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Dear Hord Foundation Friends:

As Mayor of the City of Danbury, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Hord Foundation Gala.

For decades, the Hord Foundation has helped students realize their dreams by promoting and supporting academic excellence. Since its inception, The Hord Foundation has awarded millions in scholarships to eligible local students.

It is an honor to congratulate the 2016 Humanitarian Award Honoree Thomas Fanning, and the Life Time Achievement Award winner Ed Robbs. These are exceptional individuals who have all made a difference in the Greater Danbury community.

I offer my sincere gratitude to the generous individuals, businesses and organizations that make the Hord Foundation and its scholarship program the outstanding success that it is. Through your support, love and encouragement, we can ensure that our youth are given every opportunity to prosper and succeed.

Best wishes for continued success, especially to our students as they build their legacy and realize their dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Boughton". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Mark D. Boughton
Mayor



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HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Tom Fanning is a true human rights activist whose vision has shaped the evolution of Ability Beyond, the 501(c) (3), not for profit organization he has led for the past 42 years. Under his leadership, Ability Beyond has emerged as a leader in the field, growing from an organization of a small group of parents who wanted a better life for their children in 1953, into a network of services that now supports close to 3,000 people with disabilities each and every year.

Tom's commitment to community inclusion and creating a better life for people living with disabilities has, and continues to make, a difference for a population that has historically been isolated from the rest of society. Tom Fanning does not treat people with disabilities as victims; rather, he looks past the disability and sees the many abilities that they possess and the potential they have to offer. His mission, and the mission of Ability Beyond, is to help people with disabilities to fully participate in their communities and enjoy the same things all members of a community enjoy.

The impact Tom has had on the community can be seen each and every day as people with disabilities are living, working, volunteering and enjoying life alongside those without disabilities. In addition to his dedication to people with disabilities, Tom has also been a loyal partner to many important causes in our community including The Hord Foundation. Among a number of awards and recognitions throughout the years, Tom was most recently awarded the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Connecticut Community Provider's Association.



LLOYD BARKER

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Edward A. Robbs was born in Terre Haute Indiana, the third of four brothers and three sisters raised by his mother Mary Rose Robbs-Bates. While they had little, it was enough. He enjoyed a great childhood. He attended the all black Booker T. Washington Elementary School through the sixth grade, when in 1954 with the Supreme Court decision (Brown vs. The Board of Education of Topeka KS) the schools became integrated. He then attended Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, and graduated from Wiley High School class of 1961.

He graduated from Indiana State University (formerly Indian State Teacher's College) in 1966 with a BS in Biological Science and a minor in Social Sciences. After graduation he moved to Los Angeles, CA where he taught science at Horace Mann Junior High School for ten years. During this time he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Educational Administration from California State University, Long Beach, followed by twenty-two years of experience in administration in the Los Angeles Unified School District. This included positions at Gardena High School in Gardena, Locke High School in Watts, and Banning High School in Wilmington. The last twelve years of his administrative experience in California was as a high school principal at Locke and Banning High Schools. His loyalty, dedication and commitment to education is beyond question.

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Maya Walton is a 2011 Danbury High School graduate and Hord Scholarship recipient. She attended college at Washington University (WUSTL) in St. Louis, where she graduated in 2015 with a major in Urban Studies and a minor in Legal Studies. While at WUSTL she was a Residential Advisor, president of the high school mentoring organization Learning to Live, and the student representative to the Board of Trustees. Maya is currently a 2015 Teach for America Corpmember teaching American Literature at West Charlotte High School in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Glen Leroy Mourning was born in Danbury Connecticut. As the oldest of his mother's five children, Glen was blessed with the opportunity to lead by example where he would become the first of two generations to not only graduate from high school, but to complete a masters degree. In 2005 Glen earned a Full- Athletic Scholarship to attend the University of Connecticut where he would make the "All Big East Conference Academic Honor roll for two years in a row before graduating and attending grad school at the University of Bridgeport. In 2010 Glen finished his masters degree in Elementary Ed. and was named the Student teacher of the year at the University of Bridgeport.

