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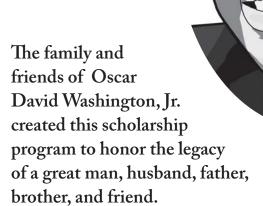
Scholarship Awards Banquet





### IN HONOR OF

# Oscar D. Washington, Jr.



Oscar was a 1986 graduate of Carlisle High School and a 1990 graduate of the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. He was a Certified Public Accountant with a Master's degree in Business from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and he served as a Captain in the Arkansas Army National Guard, 39th Infantry Brigade.

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One of Oscar's greatest gifts was being a disciple of Christ and freely serving others and the community. He was a Deacon at Saint Mark Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. He also demonstrated this by being a faithful volunteer, mentor, and leader for various organizations such as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Big Brothers Big Sister's Agency of Pulaski County, Pulaski Technical College, Alumni Association for the University of Central Arkansas, the Arkansas Home Builder's Association, American Heart Association, and more.

## FROM THE President

The moment for serious change in education is fleeting unless there is action that provides early and continuing energy to change how education is administered. Students across Arkansas deserve more than just the status quo, which is exactly why it is so exciting to provide a platform of education, self-care, and community engagement for the Oscar Washington, Jr. Educational Fund (OWJEF) Scholars. Our mission to bridge the gap for high school seniors to their first year of college has grown into mentorship and internships for first year college students, money and banking literacy for elementary students and acknowledging the educators that are the student's foundation of learning and caring.

Thank you to the amazing corporate and individual sponsors of the class of 2023 OWJEF Scholars. Partnering with you is the linchpin for providing resources needed for young people to learn how to cope and thrive in an increasingly complex world, including doing well under circumstances never before experienced. Since 2018, the OWJEF has supported more than 65 student scholarships and established the Hope Scholarship which is a four year, in-state college scholarship. First year college OWJEF Scholars can now be connected to summer internship opportunities with corporate and individual sponsors and receive first-hand guidance for self care and mental health awareness as well as banking and finances.

This evening marks the 6<sup>th</sup> annual OWJEF Scholarship Banquet. As I reflect on the previous years, I am grateful for the OWJEF board of directors and volunteers. This group of directors and volunteers are accomplished in their own right, yet they are committed to serving the youth of Arkansas. Thank you for your dedication and continued efforts to promote the mission of the OWJEF. Congratulations to the 2023 OWJEF educator and student recipients, it has been an honor to serve you. Welcome to the OWJEF family!

Doris Washington, President Oscar Washington, Jr. Educational Fund

# THANK YOU from the Chair

This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. When we started this effort in 2018, our intent and vision at the time was to simply offer a few students a little money to help with some incidental, college expenses. While our vision began with a small window, we have watched it become so much more.

Six years later, we are positioned to support youth through education in a way we never could have imagined when we started.

Over the years we have incrementally increased the value of our scholarship package. We have assumed the personality of our namesake by giving to and being active in our community. We've added support for our recipients after they've left for college, by creating the Oscar Washington Jr. Internship Initiative to assist them in obtaining paid summer internships in their field of study. We have also sought to positively impact students earlier during their academic journey, namely the fourth and fifth grade, through our Oscar Juniors Incentive Initiative.

Our work could not have been accomplished and cannot be expanded without partnerships. We are deeply grateful for all of our financial partners, organizations and individuals, many of whom have supported us since 2018. We are particularly appreciative of two entities that recently joined our efforts - The Methodist for Arkansas Foundation and Walmart/Sam's Club.

The body of work to which we have been assigned has not been completed. Our impact has not been fully felt. We intend to continue making a substantive, positive impact in our local community and our youth from elementary through college.

As it happens, we remain mindful that our success is not because of us. It is the Lord's doing.

Mark D. Leverett, Chair The Oscar Washington, Jr. Educational Fund Board

# SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

### **MARYA BUNCH**

Carlisle High School UAPB (Agricultural Science)

Girls State, Delegate National Honor Society 2022-2023 Dance Team Co-Captain

### WILFRED SPENCER COLE

Parkview High School
College undecided (Computer Science)

Champions of Hope, volunteer Track and Field, Four Year Letterman Patriot Academy Ambassador

### **ALIVIA COOK**

Monticello High School University of Arkansas at Monticello (Undecided)

National Honor Society Senior Class President Track and Cross Country

### **SYDNI HOOD**

Wilbur D. Mills University Studies High School *UALR (Pre-law)* 

Student Council, Member Principal's Cabinet, Member Mills High School Debate Team

