

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 21, 2010 | MYSTIC MARRIOTT  
GROTON, CONNECTICUT

*Guest Speaker*

CHIEF LYNN MALERBA, MOHEGAN TRIBE



*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

*29<sup>th</sup> annual*

*Anniversary Dinner*

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# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND

## *29th Annual Dinner*

Thursday, October 21, 2010

### **PROGRAM**

Color Guard	U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Anthems	Chloe Ware, 2010 MLK Scholar
Invocation	Rabbi Aaron Rosenberg Temple Emanu-El, Waterford

### **DINNER**

Introduction of Speaker	James E. Mitchell, Ph.D. Vice President, MLK Trust Fund
Featured Speaker	Chief Lynn Malerba Mohegan Tribe

### **SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS**

Proclamations	Andrew Maynard State Senator, 18th District
Closing Prayer	Rev. Kenn Harris Born Again Evangelistic Outreach Ministry

# SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

## DR. KING SCHOLAR

Sponsored by Atty. Bart A. Sayet, Law Office of Sayet & Seder

**Peter Kydd, New London Science & Technology Magnet School**

*Presenter*

Bart A. Sayet, *Attorney, Law Office of Sayet & Seder*

## DR. KING SCHOLAR

Sponsored by Joyce Olson Resnikoff

**Aisha Lee, Fitch High School**

*Presenter*

Christopher Regan, *Owner, Regan Enterprises*

## DR. KING SCHOLAR

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**Trae Lee Jennette, New London Science & Technology Magnet School**

*Presenter*

A.J. "Skip" Jordan, *Site Vice President, Millstone Nuclear Power Station*

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## DR. KING SCHOLAR

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**Rachelle Aekins, Waterford High School**

*Presenter*

Ken Kitchings, *Foundation Officer, The Kitchings Family Foundation*

## DR. WALLER SCHOLAR

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**Lawrence Wilson, Stonington High School**

*Presenter*

Mary-Jane McGinnis, *Chief of Staff, The Day Publishing Company*

## DR. KING SCHOLAR

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**Chloe Ware, New London Science & Technology Magnet School**

*Presenter*

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## DR. KING SCHOLAR

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**Zakiya Thomas-Keyton, The Williams School**

*Presenter*

Mark Fader, *Head of School, The Williams School*

## DR. KING SCHOLAR

Sponsored by Lawrence & Memorial Hospital

**Ami Dhyani, New London Science & Technology Magnet School**

*Presenter*

Bruce Cummings, *CEO, Lawrence & Memorial Hospital*

## FEATURED SPEAKER

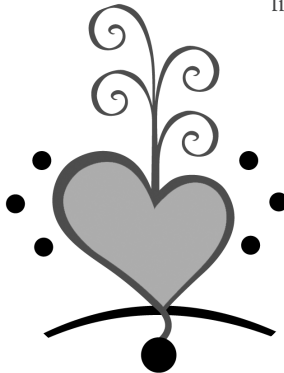
# MARILYN MALERBA

Marilyn “Lynn” Malerba became the 18th Chief of the Mohegan Tribe on August 15, 2010, and is the first female Chief in the tribe’s modern history. The position is a lifetime appointment made by the Tribe’s Council of Elders. Lynn follows in the footsteps of many strong female role models in the Mohegan Tribe, including her mother, Loretta Roberge, who holds the position of Tribal Nonner (elder female of respect). After a long and dedicated career as a nurse, nurse manager and board director at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, Lynn put her health-care skills to work for the benefit of the Mohegan Tribe in 1997, eventually becoming Executive Director of the Tribe’s Health and Human Services department. Lynn was responsible for the development of the department and the programs that directly benefit the membership. In 2005, she made a decision to become more directly involved in Tribal government, and



was elected by her fellow Tribal members to the Tribal Council. She served as Vice Chairwoman for four years, and moved into the Chairwoman’s position in 2009. During her tenure on the Council, Lynn also earned a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from the University of Connecticut in 2008, and in 2010 she was awarded an honorary doctorate from St. Joseph College in Hartford. She currently

lives in Uncasville with her husband Paul, and they have two adult daughters, Elizabeth and Angela.



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# 2010 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## PETER KYDD

Peter Kydd, son of Michael and Bernice Kydd, is a senior at The New London Science and Technical Magnet School. Peter is a member of the National Honor Society and received the St. Michael's College Book Award. In addition, Peter plays varsity basketball, participates in the math team, and writes for the school newspaper. Peter contributes to the community through St. James Church, Harbor School, and Relay for Life. Peter's schools of choice include Brown and Cornell Universities as well as Boston College, where he plans to study to become a surgeon. Peter's scholarship is funded by Atty. Bart A. Sayet, Law Office of Sayet & Seder.

