



2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

FCBA Foundation 2025 AWARD RECIPIENTS

The FCBA Foundation is pleased to announce it has selected 22 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 seven law school students and stipends to six 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!

2025 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's college scholarship committee, **Van Bloys, Jacqui Clary, Nicol Turner Lee, and Karen Sprung**, the Foundation reviewed applications from local public high school students. Our scholarship recipients this year came from: Anacostia, Ballou, Bell Multicultural, Benjamin Banneker, Cardozo Education Campus, Columbia Heights Educational Campus, Duke Ellington, Dunbar, E.L. Haynes PCS, Eastern, IDEA PCS, Jackson-Reed, McKinley Technology, Paul PCS, Richard Wright PCS, School Without Walls, and Washington Leadership Academy PCS. All 22 of the recipients will be provided with new laptop computers.

The Foundation thanks **Comcast NBCUniversal** for sponsoring the production of the video, and a special thank you to Crown Castle for hosting and sponsoring the College Scholarship Program interviews this year!

2025 LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation's law school scholarship committee, **Angela Ball, Kristine Hackman, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann**, 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 a total of \$20,000 in scholarships to seven law school students.

2025 PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP STIPEND PROGRAM

Under the leadership of the Foundation's internship committee, **Angela Dais, Crystal Evans Greenberg, David Grossman, and Jamile Kadre**, the Foundation reviewed applications from students at law schools across the country. The Foundation awarded stipends ranging from \$500 to \$6,000 to six 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 reviewing college and law school scholarship/stipend applications and interviewing high school students:

Ashley Alvarado, Dennis Amari, Leslie Barnes, Avonne Bell, Logan Bennett, Madeline Sorg, Helen Marie Berg, Jeremy Berkowitz, Ann West Bobeck, Karina Bohorquez, Jessica Campbell, Tyra Carroll, Steve Conley, Peter Connolly, Adam Copeland, Tara Corvo, Matt Diaz, Justin Faulb, Chris Frascella, Pam Gallant, Jonathan Garvin, Charlene Goldfield, Anisa Green, Peter Gregory, David Grossman, Brett Hallagan, K.C. Halm, Endeliza Hampton, Julian Harrison, Daniel Havivi, Ryan Johnston, Chris Koves, Adam Krinsky, Angie Kronenberg, Heidi Lankau, Serena Lau, Jaime McCoy, Kasey McGee, Aimee Meacham, Jennifer Mensah, John Eagle Miles, Karen Milne, Lynne Montgomery, John Nelson, Kimia Nikseresht, Molly O'Connor, Conor O'Donovan, Theresa Oliver, Nick Page, Lee Petro, Ronnie Raju, Dan Reing, Logan Samuels, Negheen Sanjar, Marina Sansom, Mike Saperstein, Michelle Schaefer, Morgan Schick, Jennifer Schneider, Iris Spero, Charlyn Stanberry, Kyle Stewart, Susan Stith, Shannon Sylvester, Johanna Thomas, Matthew Uvas, Cassie Vangelow, Brenda Villanueva, Michelle Weiner, Hannah Wigger, Erin Williams, Romanda Williams, and Rachel Wolkowitz.

THANKS TO OUR 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 over **\$331,000!**

The current list of donors is at the end of this handout and the final list for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, 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: 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 VAN BLOYS AND KAREN SPRUNG 2024-2025 CO-CHAIRS, FCBA FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We just wrapped another successful year for the FCBA Foundation programs with a substantial amount of funding in the form of scholarships and stipends to be awarded to talented, promising students to help advance their college and law school journeys. We want to convey our sincere appreciation to the many people that continue to donate time and energy to make sure the Foundation is able to achieve its vital mission, this, and every year. First, the contributions of the FCBA membership and our donors, particularly our corporate donors, whose generosity of time and resources are critical to sustaining the Foundation and make it possible to provide the scholarship awards. Next, we are extremely grateful to the FCBA's remarkable team –

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Kerry Loughney, Stephanie Budaker, Wendy Parish, and Elina Gross. The Foundation simply could not run without the staff's support and hard work. Their continued attention to detail and commitment to the mission is invaluable. They go above and beyond, and words cannot fully express our appreciation.