### LAURYN HOWARD

Little Rock Southwest Magnet High School Washington University (Biological Science)

National Honor Society Arkansas Girls State Arkansas Governor's School

### **JESSICA JUAREZ**

Parkview High School *UALR (Nursing)* 

National Honor Society President's Education Awards Program SONO Camp, Participant



# SCHOLARSHIP Recipients

### **FAITH KELLY**

Sylvan Hills High School
College Undecided (Sports Medicine)

National Honor Society Mu Alpha Theta ASBOA All Region Honors Orchestra, Member

### **ZENOBIA KELLEY**

Pulaski Academy High School College Undecided (Art)

National Honor Society Foreign Language Honor Society Pulaski Academy Order of Excellence

### **SABIAN MURRY**

Bryant High School

College Undecided (Political Science)

National Honor Society Arkansas Girls State Arkansas Governor's School

### **CHRISTIAN ROSE**

Pulaski Academy High School Grambling State University (Nursing)

Pulaski Academy Honor Roll Ken Hatfield Award Winner Four-time State Football Champion, member

### JOANNA PEREZ-GARCIA

White County Central High School Harding University (Exercise Science)
Student Council, Member
Future Farmers of America, Member
Harding University Upward Bound

### **HOPE SASS**

Cabot High School
Southern Arkansas University (Business)

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### EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



The Alma J. Washington Educator of the Year Award was established to recognize educators in our community who have spent their careers investing their gifts of teaching and compassion in the lives of students. Mrs.

Washington is the mother of Oscar D. Washington, Jr. and this award honors

her lifetime of education in Arkansas.

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Naccaman William
is director of
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for the Walton
Family Foundation,
which includes
over-seeing large
grants and managing
other grantmaking
organizations. A former

junior and senior high school mathematics teacher, Dr. Williams has served in several higher education roles, including director of the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School at the University of Florida, and assistant dean and director of minority education services in the College of Education at the University of Arkansas.

He served seven years on the Arkansas State Board of Education, including two years as chairman. He also served a four-year term on the Southern Regional Education Board. Dr. Williams has recently concluded five years on the Arkansas Charter School Authorizing Panel. He is

currently serving
on the Winthrop
Rockefeller
Foundation board.
Dr. Williams holds
a bachelor's and
master's degrees
from Ouachita
Baptist University and
an Education Specialist

degree and a doctorate in education administration from the University of Arkansas. He received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Faculty/Staff award in 1994 and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014 from the NWA MLK Council. He is a former infantry officer in the United States Army Reserve. He is also amember of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity incorporated. Dr. Williams is a deacon, trustee and teacher at the Historic St. James Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas. He is married to Angela Williams and they have two sons, Naccaman Williams II–29 and Nathan Williams – 25.

## WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION

### **PROGRAM**

### Welcome Video

Greetings & Acknowledgements ...... Pamela Smith, Host
Prayer for dinner ...... Sheridan Richards

### Dinner is Served

### Introduction of Speaker



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Bottom Row (From left to right): Dr. Suzanne Yee, Doris Washington, JaNan Thomas, Kandi Hughes

Not pictured: Paul Bowersock

# FROM THE



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR **FRANK SCOTT, JR.** 

April 22, 2023

To Oscar Washington, Jr. Scholarship Banquet Attendees:

On behalf of the City of Little Rock, it is my honor to bring you greetings on behalf of the 203,000 residents of our great city. Tonight, we honor the memory of a friend of mine who was a great man. Oscar Washington, Jr., worked to make Little Rock a better place by being a leader at Entergy, a leader in his church, and a leader in the community as well as in many other volunteer efforts.



He truly put others before himself, and that is why we gather to pay tribute to him.

Being a mentor and an encourager, it is so appropriate that we honor Oscar's memory by celebrating the achievements of outstanding high school students. Oscar set a high standard for excellence and worked to help others achieve their potential. Through this scholarship program, Oscar's legacy of giving continues.

Tonight's speaker, Naccaman Williams, is another example of an outstanding leader in service. As Director of Special Projects for the Walton Foundation, Naccaman works to create greater opportunities for the people of Arkansas to succeed and to serve. Raised by his grandfather in Gurdon, Arkansas, Naccaman is no stranger to hard work and has had many examples of leadership in his life through the mentoring he received. After his grandfather passed, several people in the community helped shaped the path that Naccaman follows today. It is befitting that a man who has given so much of himself, would be the encourager to the attendees at a banquet honoring a man who made and is still making such a difference in so many people's lives.

