

Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund Incorporated



22nd Annual Awards & Community Service Banquet

Sunday, June 1st | Silver Spring Civic Center | 4 PM

Preserving Our Caribbean Legacy



The Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc. (CSSF, Inc.) is designed to establish and maintain a fellowship rooted in traditional and historical ,Caribbean principles of using one's skills in service to the community.

2025 BANQUET PROGRAM



3:30 PM | Doors Open

4:00 PM | Welcome

Debbie Lara, Vice President
Trinidad & Tobago Working Women's Committee

National Anthems

Blessing | Ms. Patricia Jones

Dinner

Greetings | Mrs. Vanessa Ramhit-Ramroop, Chief of Mission
Embassy of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago, Washington, DC

Mistress of Ceremonies | Deanne Samuels, Executive Director
Trinidad & Tobago Working Women's Committee

Remarks | Dr. Alyssa Gamaldo-Roddy, Professor
Department of Psychology, Clemson University
"How Federal Funding Cuts Have Impacted Institutions of Higher Learning"

Keynote Speaker | Ms. Nicole Hercules, Chair Emeritus,
United Soccer Coaches, Black Soccer Coaches Association

Presentation of Awards | Members of the Advisory Board

Closing Remarks | Ambassador-Brigadier General (Ret'd) Anthony W. J. Phillips-Spencer

Thank You

NICOLE HERCULES | KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Nicole Hercules is a dynamic leader and changemaker in the world of soccer, with a focus on advocating for equity and building communities. She made history as the first woman to serve as the Chair of the United Soccer Coaches Black Soccer Coaches Association and continues her involvement as an advisory board member after transitioning to Chair Emeritus. Nicole also serves on the United Soccer Coaches Board of Directors, contributing to the world's largest coaching association.

Nicole's expertise and strategies have been pivotal in creating systems and infrastructure that support the development of underrepresented coaches. Her work extends beyond the U.S., as she collaborates with organizations to drive systemic change within the soccer landscape.

In addition to her work in soccer, Nicole is dedicated to giving back to her roots in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, where her family founded the Forever Forward Foundation. Through this initiative, Nicole partners with both the soccer and track and field federations on the island to empower youth and foster athletic development.

Nicole is also the founder of the Rochester City Soccer League, where she serves as the President. Her leadership has been integral in building and empowering a thriving soccer community, with a focus on creating opportunities for youth.

A deeply committed person of faith, Nicole is currently a postulant for the diaconate through the Anglican/Episcopal Church, with her faith serving as the foundation of her life and work. Whether on the field, in the boardroom, or in service to her community, Nicole is dedicated to making a lasting impact locally, nationally, and globally. In 2023, the Hercules Award was named in her honor in recognition of her transformational community impact and trailblazing leadership.

DR. ALYSSA GAMALDO-RODDY SPECIAL REMARKS



Dr. Alyssa Gamaldo is a Professor in the Department of Psychology at Clemson University and affiliated with the Institute for Engaged Aging. She is a MD native with a PhD in Lifespan Developmental Psychology from North Carolina State University. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in the Laboratory of Behavioral Epidemiology and Laboratory of Behavioral Neuroscience at the National Institute on Aging. Her current research concentrates on social determinants of health and well-being in older adult populations as well as identifying sensitive measures for detecting health risks. Dr. Gamaldo is affiliated with the South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease and Research Center (SC-ADRC). On the SC-ADRC, she serves as the Director of the Outreach, Recruitment, and Engagement ORE core and as a faculty team member on the Research Education Core (REC).

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



On behalf of the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund Inc., its Advisors, Board members, and members of the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee, a hearty welcome.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Our elation is in your continued support, and in your presence here today.

Today's theme, ***Preserving Our Caribbean Legacy***, speaks to our strength and investment in our community. Over the years, we have invested heavily in our communities; raised our children and now our children's children right here, and those stories are now ours to tell and preserve.

Class of 2025, as you go through life you will be tasked with making decisions that may both be controversial and complicated. In those moments of decision making,

first think about the impact of your decision and then reflect on these two words, *Legacy* (referring to something handed down from the past, influencing the present and the future) and *Heritage* (a blessing or possession that is passed down, encompassing both material and spiritual aspects.)

Understanding what is handed down to you and embracing who you are, gives you permission to be bold and proud of your uniqueness. Relate to your life's experiences, be the architect of your future; create a story that brings out the best in you and one that you will be proud to pass on to the next generation.

Congratulations to our class of 2025! *Denea Pascoe, Nyla Clarke, Nadir James, Kamilah Bailey and Gianna Robinson*. Continue to inspire, educate, and maintain a strong sense of community.

Sincerely,

Annette Achille, President
Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, Inc.