Since then, Glen has worked alongside the nationally renowned educational contributor Dr. Steve Perry, Star of the CNN Special "Black in America II" and the host of TV One's "Save our Sons". As a 4th and 5th grade teacher at Capital Preparatory Magnet School in Hartford Connecticut, Glen managed to brilliantly inspire the lives of hundreds of students in his tenure as an educator. At the same time, he was the assistant Varsity football coach at Capital Prep where the team posted an incredible record of 35-2, winning the State Championship before stepping down from his role as defensive coordinator.

For the past two years, Glen has worked in South East Washington D.C as a 1st and 4th grade teacher at Democracy Prep Public Charter School. Next year, Glen will be assuming the role as Grade Level Chair and will be transitioning into the role of the Language Arts Coordinator at Democracy Prep. Glen's greatest accomplishments are not those that have occurred on the playing fields across America, but rather with his promise to his family that he has kept for the last seven years which was to become the motivation for his students that have come from similar circumstances.

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Simon Obas is from Danbury and graduated from DHS in 2004. He attended the prestigious Historical Black College of Johnson C Smith University in Charlotte, NC. He then went on to pursue a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University. Simon is currently working on his a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at Fordham University and is expecting to complete his studies in 2018.

Known for his love for children, integrity, and fairness, and sincere interest in the personal development of children of color, Simon has been working as an educator for the past 7 years. He's taught in New Haven, Bridgeport, and Harlem New York. In May of 2015 Simon became the founding Assistant Principal at The Charter High School for Law and Social Justice.

Simon is apart of the Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society and is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. On February 1, 2016 Simon published his first book titled, The Grind.

Simon's personal mantra is "Give Thanks." He believes that no matter what life throws at you, there is ALWAYS a reason to be grateful, to never forget where you come from, and to be a cheerful giver when the right opportunity presents itself!

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Bailey Brown hails from Brooklyn, New York and Danbury, Connecticut. She attended Park Avenue Elementary School, Wooster School, Rogers Park Middle School and Danbury High School. She received her undergraduate degree (Cum Laude) in Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania with minors in urban education and Africana studies. Bailey's senior thesis was awarded the E. Digby Baltzell Award for her work on low income families in West Philadelphia.

As an undergraduate, Bailey was selected to participate in the Ronald E. McNair Scholars program at her home institution and the Leadership Alliance research program at the University of Chicago. After receiving offers from University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and University of Chicago among others, Bailey chose to complete her PhD studies at Columbia due to the Sociology Department's strong faculty members and Columbia's ideal location for conducting work on urban education.

Currently, Bailey Brown is a third year PhD student in Sociology and a Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow. She received her Master's Degree in Sociology from Columbia University in May 2015. Bailey Brown was also awarded the Ford Foundation Predoctoral Award for her graduate study and selected to participate in Columbia's Fellowship program in Academic Administration where she works for the Office of Multicultural Affairs. Bailey studies urban sociology, social stratification/inequality, race/ethnicity and education. Her dissertation will focus on school choice for low income Black and Latino families.

In her spare time, Bailey enjoys reading novels, volunteering as a high school mentor and program manager for AMBYESE, and traveling. After completing her degree, Bailey hopes to continue her research as Professor of Sociology and Education. Bailey would like to extend her sincerest gratitude to The Hord Foundation.



DELORES B. ROCHESTER

CHAIR, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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I am honored that you have joined us for our annual Hord Foundation Gala. Last year I talked about some of the exciting new initiatives the Foundation had undertaken to further help our young people realize their dreams. I am delighted to share that we continue to refine, enhance and deliver these initiatives with exceptional feedback – we’ve introduced (1) college preparation workshops that cover topics from financial aid, to interviewing and essay writing skills, (2) an Internship program in partnership with some of our corporate sponsors and (3) the annual summer send-off, where wise counsel and networking opportunities are key benefits. I am also thrilled to share that we have launched a new Hord Foundation Website, and that we have been partnering with Executives from American Express to launch a new brand strategy and social media strategy, to position the organization for the next level of growth.

This year our theme is “Living the Legacy - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”. Living the legacy speaks to the actions and values lived daily that shapes our character, interaction and experiences. We are a local organization, with local supporters that funds students who have nationwide impact. With over \$4M of scholarships awarded to hundreds of graduates who have attended prestigious colleges and universities and have gone on to pursue careers in law, business, medicine, engineering, education and social/public services. Their life path and success is a testament to this year’s theme. Tonight, you will have the opportunity to meet and hear from several of our scholars. I am confident that you will share our pride in what they have accomplished thus far and how they have developed as individuals and leaders.

