

Marie K. Bogle Scholarship

33rd Annual
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2023 Scholarship Recipients



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2023 Scholarship Ceremony

Message from the Director

Isabel Sampson-Mapp
Director - Penn VIPS
Associate Director
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Today's ceremony marks the 33rd year of the Penn Volunteers in Public Service (Penn VIPS) and Business Services Scholarship Program. We are extremely fortunate to have received a generous gift from Robert W. Bogle, of the Philadelphia Tribune to honor his beloved wife, Marie K. Bogle. Please also see the list of our many other supporters. Their information is also included in this booklet.

Penn VIPS/Business Services scholarship program was expanded and re-named in honor of Mr. Bogle's gift to its new name the Marie K. Bogle Scholarship sponsored by Penn VIPS and Business Services. The purpose of the fund is to support graduating high school students in West and Southwest Philadelphia who show us the importance of performing service particularly while in pursuit of education. You got to hear about many of the activities in which we are involved. These scholarships honor students who recognize the importance of volunteering within their communities as they strive for academic achievement. They tutor students, clean their neighborhoods, help their teachers, help the elderly, and so much more.

The Memorial Fund assures the continued success of the program's goal to highlight the importance of service. The donated funds allow our scholarship recipients the opportunity to purchase required items such as textbooks, as well as the many other articles first-year college students need as they create a home away from home.

We are honored to receive the gift from Robert W. Bogle, and our other donors and supporters. We are pleased to have additional generous donations from our long-standing supporters, Drs. Rossman and Paterson as well as new supporters, Facilities & Real Estate Services, and Information Systems & Computing. Their generosity makes the scholarship program possible and ensures its longevity.

Thank you to everyone involved for your participation. Thank you for the long-standing partnership with Business Services. Thank you and congratulations to our awardees who remind us continually of the importance of community service. In addition to their scholarships, these students will receive additional gifts like refrigerators, microwaves, and other items they will be able to take with them to school. We are fortunate to receive gently used items from our collaboration with Penn Moves.

A special thank you to the members of the 2024 Penn VIPS and Business Services Scholarship Committee for their dedication and outstanding work. Each year, through their tireless dedication, our winners are selected. It is a pleasure to work with them to celebrate our outstanding awardees.

Program & Awards

Welcome

R. Perry Bloomfield

Senior Information Technology Specialist
Penn Facilities & Real Estate Services

Welcome from University

Ira Harkavy

Assistant Vice President & Founding Director
The Netter Center for Community Partnerships

Introduction of Keynote

Dr. Valerie D. Allen

Penn's African-American Resource Center

Keynote Speaker

Sydney Montgomery

Executive Director & Founder
Barrier Breakers

Performance

Jack Drummond

Inaugural Director of Restorative Practices
Perelman School of Medicine

Awards Presentation

Guests/Committee Members

Closing Remarks

Isabel Sampson-Mapp

Director - Penn VIPS
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Scholarship Award Recipients

Harriet Banto

Parkway West High School

Sifiyah Cupit

Overbrook High School

Eric Foster

Overbrook High School

Jianna Johnson

Parkway West High School

Deontee Moses

Sayre High School

Riahna Tiggett

West Philadelphia High School

Ajahnae' Waters

Paul Robeson High School

In Memory of Marie K. Bogle

Teacher
Philadelphia Educational System



Marie Kanalas Bogle led a distinguished career as a school teacher. Her youthful and lifelong passion was found in the wonders of books. She read novels, social histories, political studies, biographies and memoirs. She loved learning about the way people lived in times past and present, their triumphs, their disappointments, their hardships and their ability to surmount whatever difficulties they faced. She had a special commitment to the children of West Philadelphia.

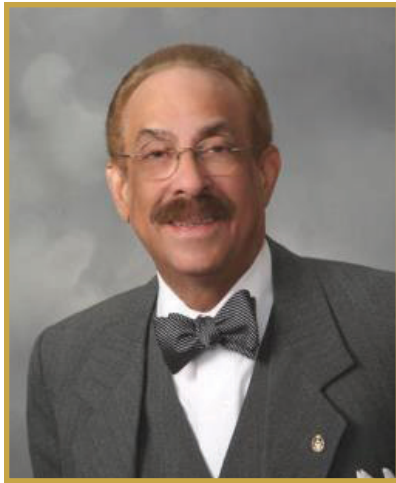
In 1971, she began her teaching career in the Philadelphia educational system at John Bartram High School. She later taught at the James Rhoads Elementary School, William C. Bryant Elementary School and then at the Dr. Charles Turner Middle School. She remained dedicated to her professional responsibilities. A special achievement was her involvement in the West Philadelphia Improvement Corps, a school and community revitalization effort that seeks to create university-assisted community schools which serve the entire community. With the support of her principals, Robert Chapman and Charles D'Alfonso, she brought about important curriculum innovations at the schools where she taught.

