



2024 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

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THE HORD FOUNDATION



Our HISTORY

The Hord Foundation traces its beginning to 1988 and two ordinary people who simply wanted to give back to their community. Noel and his late wife Cora Hord, a Danbury, CT couple, wanted their gift to be special and have a significant meaning; the Hord's decided to provide scholarships for the education of deserving and disadvantaged youth. Together with their friends and neighbors, each of whom contributed \$25 to attend a holiday party at the Hord's home, \$2,700 was raised and the origins of the Hord Foundation, Inc. was established.

Since its humble founding, the Hord Foundation, Inc. has provided financial assistance to deserving and qualified students. After nearly 30 years, the Foundation has awarded well over \$5 million dollars in scholarships.

Our MISSION

The Mission of the Hord Foundation is to encourage and reward excellence among African American scholars in the greater Danbury area by providing scholarships, offering support programs, and building a connected community.

Our FUNDING

Funding for our the Annual Hord Foundation scholarships is provided by the generous support of Corporation Partners, Family Foundations and approximately a multitude of individual donors, all of who share our commitment to encourage excellence in education.

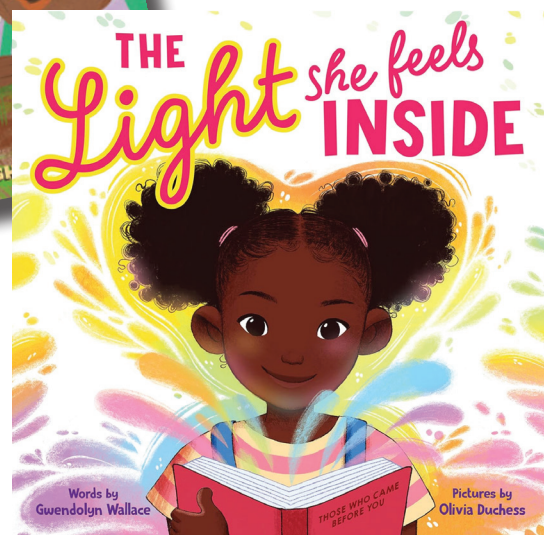
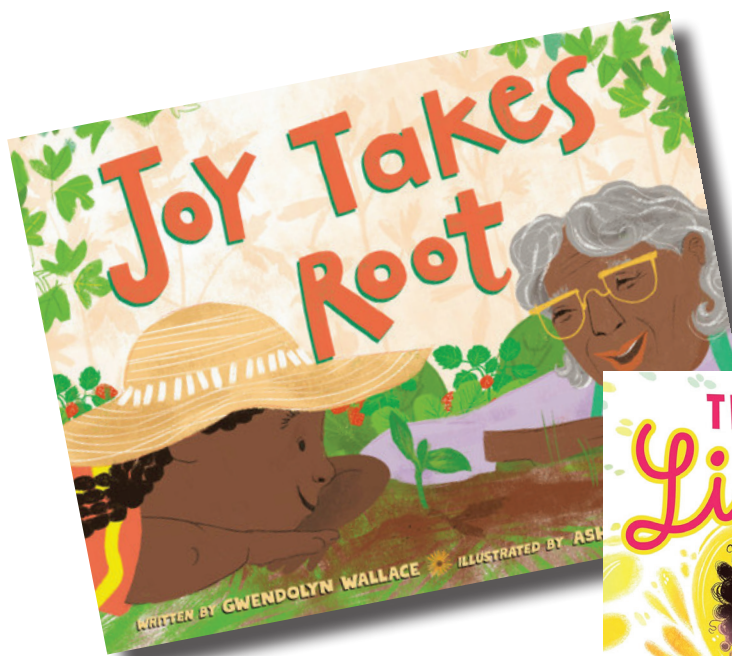
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SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER



GWENDOLYN WALLACE

Gwendolyn Wallace is an award-winning children's literature author from Connecticut and first-year PhD student at MIT in History, Anthropology, & Science, Technology and Society (HASTS). Her picture books include *Joy Takes Root* (2023), *The Light She Feels Inside* (2023), and the forthcoming *Dancing with Water* and *Imagine New Suns*. Her work for children focuses on Black environmentalisms, cultivating radical imagination, and the past, present, and future of social change.



MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES & SPEAKER



REVEREND TAMESHA MILLS

INVOCATION

Reverend Tamesha Mills is the pastor of Saint James AME Church in Danbury, CT. She is a proud New Yorker born and raised in Queens. Rev. Mills has a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, a Master of Arts degree from Hofstra University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Adelphi University. In May of 2023, she graduated from an intensive program in Biblical Studies and earned a Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.



MARQUISE TAYLOR

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Marquise Taylor is a dedicated and passionate educator with a deep commitment to fostering academic excellence and personal growth in her students. Based in Danbury, CT, Marquise has been teaching for seven years, specializing in 3rd grade education.

Beyond the classroom, Marquise serves as a Resident Director for Ridgefield A Better Chance, an organization dedicated to providing educational opportunities for talented students from diverse backgrounds. Through this role, she mentors and supports students, helping them to achieve their full potential and navigate the path to higher education.

Currently, Marquise is pursuing her Master's degree in Educational Leadership, furthering her expertise in school administration and educational policy. This advanced study complements her extensive experience and her status as a former Hord Scholar, an honor that recognizes her exceptional academic achievement and leadership qualities.

A proud graduate of Western Connecticut State University (WCSU), Marquise's dedication to education is driven by her belief in the transformative power of learning and her desire to make a lasting impact on the lives of her students and the community.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

THE MAVIS A. BENNETT AWARD, ESTABLISHED 2023

My mother Mavis A Bennett never received more than a middle school education. She recognized that for her children, education was the great equalizer.