Due to the generous support of the many individuals, families and businesses in and outside of the Greater Danbury area, the Foundation has been able to build a legacy of longevity and impact worth celebrating. As I begin my fourth year as Chair of the Board of Directors, my continued vision is to extend our impact by increasing: 1) the amount of funds raised; 2) the amount of scholarships offered and; 3) programs and workshops that help prepare our scholars for college and beyond. As we position ourselves for the next level of growth, the continued support of donors like you will be critically important to enabling this transformation.

THANK YOU in advance for your support!!

Have a Terrific Evening!

Delores B. Rochester



IRA JOE FISHER

FUND LEGACY AUCTIONEER

Ira Joe Fisher's poetry has appeared in Poetry New York, The Alembic, The New York Quarterly, Entelechy International, Diner, Ridgefield Magazine, The New Hampshire Review and the anthology Confrontation. He is the author of Some Holy Weight in the Village Air, a full-length collection of verse and Remembering Rew, a chapbook. His new collection, Songs From an Earlier Century, will appear this summer from New York Quarterly Books. He presents readings and conducts poetry workshops in New York and throughout New England.

Ira has a Master of Fine Arts degree in poetry from New England College and has taught poetry, communications and broadcast history there. He has lectured and teaches poetry and creative writing at the University of Connecticut, Stamford, at Founders Hall in Ridgefield, Connecticut and at Manhattanville College.

Ira is a member of Actors' Equity. He regularly performed in the long-running musical The Fantasticks for five years. He performed the role of "Henry VIII" in the musical The Prince and the Pauper at New York City's Lambs Theatre. And as "Monsignor Buckley" in the reader's theatre drama The Garden of Dromore at the New York University Hot Ink Festival. Ira has also acted in the film "California Girls" with Robbie Benson and in the ABC daytime drama "Loving". He was a regular on the CBS Early Show.

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NOEL E. HORD

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It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 27th Annual Hord Foundation Gala. This year our theme is "Living the Legacy". This theme reiterates our commitment to continue to work diligently to provide financial support and aide to our youth as they pursue their dreams through higher education.

For many of you who have made it a tradition to attend, we are both thrilled and grateful to see you again. For those of you who are first time guests-Welcome! We hope that you will enjoy an evening that is both entertaining and inspiring. Tonight we are pleased to honor Thomas Fanning and Ed Robbs. Three individuals who have been very important to our mission and whose long time support has helped us continue to light the way for our students.

This year we are very pleased to recognize Ed Robbs with The Hord Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. Ed has been a supporter from day one, and for the last 18 years has served on our Board of Trustees. For many years Ed has managed the scholarship program. He has led the process from application, interviews, seminars, to selection and awarding scholarships. For those of you that know Ed realize he works tirelessly and is fully committed to all young people getting a quality education. As Ed retires this year, we can truly say he has been an influence to thousands of students who have gone through Broadview Middle School on their way to a meaningful education.

We are also proud to honor Tom Fanning, President and CEO of Ability Beyond Disability, with The Hord Foundation Humanitarian Award. I can think of no one else whose work has had a greater impact on our community. Tom has spent his life and career helping others. He has worked tirelessly to create an organization devoted to developing creative strategies and effective services that enable people with disabilities to participate fully in their communities, and live a life of independence. Tom has helped those who are tagged disabled and disadvantaged to find their path and live a purposeful and meaningful life. Tom is a model and inspiration to what a difference we can make in other's lives through our caring and commitment.

We congratulate our award recipients this evening and thank them for their commitment and dedication to serving our Community.

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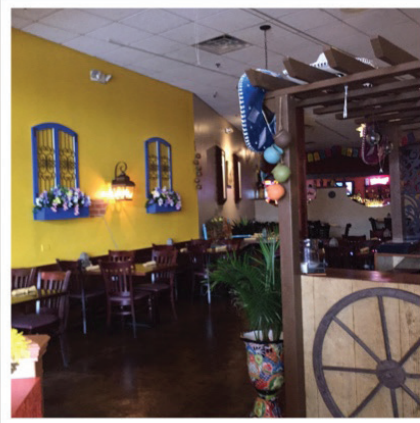
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