Her achievements were widely recognized and lauded. She received the "Award for Positive Contributions to Communities" and the "Thanks to Teachers Award."

At the invitation of The German Marshall Fund, she participated in a cross-national study of educational programs at numerous conferences. Never could she quite leave behind her involvement in education and her keen desire to improve the lives and futures of young students.

She retired from the school district in 2004 after 33 years of service.

Even after retirement, she continued as a consultant for the Center for Community Partnerships, a program at the University of Pennsylvania.



Robert W. Bogle

Robert W. Bogle is president and chief executive officer of *The Philadelphia Tribune*, the nation's oldest and the Greater Philadelphia region's largest audited newspaper serving the African-American community. Mr. Bogle has held other high-level offices at the newspaper including posts as advertising director, director of marketing, and executive vice president/treasurer.

Mr. Bogle has served as chairman of the Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities Authority of Philadelphia. He has been active in many professional, civic and social organizations, over the years including: the Council of Trustees at Cheyney University, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Mann Music Center for the Performing Arts, the African-American Chamber of Commerce, PHLCVB, and the Philadelphia Tribune. He is a former board member of US Airways Group.

He served as president of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NNPA), a trade association comprising 205 Black-owned newspapers across the nation from 1991 through 1995. Mr. Bogle is a founding member of the African American News and Information Consortium, a group of premier newspapers in some of the largest markets in the United States.

Some of his board affiliations include the Philadelphia Museum of Art Corporate Partners

Board, the Pennsylvania News Media Association, Visit Philadelphia, PNC advisory board, and PRWT. Also, the Forum for a Better Pennsylvania, a statewide, private-sector leadership organization committed to enhanced civic and economic inclusion for African Americans.

President George W. Bush appointed him to serve as a member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Commission. He received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Drexel University and an honorary doctorate of Literature from Lincoln University. He is a member of Alpha Boule' Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also a member of The Pennsylvania Society and Philadelphia Community of Leaders.

Mr. Bogle attended Cheyney University in Cheyney, Pa., to study Sociology, earning a B.A. in Urban Studies. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and Finance, Temple University in Philadelphia and the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. He continues to hone his newspaper experience/expertise by participating in annual workshops in the areas of the internet, finance, editorial content and advertising.

Mr. Bogle remains committed to his role as an ambassador for the birthplace of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Keynote Speaker

Sydney Montgomery

Executive Director & Founder
Barrier Breakers



Sydne Montgomery (Forbes 30 Under 30) is the Executive Director and Founder of the faith-based nonprofit organization, Barrier Breakers®, which is dedicated to increasing access to, and success in, higher education for BIPOC and other marginalized students. Barrier Breakers® has worked with 7,000 students on the college and law school admissions process.

Sydney holds a B.A. in English from Princeton University, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, a Certificate in Independent Educational Consulting from UC Irvine, and a Certificate in Anti-Racism in Urban Education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is a member of the Independent Educational Consultants Association and the Northeast Association of Pre-Law Advisors. Sydney is currently an MDiv/MACEF candidate at Princeton Theological Seminary.

She speaks and leads workshops on issues of educational equity and diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education, corporate, and faith-based settings. Sydney is a member of the Forbes Nonprofit Council and has been featured in Inc., Forbes, FastCompany, Medium, and CNBC, among others.



Performance

Jack Drummond
Inaugural Director of Restorative Practices
Perelman School of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania

Jack Drummond is an experienced leader, administrator, and adjunct instructor. Currently, he serves as the Inaugural Director of Restorative Practices at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. With over 20 years of experience in mental health, he has served as an administrator and direct service professional for youth and families. Jack is a graduate of both Lincoln University and the University of Pennsylvania. Additionally, he is in the process of completing a doctoral degree at the Graduate School of Education (GSE), University of Pennsylvania. He also serves as an instructor at both the University of Pennsylvania and Lincoln University.

Scholarship Recipients



Harriet Banto is a distinguished graduating senior from Parkway West High School, known for her independence, strength, and remarkable work ethic. Harriet began volunteer service in ninth grade during the pandemic, when she sought out the “Youth Volunteer Corps.” There, she contributed to the construction of plant boxes and signposts for Penn Treaty Park, an initial experience that ignited a passion for community service. She believes that “volunteering creates a sense of obligation to others and aspires to make a lifelong commitment rather than a resume booster.”

Harriet’s academic achievements are equally impressive: a 4.1 G.P.A. and 31 college credits in a dual enrollment program with Community College of Philadelphia. Her goal is to become a dermatologist, and will attend Xavier University in New Orleans on a full academic scholarship, majoring in Biochemistry. Harriet lives by an inspiring quote from James Clear, (Atomic Habits), “Making a choice that is 1 percent better or 1 percent worse seems insignificant in the moment, but over the span of moments that make up a lifetime these choices determine the difference between who you are and who you could be. Success is the product of daily habits – not once-in-a-lifetime transformations.”



