

THURSDAY | OCTOBER 22, 2020 | 6:00 PM VIRTUAL MEETING



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
39th Annual
Scholarship Awards Ceremony

SCHOLARSHIP

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PROGRAM

ANTHEMS	Sara Morales, Ledyard High School Mason Bickham, Ledyard High School
WELCOME	James E. Mitchell, Ph.D. President, MLK Trust Fund
INVOCATION	Rev. Jesse Morales Thames River Church

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATIONS	Christine Conley State Representative, 40th District
CLOSING PRAYER	Imam Mahmoud Mansour Islamic Center of New London

FRONT COVER: Jim Atherton color portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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DR. KING SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

VALERIA RITA YRAITA-ZEVALLOS , Norwich Free Academy <i>Sponsor: Kitchings Family Foundation</i> <i>Presenter: Ken Kitchings</i>
ESSOHA MAHORO KADAMBAYA , NLSTMHS <i>Sponsor: General Dynamics - Electric Boat</i> <i>Presenter: Kevin Graney, President, Electric Boat</i>
VANESSA CAMERON BENJAMIN , Stonington High School <i>Sponsor: ForGood Fund</i> <i>Presenter: Alva Greenberg</i>
DEJA JOY DRISCOLL-SMITH , Fitch High School <i>Sponsor: Kitchings Family Foundation</i> <i>Presenter: Ken Kitchings</i>
LIZBETH CRISTINA POLANCO , NLSTMHS <i>Sponsor: Kitchings Family Foundation</i> <i>Presenter: Ken Kitchings</i>
MASON ELI BICKHAM , Ledyard High School <i>Sponsor: Stephen & Michael Trask - In memory of Breonna Taylor & David McAtee</i> <i>Presenter: Stephen Trask</i>
MAKAYLA PEARL KELLEY , Norwich Free Academy <i>Sponsor: Pfizer</i> <i>Presenter: Doug Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer</i>
XAVION SINCERE QUITO , Fitch High School <i>Sponsor: Dr. & Mrs. James E. Mitchell</i> <i>Presenter: Dr. & Mrs. James E. Mitchell</i>
KAYLA MARIE MATEO , Saint Bernard <i>Sponsor: Dominion</i> <i>Presenter: John Daugherty, Site Vice President Millstone</i>
ANN'DARHALY PAULETTE BARBOT , Norwich Free Academy <i>Sponsor: Pfizer</i> <i>Presenter: Doug Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer</i>
TRISTIN LILY CLEETUS , Fitch High School <i>Sponsor: Sonalysts, Community Friends</i> <i>Presenter: Laura R. Dietz, Vice President, Space Training, Sonalysts, Inc.</i>
TAYLOR ROSE DONOVAN , Stonington High School <i>Sponsor: Pfizer</i> <i>Presenter: Doug Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer</i>
COURTNEY HAMILTON, JR. , New London STMHS <i>Sponsor: MLKSTF</i> <i>Presenter: Joseph Garcia, MLKSTF Trustee</i>
FATIMAH MANSOUR , Fitch High School <i>Sponsor: Pfizer</i> <i>Presenter: Doug Lankler, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Pfizer</i>
SARAH MORALES , Ledyard High School <i>Sponsor: Stephen Trask, Community of Friends - In Memory of Elijah McClain</i> <i>Presenter: Stephen Trask</i>
ZOE JAI COSTELLO , Fitch High School <i>Sponsor: Comcast - Community Friends</i> <i>Presenter: Brad Palazzo, Director of Community Impact</i>

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

THE BLACK AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

By James Weldon Johnson

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

Many people are surprised to learn that “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was written as a poem. Created by James Weldon Johnson, it was performed for the first time by 500 school children in celebration of President Lincoln’s Birthday on February 12, 1900, in Jacksonville, Florida. The poem was set to music by Johnson’s brother, John Rosamond Johnson, and soon adopted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as its official song. Today “Lift Every Voice and Sing” is one of the most cherished songs of the African American Civil Rights Movement and is often referred to as the Black National anthem.