Of course, we must extend acknowledgement and gratitude to this year's Board of Trustees for their commitment and hard work in ensuring the programs of the Foundation were executed effectively and efficiently. The Foundation has an ambitious agenda each year, which we could not accomplish without an engaged and devoted Board comprised of individuals willing to volunteer their time and talents, over and above the demands of their day jobs and other personal commitments.

As we close our elections and welcome four new trustees to the Foundation board, we want to recognize those who are coming to the end of their three-year term. The four Trustees moving on from the trustee board this year are: **Angela Ball, David Grossman, Karen Sprung, and Nicol Turner-Lee.** Each of these Trustees has played an instrumental role in running the College Scholarship, Law School Scholarship, and Law School Stipend/Internship programs over the last three years. We thank them for their leadership and dedication during their years on the Board.

While one of the dedicated Co-Chairs will be rotating off the Board, Co-Chair **Van Bloys** will continue on with **Kristine Hackman**, who will serve as a Co-Chair beginning in the 2025-2026 term. Van and Kristine, along with Trustees **Jacqui Clary, Angela Dais, Crystal Evans Greenberg, Jamile Kadre, Angela Kung, and Danielle Thumann,** look forward continuing their work on the Foundation this coming year. We look forward to welcoming the newly elected members from among an exceptional set of candidates. Thanks to all the FCBA members who ran for election to the Board—we deeply appreciate your desire to be involved and it is a testament to the generosity of the FCBA community that we have an abundance of individuals that seek to join the Board each year.

Thanks, too, to former FCBA President **Diane Holland** for her insights and contributions as the ex-officio liaison between the Executive Committee and Foundation this year. This year's FCBA President **Kathy Kirby** continued to emphasize the collaboration between the Foundation and the FCBA and FCBA initiatives like the TMT Pipeline Program, which is a program with interests and goals that align with those of the Foundation. The Board looks forward to Kathy's participation as an ex-officio member of the Foundation over the coming year.

We reiterate our sincere thanks to the FCBA membership for your continued support. 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 and it is impressive every time how many people raise their hands without reservation 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 was no exception and really served to underscore not only what an incredibly special bar we have, but also how, together, we will ensure that the FCBA continues to positively impact our community. We continue to demonstrate why the DC Bar awarded the FCBA the distinction of 2023 Voluntary Bar of the Year. FCBA members step up and provide support whenever needed and we, on behalf of the Foundation and program awardees, celebrate and thank you for it.

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

2025 College Award Recipients

DANIA ABDALLA

T-Mobile Scholarship (\$15,000)

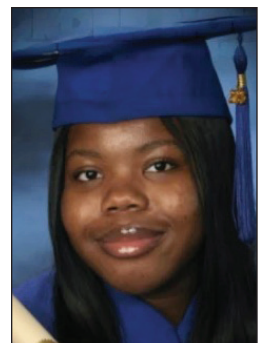
Dania Abdalla will be graduating from Jackson-Reed High School and will attend Case Western Reserve University in the fall of 2025. She plans to major in biomedical engineering, where she can combine her passion for health and engineering to make a meaningful impact through technology. Specifically, Dania hopes to make biomedical innovations more accessible and to improve diagnostic tools and prosthetics to enhance the lives of others. At school, Dania is a part of both the Academy of Health Sciences and the Academy of Engineering. She is heavily involved in her community and is dedicated to creating positive change through service and leadership. She looks forward to applying what she's learned in high school to her college education and future career.



MOYINOLUWA ADEOSUN

Somos, Inc. Scholarship (\$20,000)

Moyinoluwa Adeosun is a senior at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, graduating with a 4.4 GPA. She will be attending The Catholic University of America this fall, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Her career goal is to work at a leading technology company, and her long-term dream is to create a nonprofit organization that helps students cover the gap in their educational expenses.



Outside of academics, she loves reading Webtoons, listening to music, and cooking with family. She has completed over 300 hours of community service through organizations like Mikva Challenge DC, Kennedy Recreation Center, the Metropolitan

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Youth Advisory Council, Jefferson Middle School, and more. One of her proudest accomplishments was organizing a Youth Juvenile Justice Conference with Mikva Challenge. For three months, she and her team worked tirelessly to develop presentations and host an event aimed at helping youth stay engaged with the criminal justice system in a positive way. She is proud of the work she has done in her community and is excited to continue making an impact wherever she goes.