Sifiyah Cupit is a graduating senior at Overbrook High School. She plans to attend Community College of Philadelphia and then transfer to Lincoln University where she will pursue a degree in History and Journalism. At 11 years old, following the passing of her little sister, Sifiyah began writing poetry. Her first poem connected the impact of slavery to the impact of her mother’s loss. This loss and her family’s survival from this trauma continue to inspire her.

Sifiyah’s friends describe her as very independent and the friend that “goes hard” for everyone else. She makes everyone feel better and puts smiles on her loved ones’ faces by “being goofy,” making human connections, and making others laugh when it is difficult to do so. These characteristics improve her connections with the participants in the Boys and Girls Club of America where she is a counselor and motivational speaker. She works with girls in a group called “Girl Power,” where she helps participants to express themselves, develop coping skills and outlets to navigate life’s difficulties. One of these outlets is basketball, which she hopes to continue during her college years and beyond.

Sifiyah believes that service is important because it allows you to give back and to be a leader in the community. She thinks “it’s really fun watching and helping people succeed when you lend a helping hand.”

Scholarship Recipients

Eric Foster is a part of Overbrook High School's class of 2024. In the Fall, Eric will be attending the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP), where he hopes to develop a strong foundation in the culinary arts and business management. Throughout his time in high school, Eric has combined his love for culinary arts and service through his involvement at Rebel Ventures - a youth led non-profit which focuses on providing healthy and delicious food to Philadelphia schools and the community. As a part of the Rebel Ventures team, Eric learned the significance of addressing social issues like access to healthy food, teamwork, and embracing social responsibility.

His service has ultimately taught him "the power of collaboration and collective action." In addition to his work with Rebel Ventures, he has organized cooking classes for underprivileged youth, and taught basic cooking skills and nutrition.

Eric hopes to complete his degree in culinary arts at CCP and learn from local restaurants to develop his passions. In the future, Eric seeks to start his own culinary business to continue serving his community through his talents and passions.



Jianna Johnson has graduated from Parkway West High School with a 4.0 grade point average. She will attend Delaware State University, with the goal of becoming an anesthesiologist.

Jianna participated in feeding the homeless and in Parkway's Early Childhood program. Three days a week, Jianna worked as a classroom helper at KenCrest Daycare Center, helping "to create an engaging environment that allows children to show positive relationships and grow in their cognitive, emotional, and social development." The experience has taught her patience and the importance of understanding the little things of life. Jianna learned the importance of childcare workers, their role in building children's futures, and the importance in being responsible.

Jianna further believes that "community service plays a big role in how society as a whole is run." It provides an opportunity to make connections and interact with others. Working with different people with different needs, gaining exposure to the world of others only helps to make a person well rounded and willing to work to improve society.



Scholarship Recipients



Deontee Moses is a graduate of William Sayre High School. He will be attending La Salle University in the fall with plans to study business administration as an undergraduate and finance as a graduate student. He would like to pursue a career in investment banking. He has supported the Sayre Student Government in organizing their activities. He is most proud of planning a school block party for students of all grades at Sayre. He has been an integral leader in the Netter Center's Pipeline Health Careers Exposure Program.

He has done a wonderful job recruiting students at Sayre to participate in Pipeline and has demonstrated his interest in business as a participant in the Life Science & Management biotechnology branch of the program. Deontee says, "The important thing to me is the satisfaction and feeling of accomplishment I get from making other students and people smile from the work I've done. From planning courtyard events, to movie days at school, to even spirit week, it's all worth it to see the students grateful and excited to do something new and interesting - making the hard work worth it".



Riahna Tiggett is a graduating senior from West Philadelphia High School. She believes that it is incumbent on everyone to volunteer and has a long history of working to improve the lives of others.

Volunteering has allowed her to "come out of her shell" thus developing her social and leadership skills. Her most significant community service activity was volunteering with Wendy's Wonderful Kids Adoption Foundation. This program is dedicated to keeping families together and when that isn't possible, finding the right match for children in need. She also participates in Penn Medicine's "Pennmentorship" program, receiving mentoring from leaders in the field while she mentors younger students. Riahna also helps youth at the Boy and Girls Club after school - all this while leading the Cheering squad. Riahna is dedicated to making a difference: "Community service is important to me because it not only helps others, but you learn a lot about yourself in the process."

She is described by her Social Sciences teacher as "quietly confident with a positive attitude." He is sure she will change the world and leave it better than she found it. Her future goals are to continue helping others through the medical profession. In the fall, Riahna will be studying nursing at one of the nation's top 10 HBCU's, Morgan State. Go Bears!!!