## AISHA LEE

Aisha Lee, daughter of Carlos and Nicole Lee, is a senior at Fitch High School. Enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program, Aisha is a member of the National Honor Society and has been consistently named to the high honor roll. Aisha has contributed to her school through the Key Club, the Teacher Assistance Program, and the Student Council. Aisha also participates in Track and Field, the Math Team, and Ultimate Frisbee. In the community, Aisha volunteers as a kindergarten tutor at Claude Chester School in Groton and at her church, through Teens Touching Lives. Aisha's schools of choice include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as well as Yale, Harvard, and Oxford Universities, where she plans to study medicine. Aisha's scholarship is funded by Joyce Olson Resnikoff.

## TRAE LEE JEANNETTE

Trae Lee Jeannette, son of Frank and Beatrice Jennette, is a senior at The New London Science and Technical Magnet School. A member of the National Honor Society, Trae participates in Arete, an after school study group for young men of color, conducted at West Side Middle School in Groton. Trae's academic achievements include the Engineering and Biology Excellence Awards and Math and Science Student of the Year. As team captain, Trae twice led his school to place sixth in the Statewide Robotics Competition. Trae contributes to his community through STEPS, Born Again Christian Ministries, and Covenant Shelter. He also works at Big Y. Trae's schools of choice include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, as well as Cornell and Carnegie Universities, where he plans to study engineering. Trae Lee's scholarship is funded by Dominion.

## RACHELLE AEKINS

Rachelle Aekins, daughter of Robert and Cherylann Aekins, is a senior at Waterford High School. An honor roll student, Rachelle participates in cross country and is a tri-captain of the track and field team, where she competes at the state level. Rachelle received the Eastern Connecticut Conference Sportsmanship Award for her leadership. In the community, Rachelle has taught swimming at Waterford Parks and Recreation and has worked as a summer camp counselor at Cohanzie School, volunteering over 120 hours to work with children. Rachelle has also been integral in organizing fundraising activities for the Institute for Neurodegenerative Disorders and Molecular NeuroImaging. Rachelle's schools of choice include Boston University, Lehigh University, and the University of Connecticut, where she plans to study biomedical engineering. Rachelle's scholarship is funded by the Kitchings Family Foundation.

## **LAWRENCE WILSON**

Lawrence Wilson, son of Lawrence and Janice Wilson, is a senior at Stonington High School. Lawrence contributes to his school through the lacrosse team and concert band, where he plays alto sax and percussion. Lawrence is also active in the community as a part of the Groton/Stonington lacrosse teams and in his work with the Parks and Recreation Department as a skateboard camp counselor. Lawrence's schools of choice include Temple, Boston, and Howard Universities, where he plans to study broadcast journalism. Lawrence's Dr. William Waller Scholarship is funded by The Day Publishing Company.

## **CHLOE WARE**

Chloe Ware, daughter of Malvin and Leigh Ware, is a senior at The New London Science and Technical Magnet School. A member of the National Honor Society, Chloe has received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award, the Rensselear Polytechnic Institute Award, and the Harvard Book Award. Chloe is a member of the varsity basketball team, participates in girls track, and is the treasurer of the senior class. Chloe contributes to her community through Relay for Life, as a Micro Cheerleading Coach, and at her church, where she is active in the Youth Outreach, Music, and Children's Sunday School Ministries. Chloe is also a participant in the Shiloh Debutant Scholarship Program. Chloe's schools of choice include Spelman College, North Carolina A&T, and the University of Rochester, where she plans to study medicine. Chloe's scholarship is funded by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund.

## **ZAKIYA THOMAS-KEYTON**

Zakiya Thomas-Keyton, daughter of Ronald and Chet Thomas, is a senior at The Williams School. Zakiya is vice-president of the senior class, president of the Multicultural Club, and a member of the Student Advisory Committee. Zakiya writes for the yearbook, contributes as a peer tutor, and plays on the baseball team. In addition, Zakiya volunteers at the Lyman Allyn Museum, at her church's Sunday School, and on the Service Committee at school. In the community, Zakiya works as a Lyman Allyn Museum camp counselor and at Subway. Zakiya's schools of choice include Spelman College, Northeastern University, and the University of Connecticut, where she plans to study medicine. Zakiya's scholarship is funded by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund.