JOELLE BARKSDALE

Comcast NBCUniversal Scholarship (\$15,000)

Joelle Barksdale is a senior at School Without Walls High School and will attend The Ohio State University. She will be majoring in Biology on a pre-dental track. During high school, Joelle participated in many extracurricular activities, including girls' varsity basketball and varsity co-ed golf. She also held roles in the Student Government Association (SGA) and was a co-founding member of the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) club (the first chapter at her school). In addition to her school involvement, she is a devoted Girl Scout. In college, Joelle plans to continue to be involved with clubs and organizations while studying to become a dentist with the goal of providing quality dental care to people of different socioeconomic statuses.



SAHARI BATTLE

Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP Scholarship (\$10,000)

Sahari Battle is a 17-year-old senior at Eastern Senior High School, ranked #10 in her class with a 3.96 GPA. She's involved in Concert Choir, Cheerleading, Student Government, and serves as President of her school's HOSA chapter, where she leads future health professionals with purpose and passion. She also runs her own graphics business, Graphic Vault, blending creativity with entrepreneurship while building a brand rooted in impact. This fall, Sahari will attend North Carolina A&T State University to major in psychology and pursue a career in therapy—focused on creating safe, healing spaces for Black women and girls. Mental health is deeply important to her, and she's committed to breaking generational stigmas while uplifting her community. She believes in the power of communication, compassion, and representation. Through leadership, service, and authentic connection, she strives to make sure others feel seen, heard, and valued in every space she steps into.



SAFYA BISWAL

Cox Enterprises Scholarship (\$10,000)

Safya Biswal is a graduating senior at Jackson-Reed High School. She will be attending the University of Michigan next year, planning to major in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. At Jackson-Reed, Safya was an honors graduate of the Academy of Health Sciences, receiving a NAF certification of completion. She served as President of the Academy of Health Sciences in her senior year, in addition to her roles as Blood Drive Organizer, Peer Mentor, and Tutor. For the past two years, she has been the captain of Jackson Reed's Girls Ultimate Frisbee Team and will continue to play at the University of Washington. Safya is passionate about giving back to the community, volunteering her time to tutor her peers, and serving as a teaching assistant for a US History course. Safya has maintained a 4.35 GPA and has earned over 150 hours of community service. She is currently a research intern at the National Institutes of Health, experimenting with innovative methods of gene therapy. Safya hopes to pursue a career in research, inspired by her passion for innovation and knowledge.



ZAHRA DINKINS

Young Lawyers and Charity Auction Scholarship (\$20,000)

Zahra Dinkins, a senior at The School Without Walls in Washington, D.C., serves as a two-term Class Secretary and Policy Debate Team Captain. She is a member of the National Honor Society, an AP Scholar with Distinction, and a recipient of the Seal of Biliteracy with Distinction. Zahra has been a delegate for the U.S. Senate Youth Program and has participated in Civics Unplugged and as a mentee in the Aspen Institute's Our Future Is Science program. Outside of academics, Zahra founded the Youth Expressions Network to empower young voices and volunteers at a senior resident facility. She is also an active performer in the School Without Walls Concert Choir and theatre program. Zahra plans to attend Spelman College to pursue a bachelor's degree in public policy, followed by a J.D. She aspires to dedicate her career to public service, championing causes that benefit her community and beyond.



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NEHMIYA ERKELO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$20,000)

Nehmiya Erkelo is a senior at Columbia Heights Educational Campus. He is from DC but originally from Ethiopia. Nehmiya is involved in the church and has over 500 hours teaching kids at the children's ministry and started a Christian nondenominational club at school. He is the Vice President of the Technology Student Association, SGA, and the African Afro Club. He also volunteers with Berea Kids and is part of STEM Ready. In his free time, Nehmiya likes playing sports. He's interested in computer science and wants to study it in college. His dream is to help people in less fortunate countries all over the world who struggle with electricity and water.



MCKENZIE JACKSON

Mark Van Bergh Scholarship (\$10,000)

McKenzie Jackson is a graduating senior at McKinley Technology High School and will attend Spelman College. She'll study Health Science with a concentration in public health and International Studies. Currently, McKenzie works as an apprentice in business operations at Amazon Web Services. As a peer educator for Children's Hospital Youth Advisory Board, she dedicates her time to educating and raising awareness about HIV. McKenzie also serves as a youth philanthropist with the Black Girl Freedom Fund, where she helps distribute \$1 million annually to support Black gender-expansive youth non-profits. With a passion for healthcare accessibility, McKenzie's ultimate goal is to establish her own affordable healthcare clinic to serve and give back to her community. Her diverse experience in technology, healthcare education, and philanthropy positions her well to achieve this ambitious vision.