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, 180 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. The Trust Fund remains optimistic that in 2021 the new normal will allow us to resume a public celebration.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

VALERIA YRAITA-ZEVALLOS Norwich Free Academy

Valeria Yraitia-Zevallos, daughter of Jorge Yraitia and Rita Zevallos, is a senior at Norwich Free Academy. At school, Valeria is enrolled in dual enrollment, UCONN ECE, and AP courses. She is a member of the National and Science National Honor Societies, the Class of 2021 Honors Program, and is a Quest-Bridge Prep Scholar. Secretary of the Class of 2021, Valeria participates in the Hispanic Alliance Club, Varsity Tennis, Project Outreach, and Playshop. In addition, Valeria earned the Cadden-Williams Reading and the Gettysburg College Book Prizes and took First Place in the Regional History Day Competition. In the community Valeria, volunteers at Kelly Middle School teaching dance and is active in her church and in the Black Lives Matter Movement. Valeria's schools of choice include American and Boston Universities and UCONN, where she intends to study to become a lawyer. Valeria's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by the Kitchings Family Foundation.

ESSOHA KADAMBAYA New London Science and Technology Magnet High School

Essoha Kadambaya, son of Zato and Leonille Kadambaya, is a senior at New London Science and Technology Magnet High School. At school, Essoha is a member of the National Honor Society, is Student Representative to the New London Board of Education, is president of his class, Secretary of More Than Words, Captain of the Math Team, and Co-captain of the Soccer Team; he also belongs to the Aviation, Nuclear Engineering, and Robotics Clubs. Essoha serves on the Student Council and Student Government, performs in the Choir, and is a Drummer and Soundboard specialist. In the community, Essoha volunteers at Otis Library, is a member of the NAACP Youth Council, is President of the Black Pilots of America Student Chapter, and is a volunteer in his church. Essoha's schools of choice include MIT, Virginia Tech, and UCONN, where he intends to study mechanical engineering. Essoha's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by General Dynamics – Electric Boat.

VANESSA BENJAMIN Stonington High School

Vanessa Benjamin, daughter of Everald and Amy Benjamin is a senior at Stonington High School. At school, maintaining Highest Academic Honors every year, Vanessa is a member of the National and French National Honor Societies and is the recipient the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award. Vanessa is a member of the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams and the Varsity Soccer Club and has been named to the Class M Soccer All State Team as well as an ECC State Soccer First Team All Star. In the community, Vanessa volunteers at Backus Hospital, at the Stonington Community Center, the Stonington Free Library, and the Mendocia Youth Soccer Clinic. Vanessa's schools of choice include Sacred Heart, Quinnipiac, and Fairfield Universities, where she intends to study nursing. Vanessa's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by the ForGood Fund.

DEJA DRISCOLL-SMITH Fitch High School

Deja Driscoll-Smith, granddaughter of Vicki Driscoll, is a senior at Fitch High School. At school, Deja is captain of the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams, has been named to Connecticut Girls State 2020, and is a member of the Tri M Music Honor Society. Deja also serves on the Class Council, the Student Leadership Board, and the Principal's Advisory Board. In the community, Deja is a member of the Groton Democratic Committee, is a Recreation Assistant at the City of Groton Playground, and is an Avery Point Monitor. In addition, Deja volunteers at Sunday school. Deja's schools of choice include Howard, Spelman, and New York Universities where she intends to study Political Science with the intent of becoming a lawyer. Deja's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by the Kitchings Family Foundation.

LIZBETH POLANCO New London Science and Technology Magnet High School

Lizbeth Polanco, daughter of Elizabeth Reyes, is a senior at New London Science and Technology Magnet High School. At school, Lizbeth is a member of the Softball, Volleyball, and Indoor Track Teams. She consistently achieves First Honors and is placed in Honors and Advanced Placement classes. In addition, Lizbeth is a Tour Guide for Middle Schools, a Freshman Academy Volunteer, a member of Leaders and Innovators for Tomorrow Program, and a participant in of Health Occupations Students of America. In the community, Lizbeth volunteers as a Planned Parenthood Peer Educator as well as in its STARS Program. Lizbeth's schools of choice include Yale, Boston University, and UCONN where she intends to study medicine to become an Emergency Room Physician. Lizbeth's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by the Kitchings Family Foundation.

MASON BICKHAM Ledyard High School

Mason Bickham, son of Amy Bickham, is a senior at Ledyard High School. At school, Mason holds Varsity Letters in football and in Indoor and Outdoor Track, where he placed in the top five of the ECC track meets and qualified for the State of Connecticut meet. In addition, Mason is Section Leader of the Chamber Choir and participates in the Final Cut A Capella Group, the Ledyard Carolers, and the Music Council. In the community, Mason volunteers at Deans Mills and Mystic Middle Schools, at St. Mary's Church, at Trunk or Treat Halloween Event, at the Brothers Sing on Music Festival, and at the Ledyard Fair. He is also a Track and Field Camp Coach. Mason's schools of choice include UCONN, URI, and the University of Hartford where he intends to study psychology. Mason's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Stephen and Michael Track.