## **AMI DHYANI**

Ami Dhyani, daughter of Yogeshkumar Dhyani and Bhavana Dhyani, is a senior at the New London Science and Technology Magnet School. A member of the National Honor Society, Ami is also a member of the Forensic Club, the Photography Club, the Math Team, the Girls' Varsity Tennis team and the Multicultural Club. In addition, Ami volunteers for the Otis Library and the Relay For Life. Ami's schools of choice include the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Connecticut and Yale University, where she plans to study medicine. Ami's scholarship is funded by Lawrence & Memorial Hospital.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

FROM 1969 THROUGH 2009

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JEFFREY HALL	Fitch High School/Yale University
ETHEL CLIFTON	New London High School/Temple University
DARRELL DANIELS	New London High School/Stanford University
LORI ANN WIGGINS	Fitch High School/Messiah College
ROXANNA WALKER	New London High School/Spellman College
JENII REYNOLDS	Ledyard High School/Hofstra University
TARA FINE	New London High School/Howard University
KWAME EASON	New London High School/University of Connecticut
NIKKI BROWN	New London High School/Amherst University
SALAHUDIN ABDUL-HAKEEM	St Bernard High School/Rutgers University
JAMES GIBBS	Fitch High School/Yale University
ERIN MORRIS	New London High School/Hampton University
NAKIA MADRY	East Lyme High School/Hampton University
LaSHANDA BROWN	New London High School/Amherst University
ROSEMARY S. BAKER	Fitch High School/University of Connecticut
CHAREE E. GREEN	New London High School/ Eastern Connecticut
CLIFFORD TAYLOR, JR.	Fitch High School/Southern Connecticut
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JENNIFER Ng'ANDU	New London High School/Duke University
JOHN HUGHLEY, JR.	Fitch High School/University of Connecticut
BRITTANY WILLIAMS	Waterford High School/Duke University
PHYLICIA POWERS	The Williams School/Maryland University
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CASSANDRA ROBINSON	New London High School/Northeastern University
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ANDREW DENNIS PERRY	Norwich Free Academy/Georgetown University
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ASHLEY YOUNG	Fitch High School/University of Connecticut
KENNETH YEARWOOD, JR.	Fitch High School/Columbia University
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OSCAR PEREZ	New London High/University of Connecticut
KOURTNEY PULLIAM	Fitch High School/Penn State University
QUANITA JONES	New London High/
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SHANA YEARWOOD	Fitch High School/Columbia University
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KAITLYN MCBRYDE	Waterford High/Sacred Heart University
GEOFFREY TAYLOR	Fitch High/The New School
SIMONE BARNER	New London High/ Tuskegee University
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AARON DAVIS	Williams School/Connecticut College
MARISSA LOWE	Fitch High/Williams College
DERELL WILSON	Norwich Free Academy/American International College

# A BRIEF HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.** has been assassinated! Hope is gone! In desperation, students at New London High School walk out of classes to march to City Hall. Mrs. Arena Eccleston, then a teacher, urges them to return to class or to suffer suspensions. It is a troubled time for the entire city.

In the hope of ameliorating the tense climate at that time, Dr. and Mrs. William Waller offer a one hundred dollar scholarship to a student, chosen by popular vote, who best represents Dr. King's ideals. Thus, Herbert Ross of New London High School became the first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholar.

The idea of the award inspired Clarence H. Faulk, Jr. to call a meeting of key community leaders to discuss starting a trust fund for a permanent scholarship that could be awarded annually to African American students in New London County high schools. Charter members of the Board of Trustees included Mrs. Waller, a teacher in Waterford Schools; Mr. Ralph E. Wadleigh, vice president of Hartford National Bank; Mr. Kenneth E. Grube, an editor at *The Day*; the Rev. Norman M. MacLeod Jr.; the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Paul J. St. Onge; Rabbi Leonard Goldstein, Atty. Michael D. Shapiro, and Mr. Richard Martin, Mayor of New London.

Scholars would be chosen in their junior year in high school through a selection process designed to measure dedication to learning, understanding of Dr. King's mission, demonstration of character, and financial need. The first two scholars selected by the newly formed Board were Lawrence Wilson, Jr. and Larry Lewis. Over the years, 100 scholarships have been awarded, and the scholarship amount has grown to twenty thousand dollars, distributed in five thousand dollar installments over a four-year period while the scholar remains in college. In May of 2005, the Trust Fund became an endowed fund, which will provide a perpetual source for funding for generations and generations of deserving King scholars.

The selection process requires applicants to provide academic records, SAT scores, and class standing for the committee's review. In addition, candidates must submit an essay. Finally, students who are selected as finalists are interviewed by the scholarship committee, which makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees based upon the data presented and the interview.

Individuals and organizations throughout the southeastern Connecticut region continue to respond to the call for contributions. The fund continues to operate with no staff, thus ensuring that almost all contributions go directly toward scholarships for scholars. The major fundraising initiative is the annual dinner held in October, which brings together close to 700 citizens from all segments of the community in celebration of the academic accomplishments of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholars.

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