NARDOS JEBRIL

DLA Piper LLP Scholarship (\$20,000)

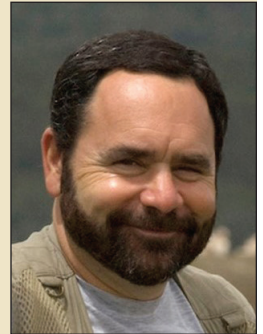
Nardos Jebril is a graduating senior at School Without Walls High School in Washington, DC. She will attend Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania, where she plans to major in Government, Law, and International Affairs. Nardos is passionate about criminal justice reform and aspires to become a criminal defense lawyer, specifically advocating for those who have been wrongfully accused. She has



The Mark Van Bergh Scholarship

SPONSORED BY MARK'S FAMILY AND FRIENDS

In 2022, family, friends and colleagues established the Mark Van Bergh Scholarship Fund in his memory. Mark was a long-time supporter of the FCBA Foundation and its mission. Each year, he would review applications, interview students, and photograph the award recipients. He had a unique connection with these students and truly cared about their aspirations and achieving their goals. Mark was known to many as FCBA's 'photographer-in-residence,' an unofficial title earned by virtue of his regular presence with a camera at Association events. For decades, Mark not only captured FCBA members at our events, but he was a friend who genuinely cared about everyone.



Mark was born in New York City on November 28, 1956. He attended high school in White Plains, and then Syracuse University, graduating in 1978 magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in political science. He then attended George Washington University School of Law, graduating in 1981 with honors. Mark practiced communications law with Jim Edmundson and, later, Richard Waysdorf, and with firms such as Gardner, Carton & Douglas, Roberts & Eckard, and Arter & Hadden. He was a solo practitioner from 2003.

Mark was also a long-time FCBA member and held virtually every position in the Association other than President, including Secretary, Treasurer, and member of the Executive Committee, and member of the Board and Chair of the FCBA Foundation.

Parallel to his legal career was Mark's work as a photographer. Besides his assistance for the FCBA and FCBA Foundation, Mark photographed many things over the years, including weddings of friends and colleagues, travels to exotic parts of the world, and local events, such as those at the National Zoo, and much more.

In honor of Mark, the scholarship will provide deserving students assistance toward college tuition, a program that Mark whole-heartedly supported for over 25 years. This year, scholarships will be provided to two students, **McKenize Jackson** and **Brooklyn Payne**.

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demonstrated a deep commitment to advocacy and public service through her work with the DC Youth and Government program, where she authored a bill on expanding advanced math access in middle schools. She also interned with a DC Superior Court judge and founded her school's first Ethiopian and Eritrean Culture Club to uplift underrepresented voices. The FCBA scholarship will help Nardos pursue her education without financial barriers as she works toward a future grounded in equity and justice.

ZION KELLER

Qualcomm Incorporated Scholarship (\$10,000)

Zion Keller is a graduating senior from IDEA Public Charter School. He will attend Union College this fall, majoring in electrical engineering. Zion's passion for engineering began with game development and grew into a broader interest in programming, electronics, and system design. He is a dual-enrollment student and has completed over 300 hours of community service, including work with The MINT Project to help develop a free-use salon inside a shelter. At school, Zion ran track and engaged in a range of creative and technical projects. One of his proudest accomplishments was showcasing one of his video games at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum. Outside the classroom, he enjoys skating and painting. He looks forward to college, where he hopes to use his skills to create accessible, impactful technology.



MAKAYLA NAPPER

Karen Kincaid Scholarship (\$10,000)

Makayla Napper is a senior at Richard Wright Public Charter School and will be attending New York Institute of Technology for Chemistry. During her time at RWPCS, she was involved in choir, poetry, dance, art club, and also participated in the school's gifted and talented program. She took honors and AP classes the majority of her time in high school and finished her senior year with a GPA of 4.2. Makayla is very passionate about the arts and has participated in the congressional art competition, music in the parks, and other artistic opportunities. She has also participated in her school's art show where she sold \$350 worth of art. By majoring in chemistry, Makayla wants to become an environmental engineer/scientist and help create clean energy solutions and climate change efforts.