MAKAYLA KELLEY Norwich Free Academy

Makayla Kelley, daughter of Adrian and Margaret Kelley, is a senior at Norwich Free Academy. At school, Makayla is a member of the National and the Science National Honor Societies, earning Highest Honors every semester and maintaining a straight A average. She participates in the Indoor and Outdoor Track Teams, as well as Cross Country, where she is captain. In addition, Makayla is an NFA Tour Guide, a Project Outreach Coordinator, a participant in the NFA Prevention Program, in Wildcat Beginnings, in the Successful Hispanic Alliance Club, and is an officer in the Varsity N Club. In the community Makayla, volunteers with Centerpieces for Veterans and with children and the elderly and is member of the NAACP Youth Council. Makayla's schools of choice include the University of Michigan, Duke University, and UCONN, where she intends to study medicine to become an orthopedic physician. Makayla's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Pfizer Inc.

XAVION QUITO Fitch High School

Xavion Quito, son of Leonora Sydnor and Mario Quito III, is a senior at Fitch High School. At school, Xavion, a recipient of the Connecticut Boards of Education Leadership Award, is Student Representative to the Groton Board of Education, is president of the Class of 2021, sits on the Principal's Advisory Committee, and is active in the Freshman Academic Seminars. In addition, he is a member of More Than Words, the Falcon Academy, the Renaissance Crew, the Black Student Union, Hearing Youth Voices, and the Track and Field Team; he also manages the Fitch Girls Varsity Volleyball Team. In the community, Xavion volunteers at the elementary level and with middle school Girls Volleyball and works in the City of Groton Department of Parks and Recreation. Xavion's schools of choice include North Carolina A&T, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and UCONN, where he intends to study to become a pediatrician. Xavion's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Dr. and Mrs. James E. Mitchell.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

KAYLA MATEO Saint Bernard High School

Kayla Mateo, daughter of Jose and Kenia Mateo, is a senior at Saint Bernard High School. At school, Kayla is a member of the Spanish National Honor and the Tri-M National Music Honor Societies. Kayla serves as a leader on the Student Council, as the Diversity Committee Core Leader, and as an Interact Club Development Core Director. She is also a member of the Student Ambassador Club, the Yearbook Staff, and the Soccer Team. In the community, Kayla volunteers at FRESH New London, with New London Youth Affairs, and at the Dominican Association of New London and has acted as Campaign Agent for Chris Soto and Martha Marx. Kayla's schools of choice include Spelman, Worcester Polytechnic, and UCONN where she intends to study to become a Management Engineer. Kayla's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Dominion.

ANN'DARHALY BARBOT Norwich Free Academy

Ann'Darhaly Barbot, daughter of Yvens and Duquaine Barbot, is a senior at Norwich Free Academy. At school, Ann'Darhaly is a member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Young Writers Creativity Award. She is a member of the Tennis, Hip Hop/Jazz Dance, and debate teams. Ann'Darhaly holds a Varsity Letter in Dance and is a member of a Pre-professional Dance Company. In the community, Ann'Darhaly co-coaches an after-school program at the middle school level teaching students fundamentals of dance. She also volunteers with the Tommy Toy Fund, generating donations for children at Christmas. Ann'Darhaly's schools of choice include UCONN and Boston University where she intends to study psychology. Ann'Darhaly's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Pfizer Inc.

TRISTIN CLEETUS Fitch High School

Tristin Cleetus, daughter of Simon and Anita Cleetus, is a senior at Fitch High School. At school, Tristin is a member of the National Honor Society, the Humanitarian Club, the Peer Mediators, and the Student Leadership Board. In addition, she serves as a teaching assistant in mathematics and is a Homework Club tutor. In the community, Tristin volunteers at Bible Camp, on the Veterans Day Committee, at the Naval Base in Groton, at New London soup kitchens, and at Saint Edmund's Retreat in the context of its civic and church communities. As a member of a military family, Tristin has made personal sacrifices necessary in a life devoted to country. Tristin's schools of choice include Boston University and UCONN where she intends to study to become a dermatologist. Tristin's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Sonalysts and Community Friends.

