



# **2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS**

# FCBA Foundation 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The FCBA Foundation is pleased to announce it has selected 29 students from Washington, DC public high schools for merit and need-based awards and college scholarships to be distributed over four years of matriculation. Also, we will award scholarships to six law school students and stipends to 12 law school students who have accepted unpaid public service internships in communications-related agencies for the summer. None of these awards would be possible without the generous support of the FCBA's members and the organizations in which they work. We thank you for your generosity!

## 2021 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's college scholarship committee, **Delara Derakhshani, Anisa Latif Green, Erin Griffith, Patrick Halley, and Mike Saperstein**, the Foundation reviewed applications from high school students of diverse backgrounds with an interest in communications-related fields, including media, journalism, technology, engineering, or law. Forty-five high school student applicants were interviewed and 29 of these were chosen to receive FCBA Foundation scholarship assistance funded over four years. Our scholarship recipients this year came from 16 local public high schools: BASIS DC, Benjamin Banneker, Columbia Heights Educational Campus (Bell Multicultural), Calvin Coolidge, Cardozo Education Campus, Duke Ellington, Dunbar, Eastern, E.L. Haynes, McKinley Technology, Paul Public Charter School, Roosevelt, School Without Walls, Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS, Washington Latin PCS, and Woodrow Wilson. All 45 of the applicants who attended interviews will be provided new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **Comcast NBCUniversal** for sponsoring the production of the video.

## 2021 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Anisa Latif Green, Tom Power, Joy Ragsdale, and Roger Sherman**, led the efforts to review applications from current students at law schools across the country who demonstrated merit and need, as well as an interest in communications law and technology and public service. We received applications from students at schools across the country and awarded six \$5,000 scholarships.

## 2021 PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's internship committee, **Megan Brown, Erin Griffith, Maureen Ohlhausen, Edward "Smitty" Smith, and Meagan Sunn**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 to 12 students who have accepted public service positions for the summer.

*Congratulations to all of our scholarship and stipend recipients!*

The Foundation also thanks the following volunteers for their time and talent, serving as liaisons to participating public high schools, reviewing college and law school scholarship applications, and interviewing high school students: **Christopher Bair, Roxanna Barboza, Ahuva Battams, Karina Bohorquez, Adam Copeland, Elizabeth Cuttner, Justin Faulb, Amy Fliam, Chris Frascella, Anna Gomez, Kara Graves, Nese Guendelsberger, Russ Hanser, Kathy Harvey, John Heflin, Dan Henry, Kevin Holmes, Joycelyn James, Ethan Jeans, Jamile Kadre, Warren Kessler, Kathleen Kirby, Christopher Koves, Adam Krinsky, Patrick McFadden, Kasey McGee, Aimee Meacham, Joel Miller, Lynne Montgomery, Courtney Neville, Kimia Nikseresht, Nick Page, James Park, Jeremy Pederson, Patricia Peña, Adam Peters, Lee Petro, Jason Rademacher, Ronnie Raju, Tamber Ray, Sekoia Rogers, Kevin Rupy, Adam Sandler, Michelle Schaefer, Savannah Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Randy Sifers, Anjali Singh, Karen Sprung, Laura Stefani, Megan Anne Stull, Danielle Thumann, Hannah Wigger, Romanda Williams, Rachel Wolkowitz, and Richard Young.**

## THANKS TO DONORS

Thanks to the continuing generosity of our individual members, law firms, companies, and associations, the FCBA Foundation's fundraising efforts continue to reach amazing levels each year. Thanks to the contributions of many, we've awarded **almost \$373,000!**

The current list of donors is at the end of this handout and the final list for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 will be included in the Foundation's annual report, in the FCBA newsletter, and on the FCBA Foundation website. To donate, please visit the Foundation's web page: <http://www.fcba.org/foundation>.

Your generous donations of time and talent enable the Foundation to do more in our community, and to nurture aspiring communications professionals. Thank you!

## SPECIAL THANKS FROM MEGAN BROWN AND EDWARD "SMITTY" SMITH 2020-2021 CO-CHAIRS, FCBA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

What a year this has been! We extend our heartfelt appreciation to so many people this year for making sure the Foundation could continue its vital mission. First, we thank FCBA the membership and corporate donors whose generosity sustained the Foundation and made possible the awards to deserving students. Next, we are extremely grateful to the FCBA's remarkable team – **Kerry Loughney, Janeen Wynn, Wendy Parish, and Elizabeth Hagerty**. The Foundation simply could not run without their support and hard work. This year has been a remarkable one and we are so grateful for their attention to detail and commitment to the mission. They go above and beyond to keep things moving. This year we got a new logo (thanks FCBA!) and secured a new Twitter handle, @FCBAFoundation. (thanks Kerry!)

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Both of us owe immense gratitude to this year's Board of Trustees for their commitment to promoting the programs of the Foundation. Without exception, each was dedicated to our fundraising, ongoing improvement of our online applications, evaluating and making our outreach to potential applicants more expansive, and serving as stewards of the funds entrusted to us. The Foundation has an ambitious agenda each year, and we could not accomplish our goals without an engaged and devoted Board comprised of individuals willing to offer up their time and talents, over and above the demands of their day jobs and other personal commitments.

