

The Awards Banquet for the Cumberland County Public Schools  
Foundation, Inc.,

was held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at Cumberland High School.

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**GED Students Receive Scholarships to Continue their Education**



Front row: Scholarship Recipients: (l to r) - Lindsay Barnette, Michael Martin, and Kelsey Kronmeister

Back row: Scholarship Representatives: John Sanderson, Barbara Pierce, and Beverly Hill

**Cumberland High School Students Receive Scholarships**



Front row, scholarship recipients (l to r) - Sha-monica Brooks, Montesa Booker, Earnest Allen, Stephanie Morris, Joneka Brooks, Ilesha Samuels, Gerard Cosby, and Austin Rice  
Back row, scholarship representatives: Delma Branch, Anna Garrett, Pamela Staton, Carla Smith, Kathy White, Diane Robinson, Pat Bickel, Audrey Robinson, Salonege Crenshaw, Herb Goodman, Sherry Pitt, Lynne Boggs, George Danker, Jay Marion, and Kathy Skelly.

**Currently Enrolled College Students Receive Scholarships**



Front row: Scholarship Recipients: (l to r), Lauren Ingle, Courtney Reed, Jessica Robinson, Cassie White, Allie Robinson, Sarah Robinson, Brodis Brown, and Lauren Higgins.  
Back row: Scholarship Representatives: Chip Jones, Ernestine Sharpe, Trisha Davenport, Barbara Gamage, Van Petty, Linda Lineweaver, Travis Gilliam and Ashley Sanderson Rymer

### Biographical Sketches of Scholarship Recipients

#### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$500)**

**Sha-monica Brooks** is the daughter of Mr. Marvin Booker and Ms. Hazel Brooks. She has a GPA of 3.25 and plans to attend Virginia Union University. Sha-monica is interested in pursuing a career in nursing. She is determined to obtain her degree and work in Farmville in order to give back to her community.

#### **Cumberland Youth League Scholarship (\$500)**

**Brodis Brown** is a rising Senior at Shenandoah University, majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in Business. Although Brodis' academic progress is not where he wants it to be, he feels that with his last semester's GPA at a solid 2.5, he is on his way to achieving his goal to become an Occupational Therapist. His career inspiration became clear when his mother suffered a mild stroke in the summer of 2008. He is determined to help her acquire a full recovery.

#### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,500)**

**Kelsey Kronmeister** is 17 years old, currently enrolled in the GED program and interested in being self-employed in the equine industry. She plans to enroll in Southside Virginia Community College to receive an associate's degree in Business Administration. This degree will further aid Kelsey's business, Turn "n" Point Stables, in the expert care and welfare of ten horses.

#### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$500)**

**Michael Martin**, currently enrolled in the GED program, a bi-vocational minister and pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in Farmville, wants to go to Liberty University to study God's word. His long-term

goal is to get a Masters of Divinity degree. He has a son who is a senior at Cumberland High School who will be attending Liberty University this Fall.

**Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$500), Joshua I. Smith Memorial Scholarship (\$500)**

**Earnest Allen** is the son of Mr. Earnest and Carol Allen. He has a GPA of 3.4 and plans to attend Hampden-Sydney College. He believes that Cumberland High School has prepared him academically for college and helped him to realize his career path. Earnest aspires to be an educator and school administrator.

**Cumberland Clothes Closet (\$500), Joshua I. Smith Memorial Scholarship (\$500)**

**Montesa Booker** is the daughter of Mrs. Maria Langhorne. She has a GPA of 3.1 and plans to attend Southside Virginia Community College. Upon completion of her Associates Degree Montesa will apply to a 4 year university to complete her Bachelors. Montesa's teachers describe her as a bright student that is powered by the will to succeed.

**Nancy Sanderson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**Julia Lauren Higgins** is currently a student at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia, with a GPA of 3.39. She is majoring in Nursing. She hopes to enter the working field at a hospital either in Lynchburg or Farmville upon graduation as well as continue her education to obtain a Master's of Science in Nursing. She actually will gain work experience in her field as a CNA at Southside Community Hospital this summer.

**Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**Lauren Ingle** is finishing her third year at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a GPA of 3.11. She originally hope to be graduating this semester, but found out the hard way that she did not want to be a computer science major. On her second attempt, she was accepted into the Mason Business School and is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a major of Process Management and Consulting, minoring in Psychology. She will graduate "on time" next Spring.