MICHELLE NATAREN

National Association of Broadcasters Scholarship (\$10,000)

Michelle Nataren was born and raised in Honduras and is currently a senior at E.L. Haynes High School. She plans to attend Marymount University or Trinity Washington University, where she will major in digital writing or English. For Michelle, writing is a way to better understand herself and make sense of the world around her. She is passionate about using her writing abilities to share voices that deserve to be heard and stories that often go untold. She hopes to use her writing to spark empathy and help others feel seen.



The Karen A. Kincaid Scholarship

SPONSORED BY WILEY REIN AND KAREN'S FRIENDS

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, **Makayla Napper**.



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.

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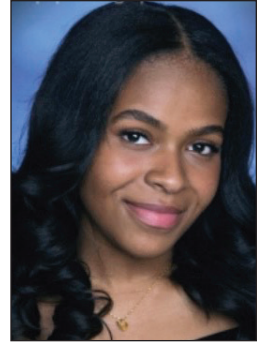
EVE NDEMA

FCBA Foundation Scholarship (\$15,000)

Eve Ndema is a graduating senior from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. She will be attending Howard University in the fall, majoring in biology on a pre-med track. She hopes to work in the medical field, specifically as an obstetrician and gynecologist specializing in fetal and maternal medicine. Her long-term goal is to reduce racial disparities in the healthcare system, along with maternal morbidity rates in underrepresented communities. In school, Eve participated in many activities, such as being the manager of Mu Alpha Theta and the Dance Team. She was also a participant in the financial literacy and pre-med club. In her free time, Eve takes care of her grandma and spends time with her little brothers. She also enjoys a lot of creative activities like reading, journaling, painting, crocheting, and sculpting. She is eager to attend college and embark on this new chapter in her life.



During her time at Columbia Heights EC, Chinyeré served as senior class president as well as the president of the National Honor Society Chapter. At American University, she will participate in the Community-based research program, Community Impact Scholars, where she will engage in projects to help make change in her community. Her goal is to contribute to a future where more people who look like her are present in political leadership, diplomacy, and international affairs.



BROOKLYNNE PAYNE

Mark Van Bergh Scholarship (\$10,000)

Brooklynne Payne is a graduating senior from Dunbar High School. Throughout high school, she maintained honor roll status, served as Technology Student Association (TSA) President, and held leadership roles in several youth advocacy organizations such as the Mikva Challenge and the DC Girls Coalition. She is also an intern at the National Portrait Gallery, where she collaborates with teens to make art more accessible. Passionate about public health, she is part of the CFAR Scholars program and works as a sexual and mental health advocate with the Young Women's Project. Brooklynne will attend Howard University in the fall, where she plans to major in Biology on the pre-med track. With a deep interest in HIV research and healthcare equity, her goal is to become a physician-researcher serving underrepresented communities. Her work is rooted in turning advocacy into action and making health care more inclusive and just.



JOSUE RIVERA

Entertainment Software Association Scholarship (\$10,000)

Josue Rivera is graduating from Ballou High School in Southeast Washington, D.C. Josue plans on attending Catholic University in Washington D.C. and wants to major in nursing. He also hopes to get into the athletic training field to combine his love for health and sports. Josue was the kicker for his football team from his freshman year all the way to his senior year. This sparked an interest in joining the medical field and hopes to pursue his dreams in helping athletes recover and patients to the best of his ability.



MERY JANS VERGARA SANCHEZ

AT&T Scholarship (\$15,000)

Mery Jans Vergara Sanchez is a senior at Duke Ellington School of the Arts and will be attending the University of Rochester. She is passionate about conducting and advancing research to discover solutions that support marginalized communities. She plans to major in Public Health with a minor in Korean. During her time at Duke Ellington, she has performed in plays addressing gun violence at the Kennedy Center, raised funds for arts integration in schools, and founded an organization that collects and distributes books to incarcerated individuals. She also interned at the National Women's Foundation, researching influential women in politics. Mery's extensive community involvement has focused on healthcare equity. She has volunteered at Sibley Memorial Hospital and shadowed professionals at Mary's Center. Through her efforts, she hopes to travel the world, assess communities, and improve access to medical resources.