Each Trustee is elected by you, the members, for 3 years. We meet monthly and each takes on committee and other work. Several Trustees are "graduating": **Patrick Halley**, **Tom Power**, **Joy Ragsdale**, and **Megan Brown**. Of the graduating Trustees, **Tom Power** deserves a shout out for his work to manage the application portal contract, and **Joy Ragsdale** was a champion of this year's golf event. We provide a particular note of gratitude for **Patrick Halley** whose work on the budget and financial reporting was invaluable.

We thank each Trustee for their leadership and dedication during their years on the Board. Fortunately, the Foundation remains in excellent hands with returning Trustees **Delara Derakhshani**, **Maureen Ohlhausen**, **Roger Sherman**, **Edward "Smitty" Smith**, **Anisa Latif Green**, **Erin Griffith**, **Mike Saperstein**, **Meagan Sunn** and we'll be pleased to welcome our newly elected members from among an exceptional set of candidates. Thanks to all the FCBA members who ran for election to the Board; we sincerely hope that you remain dedicated to the mission.

Thanks, too, to former FCBA President **Joshua Turner**, whose ex-officio duties were invaluable to the Foundation. This year's FCBA President **Natalie Roisman** prioritized collaboration between the Foundation and the FCBA and we are grateful for her thoughtfulness.

Again, thanks to you all, the FCBA members for your continued support of the Foundation. Remember, as a member of the FCBA, you are also a member of the FCBA Foundation. As Co-Chairs, we've had a unique perspective on how many volunteers it takes to help the Foundation reach its ambitious goals. It is very special to see how many FCBA members are willing to take time out to review scholarship applications or to interview applicants, as well as how many are willing to help persuade an employer to support a named scholarship or to make generous monetary contributions themselves. This year has served to underscore not only what a very special bar we have, but also how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to positively impact on our community.

It is an honor to introduce this year's scholarship and internship stipend awardees:

## 2021 College Scholarship Recipient Bios

### RAKYIA ADDO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Rakyia Addo will be graduating from Dunbar High School and attending Kent State University with a major in Chemistry. Rakyia will be graduating top 3 in her class. She is also a member of the National Society of High School Scholars and a student athlete who competes in track and field. She plans on continuing her sport in college and is very excited to compete at the next level. She's always been obsessed with criminal investigations which pushed her interest in becoming a forensic scientist in the future.



### QUADRI AHMED

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

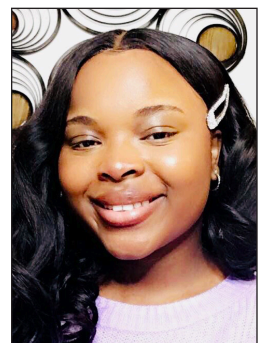
Quadri Ahmed is graduating from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, where he was a member of the National Honors Society and an AP Scholar. After participating in an Actions Civic Classroom in the second half of his freshman year, Quadri became interested with the idea of youth led civil discourse, leading him to become a representative for Mikva Challenge DC. Between his commitment to Mikva and tutoring 4th graders at Barnard Elementary School, Quadri has completed over 280 hours of community service. During his time in high school, one of Quadri's favorite things to do was write for his school newspaper. He'll be attending Tulane University next fall, where he plans on being a news editor for the Tulane Hullabaloo.



### ALEXIS BEATTY

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Alexis Beatty is a graduating senior at Paul International High School and will be attending North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University this fall, where she will study architectural engineering. As a DC native, Alexis has experienced the effects of gentrification and poverty in low-income neighborhoods. These experiences, along with her participation in her school's STEM Club and other STEM-related projects,





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have cultivated her passion for giving back to her community through social justice-minded engineering. She plans to use her degree and engineering knowledge to develop housing and facilities for low-income residents, especially in Washington, DC. Alexis's position as the president of her school's STEM club, her leadership on various sports teams, and her frequent participation in food drives and other community service events around DC have developed her leadership and passion for helping others.

## **KIARRA BELLAMY**

NCTA – The Internet & Television Association Scholarship (\$10,000)

Kiarra Bellamy is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and will be attending the University of Florida. She has a great interest in science and will be majoring in Biochemistry on the pre-med track, with the goal of becoming a neonatologist. Throughout her educational career, Kiarra has taken 11 dual enrollment and AP classes, and has maintained a 4.0+ GPA. Clubs and activities that Kiarra has participated in include National Honor Society, SciMaTech Academy, Remote Tutoring, and volunteering at her local elementary school.



## **ALICIA CAMPBELL**

T-Mobile US, Inc. Scholarship (\$15,000)

Alicia Campbell is graduating from Washington Latin PCS and will be attending Harvard University, where she intends to major in Government and Modern Middle East Studies, and minor in Arabic. At Washington Latin, Alicia is the president and founder of the Humanitarian Mapping Club, where she leads students in collecting data for humanitarian groups by virtually mapping uncharted areas affected by disaster. Throughout high school, she has dedicated herself to studying Arabic and exploring the politics, religion, and media of the Arab world. Alicia received a scholarship from the U.S. State Department to study Arabic in Jordan, and participated in a language immersion program at Middlebury College. She is also independently researching the economic and cultural effects of the dominance of anglophone computer programming languages in the Arab World. Alicia has aspirations of joining the Foreign Service, where she'll use her knowledge of Arabic and international politics.