**Cumberland Youth League (\$500), Joshua I. Smith Memorial**

### **Scholarship (\$500)**

**Stephanie Morris** is the daughter of Steve and Charlotte Morris. She has a GPA of 3.22 and plans to attend a 4 year university. Stephanie would like to major in Athletic Training. She believes that if she continues to stay motivated all of her dreams will come true. Stephanie's teachers describe her as a student that is always smiling and respectful.

### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**Courtney Reed** is currently enrolled at The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, with a 3.41 GPA studying pre-medicine. Her areas of interest include forensic psychiatry, surgery and dermatology. She is not sure which area she will concentrate on at the moment, but she knows she is determined to help people. Getting into medical school is the goal. Because she is ambitious, she is sure she will get there, one way or another.

### **Bank of America/Eric L. Robinson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**Jessica Robinson** is currently enrolled at Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia, with a 3.23 GPA studying biology. Her associate's degree she obtained while at Cumberland High School gave her a huge advantage, credit-hour wise, when entering Hampton. After researching the field of biology education, she will be transferring to Virginia Commonwealth University in the Fall of 2009 with 101 credit hours in their School of Science.

### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000)**

**Cassie White** is currently enrolled at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia, with a GPA of 2.82. As she entered the campus last fall, she was not sure what she wanted to do for a career. She then walked into her first class, Sociology 101. She now knows why she enjoyed working with her grandmother and volunteering in various activities growing up in Cumberland. She now feels becoming a Social Worker is what she was meant to do.

### **Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,250)**

**Allie Robinson** is currently enrolled at The University of Virginia's College at Wise in Wise, Virginia, with a GPA of 3.79. She is majoring

in Communications and minoring in French. She is extremely proud and grateful for having the opportunity to learn from mission work in the Darfur region in Sudan and Kampala, Uganda. This experience has taught her that Americans have a lot to learn from other countries, even third-world ones.

**Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$1250)**

**Sarah Robinson** is currently enrolled at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina with a GPA of 3.93. She is majoring in Environmental Science. She has wanted to study the world around her ever since a lack of artistic ability clued her in that a career as a children's book illustrator was not in the cards. Her new mantra: "don't blow it – good planets are hard to find." She is proud of the new group on campus called Environment. Catawba. Outreach. of which she and a classmate founded.

**William and Ada Sanderson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)**

**Lindsay Barnette** is 17 years old and is currently enrolled in the GED program. Lindsay moved to Cumberland County in January to live with her mother. Upon taking initial SOL tests, she passed them all with perfect scores. She also passed the GED Practice Tests with perfect scores as well. Her plan is to become a secondary art teacher by attending John Tyler Community College and then transferring to Virginia Commonwealth University under the guaranteed admissions program.

**Eric L. Robinson Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000), Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. Scholarship (\$500)**

**Joneka Brooks** is the daughter of Ms. Josephine Brooks. She has a GPA of 3.93 and plans to attend Virginia Commonwealth University. Joneka would like to major in Social Work. Her desire is to help families move on from obstacles that have come their way. Joneka dreams of leading the people of Virginia to a better style of living.

**Ryan Marion Memorial Scholarship (\$1,250), Cumberland Clothes Closet (\$500)**

**Austin Rice** is the son of Michael and Wendy Rice. He has a GPA of 3.75 and plans to attend Virginia Tech. Austin's goals include obtaining a bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He is determined to learn and demonstrate good leadership qualities to

everyone he meets.

**David Goodman Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000), Joshua I. Smith Memorial Scholarship (\$500), Womans Club of Cumberland (\$250)**

**Iesha Samuels** is the daughter of Ms. Angela Samuels. She has a GPA of 4.0 and plans to attend the University Of Virginia. Iesha will major in Spanish while taking the required courses to attend pre-medical school. Her ultimate goal is to become a Pediatrician. Iesha believes that education is a puzzle with millions of pieces waiting to be put together to complete the excellence of higher learning.

**George P. Danker Memorial Scholarship (\$1,850)**

**Gerard Cosby** is the son of Gary and Dorothy Cosby. He has a GPA of 4.2 and plans to attend Howard University. His educational goals include obtaining a dual degree in architecture and business. Gerard has strived to be an excellent student, community leader, and an active youth church member. He believes in going above and beyond the minimum expectations.