LETTER FROM THE AMBASSADOR



AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

May 23, 2025

Mrs. Annette Achille
President
Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee
Caribbean Students Scholarship Fund, Inc.
PO Box 1229
Landover, MD 20785

Dear Mrs. Achille,

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and the Mission Team at our Embassy in Washington, DC, I congratulate you and the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee, on the 22nd Anniversary of the Caribbean Students Scholarship Fund (CSSF), and the 2025 Annual Awards and Community Service Banquet. Since the formation of the CSSF in 2003, your team has contributed immensely to advancing our national interests by '*Preserving Our Caribbean Heritage*'.

The Working Women's Committee has continued to make meaningful investments in the education of our community's youth, which have proven to be indispensable in assisting the recipients of these scholarships, all students of Caribbean descent within the DMV/Maryland area, to achieve their academic and ultimately their professional aspirations. Our Caribbean Diaspora includes the best minds and most accomplished individuals in the areas of culture and the arts, sport, politics, science and technology, education, finance, and engineering, and many others. The impact of your organization in promoting diaspora engagement and the development of the nation's young trailblazers is commendable and laudable. Therefore, the Embassy will continue to support initiatives to sustain the CSSF.

This 2025 Scholarship Awards and Community Banquet again exemplifies the commitment of the Working Women's Committee to embracing the national motto of Trinidad and Tobago, '*Together We Aspire, Together We Achieve*'. It also provides another opportunity for supporters and sponsors of the CSSF to understand the responsibility for sustaining this initiative by their fundraising and donations.

Congratulations again to you and the Working Women's Committee on your continued commitment to educational excellence for Caribbean Students and the empowerment of our Diaspora Community.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Anthony W.J. Phillips-Spencer
Brigadier General (Ret'd.)

2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS



Denea Pascoe

My name is Denea Pascoe and I am a Sophomore at Howard University, Washington, DC. My dream job is to become a corporate lawyer. Corporate law fascinates me because it encompasses the dynamic and complex world of business. To reach my dream job goal, I am committed to a path of continuous learning and professional development and have pursued rigorous coursework in my undergraduate studies. Becoming a corporate lawyer is not just a career aspiration but a lifelong mission to make a positive impact and create a more just and inclusive society.



Nyla Clarke

Nyla Clarke is a graduating senior with a passion for media, education, and community service. Throughout high school, she has been involved in student journalism, drama production, and service organizations such as the National Honor Society and her school's food bank. She currently works as an after-school kindergarten teacher at her local elementary school, where she supports and inspires young learners. Nyla also works as a French tutor and a dedicated babysitter, while balancing her academic goals. This fall, she will attend Towson University to study Human and Family Services, with the goal of becoming a family social worker and advocacy lawyer.



Nadir James

I'm Nadir James. I'm currently 17 years old and will be graduating from Wheaton high school and Thomas Edison in May 2025. I was born and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. I've devoted over 300 community service hours with the Silver Spring Saints organization helping our youth build character, sportsmanship, and self-confidence. I recently earned my CompTIA Security+ certification while attending Thomas Edison. I will be pursuing my dreams of becoming a data analyst while attending UMBC studying computer science and cybersecurity this fall. I am extremely appreciative to everyone who has encouraged and guided me along the way."

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Kamilah Bailey

As a first-generation Jamaican-Guyanese American, I've long been driven to build a global fashion brand that amplifies the voices and creativity of people of color. Inspired by my upbringing, shaped by the tragic loss of my brother to gun violence, and motivated by a passion for advocacy, my goal is to merge fashion and social justice, creating futuristic designs that tell stories and spark change. From early entrepreneurial ventures to internships at Baltimore Fashion Week and Doll House Boutique, I've embraced the arts as a vehicle for empowerment. Now, through my work with AMA Baltimore and my upcoming studies in International Business at George Washington University, I am building the tools to turn fashion into a force for global impact, inclusivity, and healing, one garment at a time.



Gianna Robinson

My name is Gianna Robinson, a graduating senior at Howard University, school of Business Administration in Finance. I aspire to become a leader in real estate development, creating sustainable, affordable housing that restores dignity to underserved communities. Housing is not just about building, it is about creating spaces where people can thrive, raise families and build their futures. I want to integrate health and wellness initiatives into my developments because I understand that housing and health are deeply connected. My experiences in community service, HIV awareness, and financial literacy initiatives have shown me that the real estate industry has the power to transform lives when done with intention and care. Beyond my career, my heart remains tied to Trinidad and

Tobago, my home. Ultimately, my life's work will be about building...building communities, building opportunities and building a legacy of impact and service.

Dear CSSF Board of Directors and members of the Trinidad and Tobago Working Women's Committee

I am still so honored that a panel of leaders in the Caribbean community chose me as a 2008 scholarship recipient. It was a huge confidence boost to know that people I look up to and admire believed my educational pursuits were a worthy investment.