## **CHIOMA CHUKWURAH**

CTIA Scholarship (\$10,000)

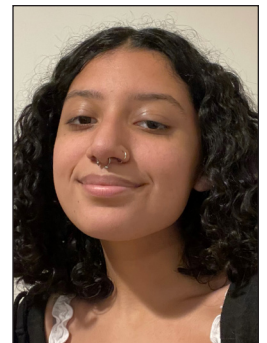
Chioma Chukwurah is a graduating senior from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. She is the valedictorian of her graduating class and will be attending Brown University in the fall of 2021. During her high school years at Banneker, she was very active in her school community. She was a member of the Student Government Association, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta Society, and more. She was the Vice President of the French Honor Society and co-president of the African Student Union club. She also enjoyed participating in sports, such as volleyball. She was selected as a winner for the National African American Recognition Program in 2020. Her creativity and passion for visual arts inspired her to pursue a career in Architecture and/or Civil Engineering.



## **KASTENNY CONTRERAS**

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP Scholarship (\$10,750)

Kastenny Contreras-Carias is a graduating artist from Duke Ellington School of the Arts and is majoring in Literary Media & Communications. Throughout her time at Duke, she explored various forms of writing such as poetry, screenplays, and narratives. Aside from her love of writing, Kastenny has always excelled in science, and she would be the second in her family to attend college, following after her older sister. She plans to attend Loyola New Orleans this upcoming fall hoping to obtain a degree in Forensic Chemistry.



## **MOST ERA**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Most Era is graduating from Cardozo Education Campus and will be attending George Washington University majoring in Biology. She has served as a treasurer for the National Honor Society. Most also led a protest from her high school to the Supreme Court supporting DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). She has participated in numerous internships including one with Capital Caring and another at The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. Most was also a panelist for Inspiring Voices.



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## MACKENZIE EVANS

Cox Enterprises Scholarship (\$10,000)

Mackenzie Evans is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and will attend the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. During her time in high school, Mackenzie enjoyed trying new things. She ran track and played lacrosse, acted in a student-written play, and took part in clubs such as Sex and Society and Astrology Club. However, Mackenzie's favorite extracurricular in high school was her participation in the Humanities, Art, and Mass Media Academy where she focused on mass media. Her time in her mass media classes helped grow her love for film and gave her the skills to start her own YouTube channel. Mackenzie is also a huge advocate for healthcare equality, and she hopes to use her YouTube channel and the knowledge she will gain in college to make healthcare accessible for more people. In her free time, Mackenzie enjoys playing electric guitar, listening to podcasts, and teaching tennis to kids in her neighborhood.



## ZANNAT FARIA

Consumer Technology Association (CTA)<sup>®</sup> Scholarship (\$10,000)

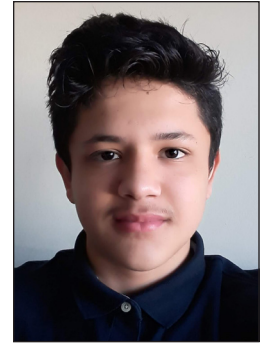
Zannat Faria is graduating from Theodore Roosevelt High School and will attend Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service, where she plans to study international politics on a pre-law track. Born in Bangladesh, she came to the United States at just three years old. At Roosevelt, Zannat served as a representative for the Chancellor's Student Advisory Board Committee, the President of Art Club, and an exchange student to Madrid, Spain. Outside of school, Zannat has participated in programs such as: Minds Matter DC, Summer @ Brown University, and the Harvard Pre-College. She also interns with the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research analyzing food insufficiency and poverty trends.



## JOSUE FUENTES

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Josue Fuentes is a graduating senior from Bell Multicultural High School (CHEC) where he has taken AP classes to challenge himself and improve his cognitive skills. He is also bilingual with Spanish as his first language and English as his second. Josue will be attending Marymount University with a major in Business Administration. He is originally from Honduras and moved to the United States in 2016, and one of his future goals is to create a foundation that benefits communities in need such as low-income families, immigrants students, minorities, etc. During his time at Bell, he's been actively involved in community service clubs, and extracurricular programs, such as Interact Club, LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), and Green Team). He has more than 150 community service hours at local organizations. Josue has worked hard to pursue his goals and give back to his community due to the lack of opportunities he has seen in his native country.



## JOSEPH JACKSON

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Joseph Jackson is a graduating senior from Eastern High School located in Washington, DC. He is involved in baseball, which has been his passion and an essential part of his high school experience. During his time in high school, in addition to juggling sports and a rigorous academic curriculum, he received more than 130 hours of community service working in local food banks distributing food to the community. Joseph received EMT training twice a week through his school's partnership with Medstar and prior to graduation he will complete the National Academy Foundation (NAF) program and receive a certification as an EMT technician. He has been awarded a summer internship with the local Fire Department to receive on-the-job training and possibly become a cadet. In the fall, he will be attending Mount Saint Mary College and majoring in Criminal Justice and Public Safety. He plans to continue playing baseball in college with the option of playing professionally with the MLB someday. Joseph is a dedicated and hardworking student athlete and he's looking forward to playing baseball in college and furthering his education.





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## CHASE JONES

Fox Corporation Scholarship (\$20,000)

Chase Jones is graduating from School Without Walls High School. Since her junior year, she has been dually enrolled at George Washington University. She is a member of her school's National Honor Society, a varsity member of the crew team, a lead mentor for the Higher Achievement Program, co-president of her school's debate team, and the founder of her own non-profit, Teacher's Little Helpers. She will pursue her interest in computer science at Penn State University.



## SYDNEY KEATING

AT&T Scholarship (\$15,000)

Sydney Keating is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School and will be attending Amherst College in the fall. Working as DC's Youth Prevention Leadership Corps' Chapter Leader for Wards 3-4, Sydney has amassed over 200 hours of community service. Sydney is also the President of the Computer Science Honor Society, President of the Programming Club, Co-President of the Pan-African Horizons Club, and tutors students interested in Computer Science.