Scholarship Recipients

Ajahnae' Waters is a Distinguished Honors Award winning senior at Paul Robeson High School. "Nae" believes volunteering has taught her the "immense power of kindness and the value of empathy." Her involvement in community service has taught her that "out there somewhere, something you take for granted is actually a precious thing for someone else." Ajahnae' participates in Toys for Tots toy drives, distributing food at her place of worship, feeding the unhoused during the holidays, and hairstyling for the less fortunate. When Ajahnae' views the world through the eyes of her younger sibling, she is motivated to make a change, believing that even small acts of kindness and service can lead to a cleaner and safer community. Through serving others, Ajahnae' appreciates that she has developed new skills, discovered new passions, and gained new insights about herself and the world.



As one of the top four students in her graduating class, Ajahnae' is on track to attend Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she plans to study Psychology. Her goal is to excel in the field of Social Work, opening her own practice where parents can find support for their children, and becoming a pediatric surgeon. The future also includes continuing her community service activities.

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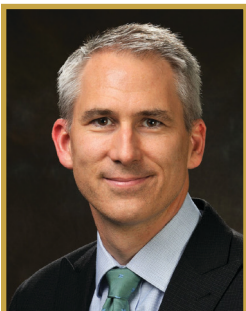
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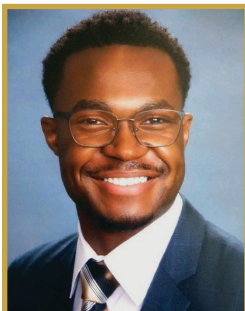
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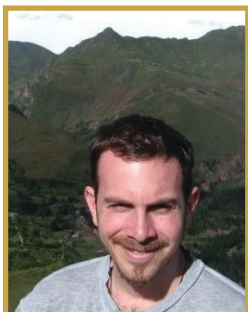
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MISSION

In 1987, the Philadelphia Daily News printed an article about an ambitious young man, Eric Franklin, who would be attending college that fall. Eric had been homeless his whole life. For any student, it is no mean feat to succeed academically at the university level – even without the added pressure of financial worries. A discussion amongst Penn VIPS members emphasized that for many, putting a child through college presents to the family a significant financial burden. Eric's story inspired Penn VIPS to establish a scholarship fund that would be used for non-tuition expenses such as books, supplies, health insurance, and other needs. Our scholarship exists to cover the expenses not included in the traditional financial aid package. We hope to choose students who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to both higher education and community service. Our choice is based on students answering several questions about their volunteerism activities, how volunteering has helped them, and their thoughts about how they will continue when they reach college. Additionally, we review the students' report cards and school and community recommendations. While we seek students who receive good grades, we do not exclude those who receive the occasional "C."

PROGRAMS/PROJECT INVOLVEMENT

To learn more about the Penn VIPS/Business Services Annual Scholarship Program, renamed the Marie K. Bogle Scholarship Fund as a result of a generous donation from the Bogle Family, visit: www.nettercenter.upenn.edu.

TAKE TIME TO CARE, CONTACT PENN VIPS

Volunteers are welcome to help with any of the Penn VIPS programs or activities. We seek new members to work on the committee and individuals, businesses or organizations who would like to engage in supporting tomorrow's leaders—our West Philadelphia high school students.

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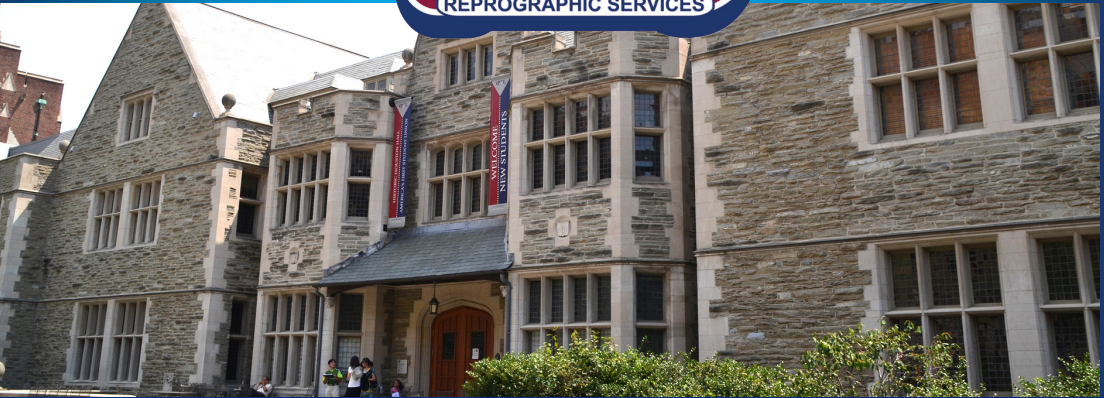
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