TAYLOR DONOVAN Stonington High School

Taylor Donovan, daughter of Kenneth and Martha Donovan, is a senior at Stonington High School. At school, Taylor is a member of the National Honor Society, holds awards in Honors Precalculus, Honors AP Chemistry, and AP Anatomy and Physiology. Taylor is a Governor's Scholar Nominee and a recipient of the Harvard Book Award. In addition, Taylor serves as president of the Spanish Honor Society, Recording Secretary of Student Government, and captain of the Flag Squad. She is a member of the Tri M Music Society, SHS Keynotes, and Honors Chamber Choir. In the community, Taylor is a Senior Member and Soloist at the Eastern Connecticut Ballet. Taylor's schools of choice include Cornell and Duke Universities and Boston College where she intends to study English on a Pre-Med Track. Taylor's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Pfizer Inc.

COURTNEY HAMILTON, JR. New London Science and Technology Magnet High School

Courtney Hamilton, Jr., son of Courtney Hamilton, Sr. and Elisa Rodrigues, is a senior at New London Science and Technology Magnet School. At school, Courtney is enrolled in Honors, Advanced Placement, and Early College Experience classes. In addition, Courtney participates in Student Government, the Health Occupation Student Association Biomed Club, and the LIFT Mentoring Program and is a member of the Baseball Team. In the community, Courtney volunteers as a Little League Clinic Assistant. Courtney's schools of choice include UCONN, URI, and NYU where he intends to study to become a clinical psychologist. Courtney's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Trust Fund.

FATIMAH MANSOUR Fitch High School

Fatimah Mansour, daughter of Hassan and Emaan Mansour, is a senior at Fitch High School. At school, Fatimah is a member of the Girls' Track and Field and the Girls' Field Hockey Teams and is manager of the Girls' Basketball Team. Named to the Dean's List, and achieving High Honors every quarter, Fatimah participates in Student Leadership, the Renaissance Crew, and the Math Team and is a teaching assistant at the elementary level. In the community, Fatimah teaches Arabic lessons at local mosques, is the American Muslims for Palestine Youth Chair, organized the Fight for Justice for the BLM movement, and participates in STEPS. In addition, she is a Town of Groton Camp Counselor/Senior Leader and is a Town of Groton Basketball Association scorekeeper. Fatimah's schools of choice include UCONN where she intends to study medicine to become a physician. Fatimah's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Pfizer Inc.

SARAH MORALES Ledyard High School

Sarah Morales, daughter of The Rev. Mr. Jesse and Michelle Morales, is a senior at Ledyard High School. At school, Sarah has earned an Academic Letter and Pin, has received the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, the History Channel Award, and The Presidential Award for Excellence. In addition, Sarah participates in the Carolers, the Chamber Choir, and the Music Council and spearheads Fundraisers for the Class of 2021. Sarah's schools of choice include The University of Rhode Island, Brown University, and The University of Connecticut, where she intends to study to become a teacher. Sarah's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Stephen and Michael Trask and Community Friends.

ZOE COSTELLO Fitch High School

Zoe Costello, daughter of Melissa Hartley, is a senior at Fitch High School. At school, Zoe is a member of the National Society, has earned an Academic Letter and Chevron, and is enrolled in Advance Placement and International Baccalaureate courses. As captain of the Fitch Cheerleading Team, she has earned the Coach's Award and works with the Unified Cheer Team as a peer model for special needs students. In the community, Zoe volunteers with the Groton Mystic Falcons Youth Football League as a cheerleading coach. Zoe's schools of choice include Endicott College, Texas Christian University, and High Point University where she intends to study Interior Design. Zoe's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship is funded by Comcast and Community Friends.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 1968-2019

HERBERT ROSS

New London High School/Central Connecticut State College

LAWRENCE WILSON

Fitch High School/Drew University

LAWRENCE LEWIS

New London High School/Dartmouth College

BRENDA PERRY

Fitch High School/Connecticut College

MCKINLEY WINSTON, JR.