CHINYERÉ REID

Verizon Scholarship (\$15,000)

Chinyeré Reid is graduating from Columbia Heights Educational Campus. In the fall, she will be attending American University, where she will be majoring in political science and international affairs. Her goal is to become a foreign service officer and help bridge connections between the US and other countries.

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KAMANIA SETEPENRA-DELOATCH

Fox Corporation Scholarship (\$20,000)

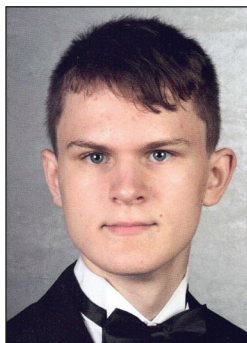
Kamania SetepenRa-Deloatch is a graduating senior at Paul International PCS High School and will be continuing her education at George Mason University, majoring in computer engineering this coming fall. Academically, Kamania has consistently been in honors classes since the 8th grade, as well as taken AP and Dual Enrollment classes since the 10th grade. Throughout high school, Kamania has participated in multiple clubs, even receiving high leadership roles such as the vice president of both the Crafting Club as well as the Car Club. Since 9th grade, she has been a member of the varsity Volleyball Team, and will be ending her high school career as the captain of the Track Team. Outside of school, she has accumulated over 228 community service hours, ranging from tutoring to helping kids at a STEM summer camp.



THOMAS TINGEY

Google Scholarship (\$10,000)

Thomas Tinge is graduating from Washington Leadership Academy Public Charter School in Washington, DC, and will be attending Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, majoring in Computer and Information Technology next fall. Thomas is currently the co-president of his high school's 3D printing club and has volunteered as a math tutor and a math teaching assistant at school. He loves academic challenges and has taken every Advanced Placement course that his school offers. In his free time, Thomas works on developing his skills in computer animation and high-level origami, for which he has attended multiple national conventions, and also enjoys writing music and playing piano. Thomas has a commitment to diversity and to ethical design and hopes to use his college education to increase inclusivity in tech.



CHEIKH TOURAD

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

Cheikh Tourad is a senior at Cardozo EC and will be attending the University of Detroit Mercy, where he plans to major in Civil Engineering and Business Management. During his time at Cardozo, Cheikh was a dedicated member of the boys' varsity soccer team. He continues to train with passion and strives to take his game to the next level. Beyond the field, he serves as a positive role model for his younger siblings, who



look up to him and are inspired to follow in his footsteps—or go even further. In addition to his academic and athletic commitments, Cheikh spends his time reading and supporting others in his community and school. His ultimate dream is to design and build beautiful cities and iconic bridges, and to one day become a respected and influential historical figure in the field of engineering.

ALEXANDER WILLIAMS

CTIA Scholarship (\$10,000)

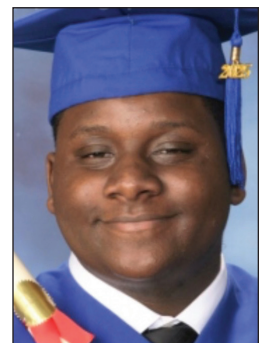
Alexander Williams is an 18-year-old senior at McKinley Technology High School in Washington, D.C. He is a dedicated student with a strong interest in science and engineering. Alexander has challenged himself academically by taking 11 AP classes and earning the AP Scholar with distinction award. Passionate about making a difference, he aims to attend Johns Hopkins University to major in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. With a goal of innovating and potentially creating new medicines, Alexander is committed to addressing health disparities and closing the health gap in underserved communities. Through his education and future work, he hopes to contribute significantly to the field of medicine.



MARCUS WILLIAMS

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

Marcus Williams is a senior at Anacostia High School and will be attending Morehouse College in the Fall of 2025. Marcus will be studying Engineering through the Dual-Degree Program (DDEP). Marcus holds multiple jobs, including advocacy work where he gains problem-solving skills and knowledge to expand his wits. His mission is to serve future generations in preparing them for creating better communities through social justice work. Marcus works at a nonprofit organization called Black Swan Academy, where he serves his community by speaking to the government, along with pushing for new laws and bills to be passed to better communities within the DMV area. Marcus has a lot to offer and has the courage to do the unknown. He loves watching anime, along with reading, and has a knack for evolving and adapting. Marcus' motto is knowledge IS key, and that is on PERIOD.