## J'KAILA KELLMAN HARPER

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

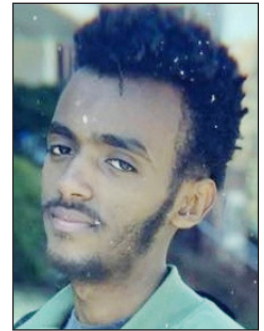
J'Kaila Kellman Harper is graduating from Thurgood Marshall Academy and will be attending Bowie State University. She participated in many speak truth seminars with students all over DC, gaining more than 100 hours of community service. These seminars motivated her to use her voice as a form of advocacy for issues she is most passionate about. Maintaining honors courses and AP courses since her freshman year, she will go on to proceeding to be a first-generation college student.



## ABEL LETTA

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

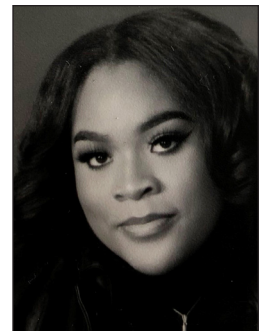
Abel Letta is graduating from Calvin Coolidge High School. He participated in the Summer Intern - Rodham Institute - George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He also participated in the Summer Intern - Food Drug Administration (FDA)/Oncology Center of Excellence (OCE), and two different programs at ROTC and Academy of Health Sciences (NAF). In addition to his academic achievements, he also received a promotion certificate and rank from National Sojourners for recognition of the highest of Americanism and support of the United States as a member of the reserve officers training corps. Abel has successfully completed more than 700 community service hours. Abel will pursue his interest in Biology at Suny Oswego.



## MACKENZIE LEWIS

Google Scholarship (\$10,000)

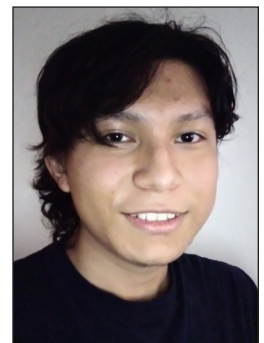
Mackenzie Lewis is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School. She's been heavily involved in both social justice and artistic extracurricular activities. Her dedication to service through multiple choirs, Black Student Union, National Honor Society, Internships at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the National Museum of African-American History and Culture, have peaked her interest in advocating for equity within the entertainment industry. This fall she will be attending Spelman College with a major in Political Science on the pre-law track as she aspires to become an entertainment lawyer.



## JONATHAN LOPEZ RAMIREZ

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Jonathan Lopez Ramirez is graduating from E.L Haynes Public Charter School. During the summer of 2020, he took part in the Mayor Marion S. Barry's SYEP to work as a study group leader for his AP Language and Composition teacher. He's shown exemplary work that rewarded him High Honor Roll and Principal's List (3.8+ GPA) throughout his academic career. He previously took part in the Escalera program at Mary Center, along with other services that expanded his work efforts towards the community. He will be attending St. Mary's College of Maryland this fall and will be majoring in Fine Arts and Graphic Design.



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## **NISHI MEHTA**

DLA Piper LLP Scholarship (\$10,000)

Nishi Mehta is graduating from School Without Walls High School. During her junior and senior years of high school, she participated in a dual enrollment program with the George Washington University and has received an Associate of the Arts Degree. Nishi is a member of the National Honor Society, the president of Courts for Kids, and was the captain of the Field Hockey team. She is also a violinist for the DC Youth Orchestra Program, played lacrosse, participated in debate, is a Key Club member, and was the manager for the basketball teams at her school. Nishi will be pursuing her interest in economics at the George Washington University.



## **ROBERT MIRABELLO**

Verizon Scholarship (\$15,000)

Rob Mirabello is graduating from Washington Latin Public Charter School and will attend Swarthmore College in the fall. He is the first National Merit Scholarship Finalist from his school, is an AP Scholar with distinction, and was nominated for the U.S. Presidential Scholars program. In sophomore year, he founded his school's popular underwater robotics club. He served as the treasurer of his school's student council and was the rhythm section leader of his school jazz band. Rob also competed on the varsity cross country and track teams throughout high school. In college, he plans to study engineering, classics, and Chinese.



## **LAKSHMI MOSQUERA**

USTelecom – The Broadband Association Scholarship (\$10,000)

Lakshmi Mosquera arrived in the U.S. from Colombia in 2013. Graduating from School Without Walls High School, she has served as youth leader of United We Dream Council for four years and is a National Honor Society Member. She has taken part in many activities, including LearnServe's Youth Advisory Boards as Chair. She also took part in a fellowship for the Mikva Challenge in their Election In Action program. She has participated in a college dual enrollment program where she completed one course. Lakshmi plans to attend Trinity Washington University majoring in Global Affairs and aspires to become a lawyer.



## **XAVIER PHILLIPS**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Xavier Phillips is graduating from McKinley Technology High School with honors from the National Academy Foundation Engineering Academy. Xavier has been active in numerous extracurricular activities including the National Honor Society, Architecture, Construction, and Engineering Mentor Program, FIRST Robotics Competition Team, Art Club, Future Business Leaders of America, LifeSmarts, and the Jazz Band. He has also been active in the Boy Scouts of America where he has earned the rank of Eagle Scout and was inducted in the Order of the Arrow (The National Honor Society of the BSA). His Eagle Scout project consisted of leading a group of volunteers in building four wooden planter boxes for his high school. Xavier will attend North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University as a student in the Honors Program and will study Civil Engineering.