New London High School/Colgate University

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New London High School/Connecticut College

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Fitch High School/Western Connecticut

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Waterford High School/Mount Holyoke/Brown/Harvard

DARCELLE FLANAGAN

Fitch High School/Southern Connecticut State

DOLORAS ANN PERRY

New London High School/University of Connecticut

MARLENE LEE

New London High School/Yale University

SHARON DUNNING

New London High School/Boston College

JERRILYN LUTER

New London High School/University of Connecticut

JEAN MARIE JORDAN

New London High School/Northeastern University

JACQUELINE L. BEASLEY

New London High School/Bryant College

JARMAQUETTA WRIGHTEN

New London High School/S.Carolina State University

TAJUANDA TAYLOR

New London High School/Oral Roberts University

JEHU ROOKHARD

New London High School/Cornell University

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

RENEE PERRY

New London High School/Syracuse University

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

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PORTIA WASHINGTON

Fitch High School/Emory University

SEAN MILLER

Fitch High School/University of Connecticut

KAFI DAVIS

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ANGELA MATTHEWS

Fitch High School/University of Connecticut

TOMAS' R. MURIEL

Fitch High School/University of Connecticut

ERNEST HOLLOWAY

New London High School/University of Connecticut

TIANA V. DAVIS

New London High School/Connecticut College

FELICIA HOPE HURLEY

Fitch High School/Fordham University

ROBERT WILLIAMS, JR.

The Williams School/Boston College

ALEEYA STEWART

Norwich Free Academy/Howard University/Boston University

OLIVIA THOMPSON

Norwich Free Academy/

JOLANDA PORTER

Norwich Free Academy/Tufts University

DANTE ROSS

Fitch High School/Bucknell University

RAMIEL MURPHY

New London High School/Brown University

STEVEN WILSON

Norwich Free Academy/Moorehouse College

CHANDRA WARING

New London High School/Howard University

MICHELE SCOTT

Fitch High School/Columbia University

SHONRAEL LANIER

Norwich Free Academy/University of Connecticut

JOY WILSON

New London High School/Syracuse University

ASHLEY LOWE

Fitch High School/Tufts University

ARMINTA PATTERSON

Fitch High School/University of Connecticut

JULIA ROZIER

Fitch High School/Harvard University

MYLES BRADLEY

Norwich Free Academy/Stanford University

ANDREW DENNIS PERRY

Norwich Free Academy/Georgetown University

AARON CHRISTOPHER BRYANT

New London High School/University of Connecticut

ASHLEY YOUNG

Fitch High School/University of Connecticut

KENNETH YEARWOOD, JR.

Fitch High School/Columbia University

SUSYBEL ROXANNE PIMENTEL

New London High/Siena College

OSCAR PEREZ

New London High/University of Connecticut

KOURTNEY PULLIAM

Fitch High School/Penn State University

QUANITA JONES

New London High/Quinnipiac University

BETTINA HOUSE

Fitch High School/Boston University

SHANA YEARWOOD

Fitch High School/Columbia University

CHELSEA SMITH

Waterford High/Barnard College

BRITTANY LEWIS

New London High/Boston College

JAYNA VELEZ

New London High/University of Connecticut

DENZEL ALLEN

Ledyard High/ University of Rhode Island

NORMAN HARRISON

New London High/University of Connecticut

ARIANA ABRREU

Waterford High/University of Connecticut

RAYSHAWN WHITFORD

Stonington High/Babson College

KAITLYN MCBRYDE

Waterford High/Sacred Heart University

GEOFFREY TAYLOR

Fitch High/The New School

SIMONE BARNER

New London High/ Tuskegee University

JEREMY ALLEN

Waterford High/University of Hartford

WHITNEY DUNNING

Fitch High/University of Connecticut

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 1968-2018

SHIANNE SEBASTIAN
Wheeler High/Dartmouth College

MATTHEW JONES
Norwich Free Academy/Delaware State University

ALEC CHRISTIAN
East Lyme High/Wake Forest University

JASMINE BARBER-DECOSTA
Fitch High/University of Connecticut

SHANIECE JONES
New London Science & Tech/Elms College

AARON DAVIS
Williams School/Connecticut College

MARISSA LOWE
Fitch High/Williams College

DERELL WILSON
Norwich Free Academy/American International College

PETER KYDD
NL Science & Technology Magnet School/University of CT

TRAE LEE JEANNETTE
NL Science & Technology Magnet School/Worcester Polytechnic Institute

LAWRENCE WILSON
Stonington High/Temple University

AISHA LEE
Fitch High/Harvard University

RACHELLE AEKINS
Waterford High/University of Connecticut

CHLOE WARE
NL Science & Technology Magnet School/Springfield College

ZAKIYA THOMAS-KEYTON
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