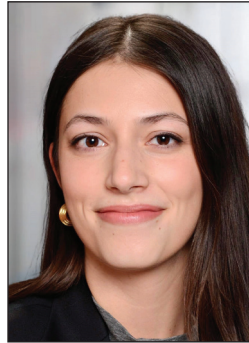
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2025 Law School Scholarship and Internship Stipend Recipients

AYLA AHMED

Internship: New York Attorney General, Bureau of Internet and Technology

Ayla Ahmed is a rising 2L at Fordham University School of Law, where she is interested in tech litigation and antitrust law. Before law school, Ayla worked at Google as an Account Strategist in their advertising sales group for five years. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan, where she majored in Business. This summer, she's excited to work at the New York Office of the Attorney General, in their Bureau of Internet and Technology.



MARY ELIZABETH BARROW

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Mary Elizabeth Barrow is a rising 3L at the University of Colorado Law School and a proud Tulane University alum. She serves as Class President for the Class of 2026 and is an active member of the Silicon Flatirons Student Group. Her work focuses on technology and telecommunications law, with a growing specialization in space law and AI regulation. She has represented Colorado Law in both the Jessup and Manfred Lachs International Moot Court Competitions. This summer, she will be interning in Washington, D.C. with the Consumer Federation of America's AI department, contributing to policy research and advocacy on emerging technologies.



ALEXA CHAVARA

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Alexa Chavara is a rising 2L at UC Berkeley, School of Law interested in the intersection of internet regulation, digital civil rights, and antitrust. Prior to law school, Alexa obtained a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Virginia with a double major in Public Policy & Leadership and Political Science. After graduating, she worked as a paralegal for the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division in Washington, DC. This summer, she will be working as a legal



intern at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. She is an incoming Technical Editor on the Berkeley Technology Law Journal and Member Relations Director of Berkeley's Women in Technology Law student association.

ANGELA CHUNG

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

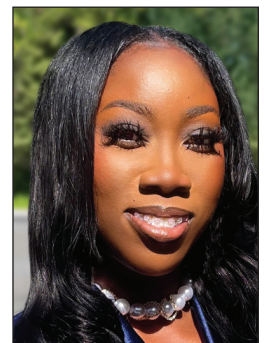
Angela Chung is a rising 3L at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Duke University in International Comparative Studies. Before law school, Angela researched how AAPI communities are uniquely affected by social media mis/disinformation. This catalyzed her desire to improve the quality and accessibility of information online. Angela has since immersed herself in experiences at the intersections of technology, media, and law. At Berkeley, Angela is the Senior Online Editor of California Law Review, President of Mass Media at Berkeley Law, Co-Founder of the Freedom of Information Advocates, and outgoing Co-President of APALSA. She was the first ever Free Speech & Tech Legal Intern for TechFreedom and has externed with NPR's Office of the General Counsel. This summer, she will be a summer associate with Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in their Internet Strategy & Litigation practice group.



SALESHIA ELLIS

Internship: San Francisco City Attorney's Office, Land Use Team
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Saleshia Ellis is a first-generation rising 3L at the University of California, Davis School of Law, where she focuses on privacy, communications, technology, and environmental law. She previously interned with Comcast's public policy team and is a graduate of the FCBA TMT Law & Policy Pipeline Program and the TMT Law & Policy Certificate Program. At UC Davis, she serves as a research fellow exploring privacy issues in autonomous vehicles, transportation technology, and consumer protection. She also serves on the Moot Court Honors Board. She previously served as the National Director of Pre-Law Affairs for the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA), where she led pipeline initiatives for over 1,000 aspiring Black law students. Saleshia earned her B.S. in Urban Planning and Policy from Florida State University and is committed to building inclusive, forward-looking legal frameworks across technology and environmental regulation.



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FYNN FEHRENBACH

Internship: Federal Communications Commission, Office of Engineering and Technology

Fynn Fehrenbach is a rising third-year at the University of Colorado Law School, who is interested in the intersection of law and emerging technologies. Through his involvement in Silicon Flatirons events and experience at the Center for AI Policy, he has explored advancements in AI and its regulatory landscape. As the AI Law Coordinator for the Silicon Flatirons Student Group, he has organized events to educate students on the training and development of large language models. Fynn is committed to deepening his understanding of technology law and aims to apply this knowledge to regulatory and compliance challenges. He is excited to join the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology for the summer of 2025.