Thank you and congratulations to this year's recipients and best wishes for a very successful event.

Kafi Kareem Class of 2008

PERSONAL ESSAY BY GIANNA ROBINSON



Each day, I wake up with a deep sense of gratitude, knowing that my life is a testament to God's goodness and faithfulness. There have been many moments in my journey where giving up seemed like the easier path, but God has continued to strengthen me, guide me, and allow me to walk in His favor. No matter what challenges I face, knowing that I can honor Him in everything I do brings me the most pride and satisfaction. My faith is not just a part of my life, it is the foundation of who I am and the lens through which I approach my education, career aspirations, and service to others.

Growing up, I faced hardships that could have broken my spirit, but instead, they strengthened my faith and resilience. Losing my mother to HIV before I came to Howard was one of the most difficult experiences of my life, but even in that pain, I found purpose. It ignited my passion for health advocacy, mentorship, and community service, inspiring me to use my story to uplift others. Now, as a Sexual Health Intern at Children's National Hospital, I get to educate, support, and empower young people who may feel lost or afraid, just as I once did. I take pride in knowing that my experiences, though painful, are being used for something greater than myself.

Beyond my work in advocacy, I take pride in striving for excellence in every area of my life. Whether in the classroom, in leadership roles, or in my professional development, I view my efforts as a way to be a faithful steward of the opportunities God has given me. My passion for real estate and finance is not just about career success, but about creating impact, helping to develop affordable housing, supporting underrepresented communities, and ensuring financial literacy for those who need it most. One of my greatest aspirations is to one day establish a scholarship fund for Caribbean students, providing opportunities for others to pursue their dreams, just as I have been blessed to do.

Perhaps the greatest joy in my daily life comes from the simple moments like waking up early to pray, reading scripture, and journaling my thoughts. These moments remind me that no matter how busy life gets, my relationship with God must always come first. When I feel overwhelmed, I lean on His promises, remembering that He has carried me through every obstacle before and will continue to do so. My life is not about chasing success for my own gain, but about being a vessel for His will.

Ultimately, my sense of pride and satisfaction comes from knowing that each day is another opportunity to glorify God through my actions, my work, and my service to others. I am not perfect, but I strive to be faithful, diligent, and compassionate in all that I do. God has given me the strength to persevere, and as long as I am walking in His purpose, I know that I am exactly where I am meant to be.

PERSONAL ESSAY BY NYLA CLARKE



What Connects Me to My Roots?

There are many things that connect me to my Caribbean roots. From the food my grandmother takes so much pride in, carefully passing down the secret to what makes her pine tarts so special, to the way our family always comes together for special occasions eating, playing loud music, and dancing. More than anything, the deep sense of family instilled in me has made me realize that in a big Caribbean family, you are never truly alone. However, what connects me most to my Caribbean ancestry is how it allows me to build relationships with others.

Being a second-generation immigrant is an experience that many can relate to. About 12% of the U.S. population are second-generation immigrants. There is a unique connection that comes with navigating a "double life" of sorts, learning to live as an American while also honoring my roots. In my case, it feels more like a triple life. My mother's side of the family is from Guyana, while my father's side is from Jamaica. While both cultures share similarities, they also have distinct differences that have shaped my experience as a second-generation American. Growing up with influences from both countries has helped me embrace and appreciate multiple perspectives, allowing me to connect with others from diverse backgrounds.

This sense of cultural duality has given me a deep understanding of what it means to balance two worlds. Because of my experience as both American and Caribbean, I find it easy to relate to other first-, second-, or even third-generation immigrants. Whether their roots tie them to Latin America, Africa, or other parts of the Caribbean, we share the experience of learning to honor our heritage while attempting to fit into the standards set. This understanding has helped me form friendships built on mutual respect and appreciation, where we celebrate both our similarities and the unique traditions that make us who we are. One of my favorite moments when interacting with others from similar backgrounds is exchanging stories about our family traditions, whether it's how our families cook or the dynamics of our households. While there may be small differences, there is always a shared understanding that connects us in a way that many everyday Americans may not fully relate to.

Something I am absolutely sure of is that my Caribbean heritage will always be an important part of who I am. It will continue to shape me as I move toward the next stages of my life, from higher education to my career. As I go to college and meet new people, I want to share my culture and experiences with others while also learning about theirs. The values I have learned such as resilience, the importance of family, and staying connected to my roots, will guide me no matter where life takes me.

Ultimately, my Caribbean ancestry is more than just a part of my background it is the foundation of how I connect with others. It has shaped my ability to embrace different cultures, appreciate diverse perspectives, and find community with people from all walks of life. I am proud to carry the influences of both Guyana and Jamaica, knowing that my roots will always ground me as I embrace new opportunities and build meaningful connections.