## **AMALIA PROPER**

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Amalia Proper is graduating with High Honors from BASIS Washington DC. She started a soccer team at her school, plays for a local club, is a certified referee, and spends numerous hours per week coaching children in the community. She spent three months working on a senior research project studying the effects of physical activity on young children experiencing isolation. She evaluated how participating in soccer has been beneficial to the children she coaches after being socially isolated. Outside of soccer, she was a member of the National Honor Society; is a board member of CRYSP, which is responsible for managing a local sports venue; provided lunches, water, and fellowship to people experiencing homelessness; and volunteers to run sound and media every weekend at her church. She is excited to be attending University of Central Florida in the fall where she will be exploring her many academic interests.





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## AYA JENÉ SETTLES

The Karen Kincaid Scholarship: Sponsored by Wiley Rein and Karen's Friends (\$10,000)

Aya Jené Settles is a senior at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. Her extracurricular activities include tutoring middle school students with homework and reading. As a Girl Scout, she helped coordinate a Health Fair for parenting teens, packed meals for shelter residents, and participated in walks to raise funds for the homeless. Aya is proud to have earned the honor of Gold Award Scout. As president of her teen group, she led the chapter to volunteer at a non-profit that collects used sports equipment for under-resourced kids. Aya inspired the teens to raise money, donate equipment, and volunteer in the warehouse sorting everything from footballs to lacrosse sticks to soccer cleats. In 2018, Aya launched her own e-commerce business, [TheAyaJeneCollection.com](http://TheAyaJeneCollection.com). Her greatest accomplishment was founding the iSeeMe campaign to help teen girls struggling with self-esteem. Aya will attend Spelman College where she will major in Economics and minor in Psychology.



## KIAIRA WHEELER

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$8,000)

Kiaira Wheeler is graduating from Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School, and will be attending Delaware State University with a major in Mass Communication. During her years at Roosevelt, Kiaira was part of an internship called Urban Alliance, which paired students with jobs involving media. Kiaira worked at Vox Media during her senior year virtually. During her time working at Vox Media, she met people at her job site. She met people that have an organization with Vox Media, journalists and many more. Kiaira's passion is to become a radio presenter and she plans to create her brand. Kiaira has a non-profit organization she hopes to launch called "Unmuted Collective". Unmuted Collective is a no-judgement platform to amplify voices of blacks and minorities.



## The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship

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The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship is an annual award that pays tribute to the late Karen Kincaid, a partner in Wiley Rein's Communications Practice. Karen is remembered by her friends and colleagues for her warmth, intellect, and a deep commitment to her family and her community, qualities that also are demonstrated by the scholarship recipient, **Aya Settles**.



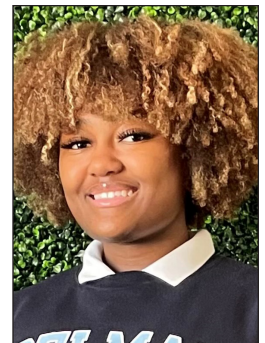
Prior to joining Wiley Rein, Karen served as a Senior Attorney-Advisor for the Private Radio Bureau, at the Federal Communications Commission from 1989 to 1993. She was a law clerk to the Honorable J. Smith Hensley, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit and the Honorable Leo Oxenberger, Chief Judge, Iowa Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. from Central College and her J.D. from Drake University.

Friends and colleagues of Karen Kincaid are proud to fund a scholarship in her memory to provide a deserving student assistance toward college tuition.

## SAVOY WHITTINGTON

Comcast NBCUniversal Scholarship (\$15,000)

Savoy Whittington is a graduating senior from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. She plans on majoring in English with a Political Science minor at Spelman College to pursue her long-term goal of being a Civil Rights Attorney. She has been very active in her school. Savoy was named Most Improved Player of the year for the Varsity Volleyball team and Best Personality for the Varsity Cheerleading team. Savoy is also very active outside of her school community as a young community activist. She has served as Washington D.C.'s own Youth Council Member At Large for three years where she responds to legislation and policies that impact youth in D.C. Savoy was also a mentor to young girls attending the program Girl's Inc and The Jelleff Recreation Center (Boys and Girls club). She also participated in Delta Gems, Women Inspiring Strength & Empowerment, and The Marion Barry Youth Leadership Institute.





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## LIN XU

Young Lawyers and Charity Auction Scholarship (\$17,875)

Lin Xu is a graduating senior from Cardozo Education Campus and will be attending Virginia Tech with a major in NanoMedicine. To help underserved and vulnerable groups, she became an active volunteer at numerous organizations like the Chinese Community Service Center, Howard University Hospital Holiday Initiative, Recycling Club, and Learning Ally. She is a diligent student leader of the National Honor Society, Qualcomm Geared - Up Remote Robotics, and a co-founder and lead mentor of STEM Tutoring, Robotics & Coding Club that help students easily figure out STEM challenges and spark their curiosity and interest in STEM courses, programming, and robotics. To prepare well for college, she enrolled in AP Programs, Howard University Dual Enrollment Program, and several college preps and mentoring initiatives.