SARAH HALKO

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Sarah Halko is a rising fourth-year evening student at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. She recently served as an Associate Editor of the Law and Technology Journal, where she authored a comment analyzing how Loper Bright affects net neutrality and the FCC's rulemaking authority. Sarah is a member of the Law and Technology Institute and has focused her coursework on telecommunications and technology law, including classes in Cyberlaw, Administrative Law, AI Law, and completed the Telecommunications Practicum. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a degree in political science. Over the past nine years, she has worked in the telecommunications industry as a code administrator, regulatory analyst, and currently serves as Director of Regulatory at a leading industry vendor. Her focus areas include numbering policy, robocall mitigation regulations, and emerging technology regulation.



OLAIDE LEMORU

FCBA Foundation Scholarship

Olaide Lemoru is a first-generation Nigerian American and rising 3L at The George Washington University Law School. She earned her B.A. in Sociology, Health & Human Services, and African American Studies from the University at Buffalo. Before law school, she worked at New York City's Department of Social Services, where she helped provide free legal aid to tenants facing eviction. Passionate about service and advocacy, Olaide developed an interest in net neutrality and telecommunications, driven by a desire to expand internet access. Through the FCBA's Tech, Media, and Telecommunication (TMT) Pipeline Program, she explored media policy and recently served as a Spring 2025 intern at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Media Bureau. Olaide is committed to using the law to promote justice and equity. Her faith in Christ and close-knit family continuously ground and inspire her journey.



NICHOLAS LYNAM

Internship: Federal Communications Commission, Office of International Affairs, Global Strategy and Negotiations Division

Nicholas Lynam is a rising third-year law student at American University Washington College of Law, with a strong academic foundation in international systems and economic policy. He earned his B.A. in Economics and International Relations from Lehigh University, where his studies sparked an interest in the intersection of global governance, market regulation, and emerging technologies. Nicholas is drawn to the field of telecommunications law and its critical role in shaping international connectivity, digital policy, and national security. This summer, Nicholas will intern with the Federal Communications Commission's Office of International Affairs, Global Strategy and Negotiations Division, the FCC's lead on global engagement. In this role, he will support U.S. participation in regional telecommunications organizations, assist in preparing briefing materials for senior FCC officials, conduct legal and regulatory research, and help draft position papers on key global communications issues. Through this work, he hopes to deepen his understanding of how international legal frameworks and regulatory trends influence U.S. communications policy and the broader digital economy.



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HAILEY SALMONSEN

Internship: Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division
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Hailey Salmonsen is a rising 3L at UCLA School of Law. Prior to law school, she graduated from Syracuse University where she studied Political Science and Geography. She currently serves as President of the Vis International Moot Organization and as a Staff Editor on the UCLA Entertainment Law Review. Most recently, she interned with the Competition Policy Division of the Federal Communications Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau. This summer, she returns to the FCC's Competition Policy Division, eager to deepen her understanding of telecommunications regulations and contribute to critical policy work.



JARED VALLEJOS

Internship: Federal Communications Commission, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Mobility Division
Recipient of the Diane Cornell Internship Stipend

Jared Vallejos is a rising 3L at the Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law. Jared is the incoming President of the Law and Technology Student Association and current Vice President of CUA's Space Law Society. He is a member of the Law and Technology Institute, pursuing a certificate in communications and data privacy law, and hopes to work at the FCC addressing issues emerging from the proliferation of LEO satellites after graduating. Prior to attending law school, Jared attended the College of William & Mary then gained experience in a wide array of roles that included being the Director of Business Development for a startup and designing video surveillance IP security solutions for a variety of customers. This past semester, Jared was a Legal Intern for the FCC's Mobility Division and looks forward to continuing to support the Division in crafting thoughtful, forward-looking policies this summer.



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 **Jared Vallejos**.

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 Services, Inc.	National Association of Broadcasters
Comcast NBCUniversal	NCTA – The Internet & Television Association
Cox Enterprises	Qualcomm Incorporated
CTIA	Somos, Inc.
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MASTERS OF MEDIA

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Mintz
Paul Hastings LLP
WIA Foundation
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(\$2,000 - \$4,999)

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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:

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(\$1,000 and above)

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Ann Bobeck
Matt Botwin
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Diana Courson
Christine Crowe
Seth and Diane Davidson
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Margaret Flinger
Diane Holland
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Ryan Wallach

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Peter Karanjia
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