I have been blessed to have participated since the beginning of the Oscar Washington, Jr., Scholarship Banquet. Unfortunately, due to another commitment, I am unable to be here with you tonight but I look forward to many more years of this program. I congratulate and am excited to see the great works from these scholarship recipients as they honor the memory of Oscar Washington, Jr., and change the world. In the words of tonight's speaker, go "create access to opportunity ...then hold the door open, so people can walk through and achieve their potential."

Sincerely

Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. City of Little Rock

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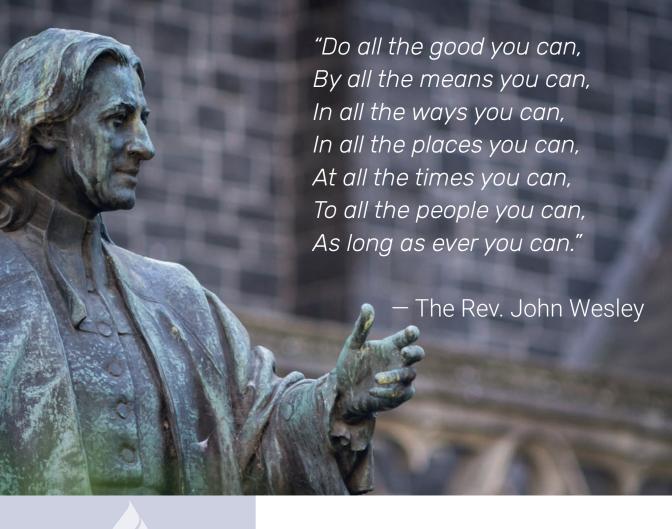
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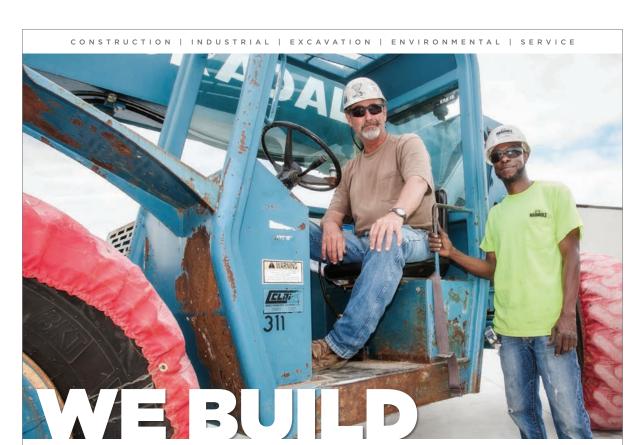
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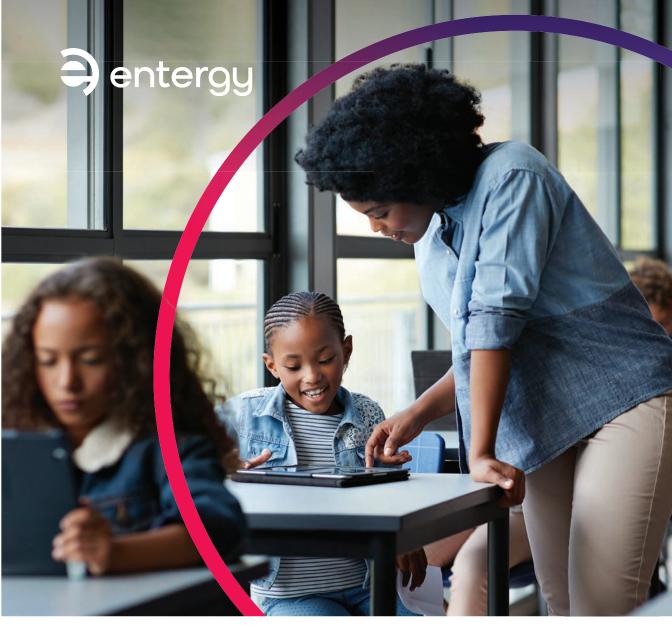
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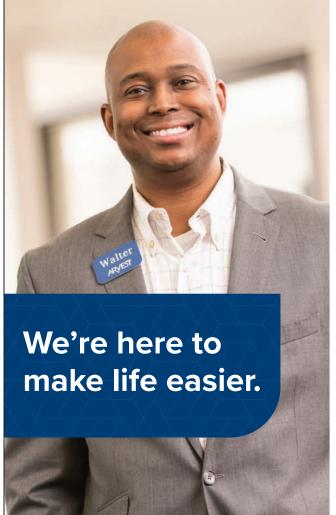
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