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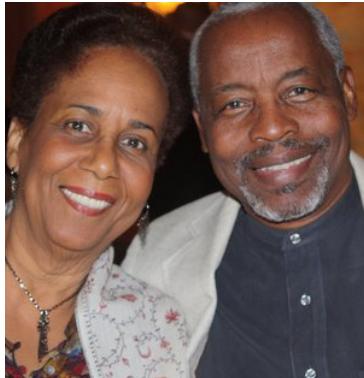
I have supported the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund for almost a decade; we offer scholarships, as well as, academic advice to the next generation of students who declared their determination to transform our present dependency relationships.

"My life has been committed to the pursuit of freedom, independence and dignity. These scholarships are a humble reflection of our daily understanding."

**Dr. Acklyn Lynch, Former
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The Keith and Berna Warner Scholarship

"We recognize the invaluable contribution the CSSF, Inc. has made to the academic development of our students of Caribbean heritage and wish to continue our support on a personal level. We think it is important to show our seven grandchildren and all others of the coming generation the importance of giving back to the community, and of maintaining and strengthening their link to their heritage."

We trust that our example will inspire both scholarship recipients and their supporters to continue the tradition of giving and make it possible for an even greater number of students to benefit."

Candidates for The Keith and Berna Warner Scholarship must demonstrate need.



West Indian American Military Members Association Scholarship (WIAMMA)

"One of WIAMMA's goals is to make a difference in the Caribbean community. Our relationship with the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund, (CSSF, Inc.) program is a testament of our commitment to that cause."

Our experience in the U.S. Armed Forces has been the foundation for the success in the lives of our members, and we can only trust that our contributions to the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund Inc. will be the foundation that impacts change in the lives of our recipients. We hope they will not only keep the American flag flying high but also those of the Caribbean as well. We look forward to staying united with the CSSF program for a very long time."

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The Skeete and Reefer families would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the milestones that will occur later this year. Our Grand Matron Ruth Reefer Skeete and her daughter, Annette Achille, will turn 100 and 80 years young! These two women have had many roles over the years: Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Caregiver, Teacher, Mentor, and Elder. They have always been a source of aid, comfort, encouragement, strength and love to our family and the Caribbean Community as a whole. It has been and continues to be their life's work to guide us to a brighter and more prosperous future. We are eternally grateful for all that they have done for us over the years and the light that they bring to our world.

Their worth and impact is immeasurable. We should all strive to follow their example and do our part to see that the seeds planted by their good deeds continue to grow and thrive.

Congratulations to our Queens and this year's honorees. This recognition of their hard work and dedication to improving themselves

and the community is well deserved!





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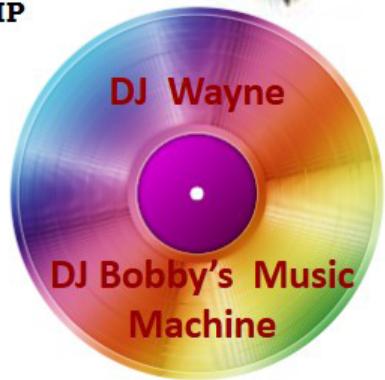
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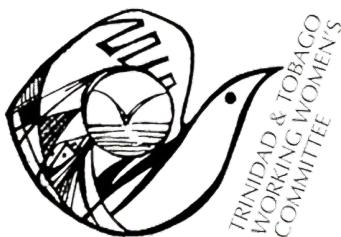
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T&T Working Women's Committee's logo was created by the late artist, Wilcox Morris. The photo shows an open hand, morphed into a dove's wing, symbolizing that it is just as rewarding to give as to receive.

The Trinidad & Tobago Working Women's Committee was organized in June 2003 to address the socio-economic issues facing Caribbean people living in the Washington metropolitan area and to become proactive citizens in our community. Understanding the importance of giving, and bearing in mind our responsibility

to nurture and prepare our youth to become contributors to society and their environment, the Caribbean Students' Scholarship Fund was launched.

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CARIBBEAN STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Be a current high school senior or high school graduate possessing a General Equivalency Diploma (GED)
- Planning to enroll in a vocational institution as a full time student or in an accredited two or four year college for the following academic year
- Legally reside in the Washington-metropolitan area Maryland, Northern Virginia, District of Columbia
- Possess a minimum cumulative grade average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Demonstrate financial need
- Must not be a previous recipient

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

West Indian American Military Members Association Scholarship

Candidates or their parents must have served or are serving in the United States Armed Forces or must demonstrate need

The Keith & Berna Warner Scholarship

Candidates must demonstrate need.

HOW TO APPLY

- Write essay
- Submit transcript
- Complete and mail application to address below:

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