## JINHONG ZHAO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$5,000)

JinHong Zhao is graduating from Cardozo Education Campus and will be attending the University of Virginia, where he will major in Computer Science. He's a diligent student-leader of various student-centered initiatives like the National Honor Society and FIRST Robotics. He also serves as a founder and lead peer tutor/mentor of STEM Tutoring, particularly in calculus, physics, computer science, and engineering. To prepare well for college, he enrolled in AP Programs Howard University Dual Program, and several college preps and mentoring initiatives. Furthermore, he is leading a school-wide Qualcomm Geared - Up Remote Robotics initiative that brings hands-on experience to other students to design, create, and program robots even during this time of pandemic. As an aspiring computer scientist, it is his passion to design and create efficient and innovative technologies that remove barriers, especially for poor and voiceless people.



## 2021 Law School Scholarship and Internship Stipend Recipients

### FADUMA ALI

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Faduma Ali is a rising 2L at the University of North Carolina School of Law, where she is a Dean's Fellow and the Student Bar Association 2L Class President. She also serves as the VP of Networking for the Sports & Entertainment Law Association and Treasurer for the Black Law Students Association. Faduma is a North Carolina native with an undergraduate degree in Communications and English. Before law school, Faduma worked as a paralegal doing corporate and intellectual property work. In addition, she had the opportunity to intern with the PGA TOUR's media and communications team, which is where her passion for the intersection of communications and the law began. Faduma is interested in pursuing a career working in communications, media, and intellectual property law. She looks forward to furthering her interests in those areas during the next two years of law school through tailored course selections, internship, and clinics.



### TERRY ALLEN

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Terry Allen is currently a rising 2L and a Ph.D. candidate in Education at UCLA. He is a staff member of the National Black Law Journal, and an active member of both the Intellectual Property and Business Law Associations. Terry is working this summer at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP as a Summer Associate (1L Diversity Scholar), and at Facebook as a PhD-level User Experience Researcher (Ph.D. Intern). Terry received his B.A. degree in Rhetoric from the University of California, Berkeley, and M.A. degree in Education Policy from Columbia University. Before attending law school, Terry taught undergraduate research courses at UCLA. He also worked in various research capacities at organizations such as RAND Corporation, U.S. Department of Education, and U.S. Government Accountability Office. Immediately after his undergraduate studies, Terry interned for the White House and later served President Barack Obama as an advance associate.



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## MONICA BUNNAY

Internship: FCC, Office of the Bureau Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Monica Bunnay is a rising 3L at University of Colorado Law. After receiving her B.A. in Economics from University of California, San Diego she spent five years working in Silicon Valley for a startup and an international cybersecurity firm. This summer Monica will work on a variety of communications issues at the FCC, but she is most interested in the intersection of cybersecurity and telecommunications law.



## GWENDOLYN GHILONI

Internship: FCC, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division  
Recipient of the Diane Cornell Internship Stipend

Gwendolyn Ghiloni is a rising 2L at Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University. Before Law School she attended Lafayette College where she graduated with a double major in Anthropology/Sociology and Philosophy and was president of the Emile Durkheim Society and Social Gaming Network. She also spent a summer working in the Trademarks division of the USPTO, where she hopes to work after graduating law school.



While at George Mason, she has joined the Pauline Newman Inn of Court and worked as a research assistant. In her free time, she works as a volunteer at Historic Huntley Manor and enjoys knitting.

## EDWARD ERNST

Internship: FCC, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division

Edward Ernst is a rising 2L at the Fordham University School of Law. After graduating from the University of Michigan in 2012 with a B.A. in Philosophy, he spent several years working in market intelligence in Washington, DC and New York City. Most recently, Edward was based in Lexington, KY – pursuing corporate partnerships for Breeders' Cup ("The World Championships of Thoroughbred Racing"). As a 1L, Edward was selected



## The Diane Cornell Internship Stipend

In 2020, friends and colleagues established the Diane Cornell Scholarship Fund in memory of their colleague, mentor, and friend. Diane not only rose to prominence but changed institutions she became a part of, a truly rare quality. She spent two tours of duty and many years at the FCC holding an expansive list of positions, first joining the Common Carrier Bureau's Division of Policy and Program Planning in 1987, and finally as Special Counsel to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler prior to her retirement in 2016. Other ranks of great responsibility Diane held included Chief of the International Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, Chief of the Telecommunications Division of the International Bureau, and the Chief of Staff/Associate Chief of the Wireless Communications Bureau. She also served as legal advisor to FCC Commissioners Patricia Diaz Dennis and Sherrie Marshall, and as Acting Senior Legal Advisor to FCC Chairman Reed H. Hundt.



Prior to joining the FCC in 1987 Diane began her career at the law firm Squire, Sanders and Dempsey (now Squire Patton Boggs). Between Diane's two stints at the FCC she served as vice president at CTIA and Inmarsat where she led regulatory and government relations departments. Diane also served as FCBA President from 2007-2008.

Diane's unique combination of keen intellect and transformative work ethic leave behind a legacy as a lawyer, policy maker, advocate, and passionate public servant that most can only imagine.

In honor of Diane, the Diane Cornell Internship Fund supports law students accepting unpaid summer internships. This year's recipient is **Gwendolyn Ghiloni**.

for Fordham's Center on Law and Information Policy (CLIP) Decennial Fellows Program. In addition to interning at the FCC this summer, he will be serving as a Research Assistant focused on Intellectual Property Law for Professor Courtney Cox. Edward looks forward to pursuing a career at the intersection of Technology, Information, and Corporate Law.



