friends, members of the Lockridge Board of Directors, WOLCF investors, local elected officials, supporters and friends of the Lockridge Foundation, including former D.C. Mayor and current Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray.

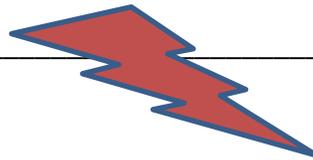
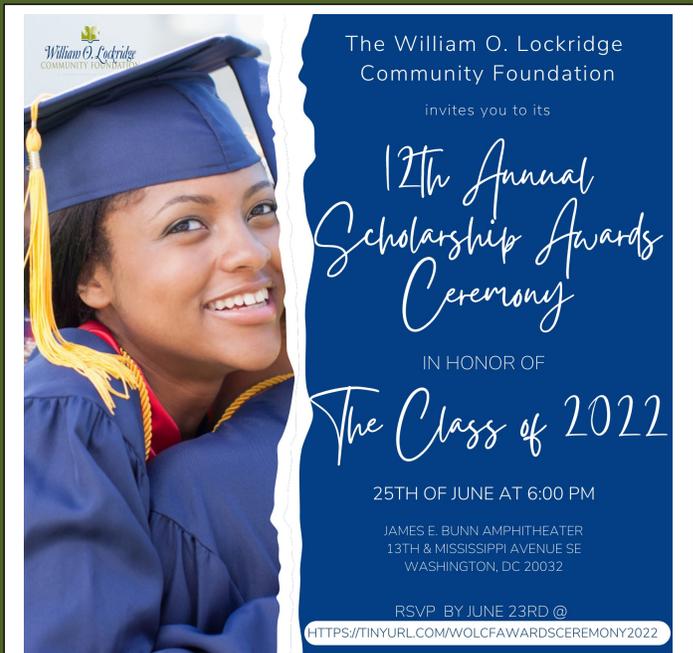
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The Mistress of Ceremony was Tatiana Robinson, Chair of the WOLCF Young Adult Advisory Committee, who is currently matriculating at the University of Miami (Florida). Tatiana aspires to one day serve as Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Thank you all who volunteered to ensure a memorable program.

We wish each of our scholars the very best and fully intend to remain in touch and monitor their academic progress throughout the academic year.



*Thank!
You!*

A special thank you to our investors who make this work possible.

Wanda D. Lockridge



CONGRATULATIONS!

CLASS OF 2022: SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Saniya Abdul-Haqq

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Social Work
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Kenneth Crawford

KIPP DC Legacy
Engineering/Graphic Design
"The Rising Star" and "Spread Your Wings
Scholarship"

Nia Crowell

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Criminal Justice
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Ra'Mya Davis

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Film & TV
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Taleyah Evans

Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
Biology/Pre-Med
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Jamarie Green

School Without Walls
Architectural Engineering
STEAM Scholarship

Desiree Horne

Bard High School Early College DC
Theatre/Drama
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Armani Johnson

Frank W. Ballou High School
Psychology
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Miles T. Leecost

BASIS DC
Business Administration
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Mikalei Miller

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Psychology/Pre-law
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Kendall Shields

Benjamin Banneker Academic High School
Psychology Major/Criminal Justice Minor
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Khalil Sommerville

McKinley Technology High School
Biomedical Engineering
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Briana Sturdivant

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Nursing
"Spread Your Wings Scholarship"

Tori Tracey

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCHS
Biology
"The Rising Star" and "Spread Your Wings
Scholarship"

Dion White

Friendship Tech Prep
Cybersecurity
"The Rising Star" and "Spread Your Wings
Scholarship"

Upcoming Events

Dancing with the Scholars XII
TheARC
November 19th

Announcement

The WOLCF is grateful to be a recipient of the Martha's Table Community Impact Grant. Over the next few months, the board of directors will be working hard to build a strong foundation so they can increase the impact they make in the lives of Wards 7 and 8 students.

Martha's Table, thank you for believing in our mission and most importantly our future.

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