We fund this scholarship to honor my mother's legacy and have a generational impact by providing opportunities for students who might not have the financial means to pursue their dream.

THE NELLIE MCKENZIE & RUBY SEALEY AWARD, ESTABLISHED 2023

Nellie McKenzie and Ruby Sealey were the grandmothers of Symone and Dr. Randolph Sealey. They are both originally from the island of Jamaica which is the foundation of Symone and Randy's bond.

They were the matriarchs of their families and both had an open heart which was vital to the success of their family and many extended family members. They were kind to anyone who crossed their paths. Their homes were always a safe and welcoming place to children. Most importantly, they encouraged dreams.

OUR SCHOLARS

Glenn Addotey, Senior/Nursing	Western CT State University \$1,500
Grayce Amos, Sophomore/Biomedical Engineering	Howard University \$2,000
Valerie Amponsah, Sophomore/Allied Health Science	University of Connecticut Alpha Kappa Alpha Award \$1,500
Mikaella Bernard, Freshman/Political Science	Bates College National Broadcasting Corporation \$2,750
Gabriella Brown, Freshman/Health Sciences	Boston College Sally Ruggles Award \$3,500
Jasmine Brown, Junior/Nursing	Hampton University \$1,500
Taylor Bryan, Junior/Psychology	University of Connecticut \$2,000
Kimora Campbell, Freshman/Marketing	Rochester Institute of Technology National Broadcasting Corporation \$2,750
Tyyanna Carolina, Freshman/Funeral Service	Goodwin College \$1,000
Maya Chiappetta, Freshman/Psychology	Hampshire College \$2,000
Elise Council, Freshman/Elementary Education	University of Hartford Cora Hord Award \$2,500
Maya Council, Junior/Psychology	University of Massachusetts/Boston \$1,500
Ma-Lyke Davis, Senior/Political Science	Trinity College \$1,500
Saniya Denton, Freshman/Strategic Communication	Howard University Mavis A. Bennett Award \$2,500
Victor Dickson, Freshman/Computer Science	University of Connecticut Omokaro Family Scholarship \$1,250
Caroline Dickson, Sophomore/Kinesiology	University of Massachusetts/Amherst \$1,500
Failin Encarnacion Martinez, Freshman/Nursing	Western CT State University \$2,000
Santhiel Feliz, Freshman/Nursing- BSN	Western CT State University \$2,000
Joseph Gedeon, Sophomore/Computer Science	University of Connecticut Omega Psi Phi Award \$1,500
Lauren Grant, Sophomore/Biomedical Engineering	Yale University Sally Ruggles Award \$2,500
Jaylen Hawkins, Senior/Civil Engineering	Western New England College Alpha Phi Alpha Award \$1,500
Rihanna Ivery, Freshman/Digital Media Design	Western CT State University \$1,500
Audrey Kpodar, Sophomore/Biomedical Engineering	Duke University Nellie McKenzie & Ruby Sealy Award \$2,000
Gabriel Kwarteng, Senior/Biomolecular Science	Central CT State University Omokaro Family Scholarship \$1,250
Hannah Kwarteng, Junior/Political Science	Western CT State University The Shelia D. Lee Award \$1,500

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Jadon Lee, Sophomore/Finance	Western CT State University William and Nada Albritton Award \$1,500
Jo McCray, Junior/Sport Management	Southern CT State University Beyond the Dream Award \$1,250
Tzaddi Mckenzie, Junior/Computer Science	Pace University \$1,850
Tyson Mobley, Freshman/Computer Science	State Fair College \$2,500
Laniah Moffett, Freshman/Sports Management	Howard University Alice Hyman Award \$2,750
Cameron Perkins, Freshman/Communications	University of MA/Boston National Broadcasting Corporation \$2,000
Jada Platzer, Freshman/Physics	University of Massachusetts/Amherst Shauna and Lloyd Barker Award \$2,500
Giselle Ramirez, Junior/Psycology	Western CT State University William and Nada Albritton Award \$1,500
Eriana Rivera , Freshman/Accounting	University of Connecticut Newtown Savings Bank \$2,000
Leslie Rodriguez, Freshman/Biology	University of Connecticut Dr. Frederick Adams \$2,000
Tianna Rogers, Junior/Business Marketing	Wheaton College \$1,500
Kenneth Salem, Freshman/Political Science (Pre Law)	Southern CT State University NBC \$2,750
Alexandra Salem, Junior/Biomedical Engineering	University of Connecticut \$2,000
Angel Scott, Senior/Financial Accounting	Western CT State University Delta Sigma Theta Award \$1,500
Ariis Scott, Freshman/Physics	Hampton University Myrna Turner Award \$2,500
Jalen Simpson, Sophomore/Business Administration	Morehouse College Byron Burney Award \$1,500
Tavahnnarie Sok, Junior/Nutrition	University of Connecticut \$1,500
Ethan Solheim, Freshman/Film	Connecticut State Community College \$1,000
Isaiah Solis, Junior/Architecture	Pratt Institute \$1,500
Ezarae Staton, Freshman/Marine Sciences	Southern CT State University Omokaro Family Scholarship \$1,250
Nia Sterling, Junior/Nursing	Southern CT State University \$2,000
Elijah Williams, Sophomore/Economics	University of Connecticut Milton Brown Award \$2,000
Isaiah Williams, Sophomore/Biomedical Engineering	University of Connecticut Branson Ultrasonics Award \$2,250
Madison Woodley, Freshman/Mechanical Engineering	University of Hartford Branson Ultrasonics Award \$2,750

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