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## ALAN HARRISON

Internship: FCC, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

Alan Harrison is a rising 2L at the University of Colorado Law. Alan graduated from the George Washington University with honors, with a double major in Economics and Political Science, and received his Masters in Legislative Affairs from the George Washington University's Graduate School of Political Management. Alan previously worked as a federal consultant supporting federal and state clients with emergency management and continuity of operations projects, as well as other technology implementation and ERP projects. Alan is excited to further his interest and learning in telecommunication law and policy, and support the communication infrastructure of public safety officials this summer.

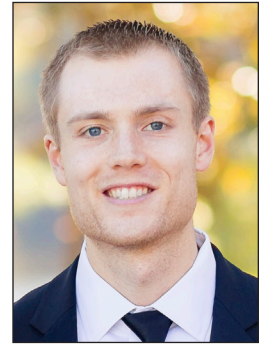


experience during internships with the Hon. Terrence G. Berg of the Eastern District of Michigan, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, and Michigan law firm Warner Norcross + Judd. Prior to law school, Charlie worked as a broadcast journalist for the Detroit ABC affiliate.

## JORDAN KUCHTA

Internship: FCC, Office of Commissioner Brendan Carr

Jordan Kuchta is a rising 3L at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law where he is the Managing Editor of the Maryland Law Review, and is pursuing the Cybersecurity and Crisis Management certificate as well as the Intellectual Property certificate. Before law school, Jordan worked on Capitol Hill in various offices, including the Senate Judiciary Committee and Senator Grassley's personal office. He is interested in the intersection between communications, cyber, and privacy law, and has further developed his passion for these areas of the law while working as a Legal Intern in Under Armour's Global Privacy department in the spring of 2021. Jordan will be interning for the Future of Privacy Forum in the fall as a Legal Policy Intern.



## CHRIS HUFF

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

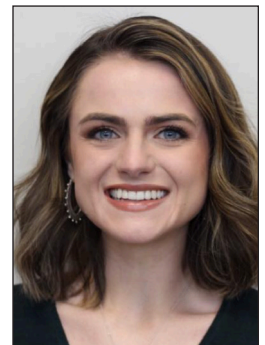
Chris Huff is a rising 3L at The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. Chris was born and raised in Lilburn, Georgia. After receiving his B.A. in International Relations with a minor in French from Kennesaw State University, Chris studied independently in Beijing and returned to the U.S. to work as a multilingual flight attendant. In his 2L year his first article proposing a new legal framework for Internet domain names was published in an academic journal. He has interned with a judge at the U.S. Court of International Trade and with the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau. This year he will intern in the Office of FCC Commissioner Nathan Simington. Chris intends to pursue a career bridging telecommunications law and international trade.



## HAILLE LAWS

Internship: FCC, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division

Haille Laws is a rising 3L at the University of Minnesota Law School. She also attended the University of Minnesota for undergrad, where she achieved a degree in Political Science and minors in Psychology and Spanish. Haille is currently a Managing Editor for the Minnesota Law Review, the Communications Director in the University of Minnesota's Law Council, a Teaching Assistant, and an upcoming participant in her law school's Civil Rights Enforcement Clinic this fall. She is specifically interested in the intersection of national security policy and communications law, and looks forward to the learning opportunities that her internship with the FCC will afford her this summer.



## CHARLIE KADADO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Charlie Kadado is a rising 3L at Wayne State University Law School in Detroit, MI. Charlie serves as a voting Board Member and Note & Comment Editor on the Wayne Law Review. His Note regarding media access to Michigan courts during the COVID-19 pandemic will be published in a forthcoming edition of the publication. He also serves as the Vice President of the Lebanese American Club of Michigan (LACOM). Charlie has gained legal





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## GABRIEL LENNON

Internship: FCC, Media Bureau, Policy Division

Gabriel Lennon is a rising 3L at the University of Colorado Law School. His interest in technology law began with a B.S. in computer science from the University of Puget Sound, and he has continued to pursue that interest in law school. He has researched artificial intelligence for the FCC's Technological Advisory Council and has practiced as a student attorney at CU Law's Samuelson-Glushko Technology Law & Policy clinic with a focus on disability advocacy in the technology context. In the summer of 2021, Gabriel will be interning with the FCC's Media Bureau Policy Division. Upon graduation, he hopes to continue working in the world of technology policy.



This summer, he is interning with the House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. Louis is deeply interested in internet policy issues as well as the intersection of antitrust and telecommunications law. He hopes to continue public service after graduating from law school and is tremendously grateful for the support of the FCBA Foundation this summer.

## JUSTICE SHANNON

Internship: FCC, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Policy and Licensing Division

Justice Shannon is a rising 2L at the University of Minnesota Law School. In 2014 Justice enlisted in the United States Air Force and began his career in Cybersecurity at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. There, Justice finished an A.S. in Management Information Systems at the Community College of The Air Force, a B.S. in Legal studies at the University of Maryland Global Campus, and an M.S. in Cybersecurity at Bellevue University. This summer, Justice will broaden his horizons into telecommunications policy at the Policy and Licensing Division of the Federal Communications Commissions.



## GABRIELA MONASTERIO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

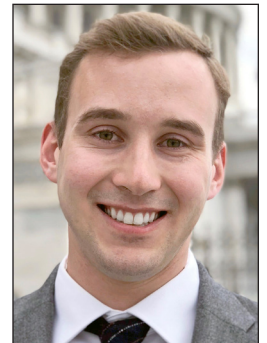
Gabriela Monasterio is a rising 2L at the University of North Carolina School of Law. Gabriela graduated summa cum laude from Northeastern University in 2020 with a degree in Political Science and a minor in Law and Public Policy. Gabriela previously worked at Foley Hoag LLP as a co-op with their Intellectual Property Litigation team in Boston. There, she discovered a passion for law and developed an interest in Intellectual Property law. During law school, Gabriela participated in the FCBA's Technology, Media, and Telecommunications Law and Policy Program, spending six weekends learning from captains of the TMT industry. This summer, Gabriela will be working for Disability Rights North Carolina, helping the North Carolina Media Law Society revise their Media Law Handbook, and participating in the Hispanic National Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Institute.



## ZACHARY SORENSON

Internship: U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Technology and Digital Platforms Section

Zachary Sorenson is a rising 2L at Harvard Law School. Prior to law school, Zach spent several years in D.C. working in Congress, most recently as a senior legislative assistant to Rep. Adam Schiff (CA-28) covering technology, telecommunications, and cybersecurity policy. He graduated from Stanford University in 2017 with a B.S. in Computer Science and an M.A. in Public Policy, and completed several software engineering and web development internships throughout college. At Harvard, he is a contributor and submissions committee member for the Journal of Law and Technology. As an intern at the Technology and Digital Platforms Section of the Antitrust Division at the Department of Justice, he looks forward to gaining hands-on experience exploring competition law in the technology sector this summer.



## LOUIS NAIMAN

Internship: House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law

Louis Naiman is a rising 3L at American University Washington College of Law. He graduated from Oberlin College in 2016 with honors from the Politics Department. He previously worked at the Federal Trade Commission and, since beginning law school, has interned at the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice.



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## STACEY WEBER

Internship: NTIA, Office of Policy Analysis and Development  
Recipient of the Henry Geller Internship Stipend  
FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Stacey Weber is a rising 3L at the University of Colorado Law School. Before law school she graduated cum laude from the University of Denver and worked with a nonprofit in New York City. In law school her passion for public service led her to the Silicon Flatirons Center, where she developed particular interests in data privacy and communications law. Thus far in law school she has worked as a research assistant for the first Encryption Compendium team, served as Vice President of the technology law student group, and wrote her Law Review student note on the intersection of antitrust and data privacy. This fall she will join CU's Technology Law and Policy Clinic.



## CAROLINE WYATT

Internship: FCC, Media Bureau, Industry Analysis Division

Caroline Wyatt is a rising 2L at Stanford Law School. In 2018, Caroline graduated from Williams College with a double major in French and History. She then worked at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe as a litigation paralegal. At Stanford, Caroline is a member of the Prisoner Legal Services pro bono project, and a member editor of the Stanford Journal of International Law. She is also a member of the Black Law Students Association and the incoming president of the Stanford Law Association. Caroline is looking forward to learning more about media law and technology, particularly as a means of promoting accessibility for marginalized groups.



## The Henry Geller Internship Stipend

The FCBA Foundation honors Henry Geller, a legend in the telecommunications field. Known for his encyclopedic institutional knowledge, Henry was an innovator, advocate and visionary who nurtured generations of communications talent. His energy and impact extended across a wide range of policies, from a Fairness Doctrine proposal that resulted in the end of cigarette ads on TV and radio to a successful challenge of the equal-time doctrine that led to a rule allowing televised debates among major presidential candidates.



His more than 50-year professional career included serving as general counsel of the Federal Communications Commission and the first administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as assistant secretary of the Commerce Department. Henry always advocated for the public interest, often against powerful corporations. He worked tirelessly to foster minority ownership of broadcast facilities and relentlessly pursued a 2% spectrum fee to provide support for public broadcasting.

This internship stipend, created by Henry's wife, Judy Geller, helps extend his legacy. This year's recipient is **Stacey Weber**.



## Honorary Degrees (Organizations)

Inspired by the Foundation's mission to support educational and professional pursuits, organizations and their collaborative individuals' donations, this year so far, have been recognized with the following honorary degrees:

### **DEGREES ALL THEIR OWN**

(\$10,000 and above)

AT&T  
Comcast NBCUniversal  
Consumer Technology Association (CTA)®  
Cox Enterprises  
CTIA  
DLA Piper LLP  
Fox Corporation  
Google  
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USTelecom – The Broadband Association  
Verizon  
Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP  
Young Lawyers and Charity Auction

### **MASTERS OF MEDIA**

(\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Latham & Watkins LLP  
Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

### **BACHELORS OF BROADBAND**

(\$2,000 - \$4,999)

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Wiley TMT Group





## Gems (Individuals)

Individual donations this year that will be going to support the Foundation's public service programs have been recognized at the following "birth stone" levels:

### DIAMOND

(\$1,000 and above)

Matthew A. Brill  
AJ Burton  
Edgar Class  
Christine M. Crowe  
Seth A. Davidson  
Judith Geller  
Jennifer D. Hindin  
Wayne D. Johnsen  
Adam D. Krinsky  
Barry J. Ohlson  
James W. Stegeman  
Bryan N. Tramont

### EMERALD

(\$500 - \$999)

Robert A. Beizer  
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Erin E. Kim  
John W. Kuzin  
Nancy Liebermann  
Phillip R. Marchesiello  
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Kevin G. Rupy  
Kenneth E. Satten  
Meredith Singer  
M. Anne Swanson  
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