

Carson Scholars Fund 2023 Annual Report





NINETEEN YEARS IS A LONG TIME...

A Message from Amy Warner

My tenure at the Carson Scholars Fund (CSF) as the executive director has spanned four and one-half administrations, eight Olympics, one round of 17-year cicadas and a worldwide pandemic. But it is time to say goodbye as I retire. It has been a privilege to work alongside so many talented, dedicated and inspirational individuals during my time at the CSF.

It has been an honor to help further the dreams of Ben and Candy Carson. They are truly national treasures who work tirelessly to positively impact society on numerous fronts. From earlier days as a highly demanded neurosurgeon at Johns Hopkins Hospital, through rigorous campaigns and speaking engagements, Dr. Carson always made time to share wisdom to help grow and guide their educational vision. Candy's effusive energy and maternal manner were readily shared whenever needed. Ben and Candy are a living testament to "If the Lord gives you breath, it is because He still has work for you to do."

To the more than 11,000 Carson Scholars nationwide: I want to thank you for your generous hearts and commitment to excellence. You represent the brightest light of our future, and it has been a pleasure getting to know so many of you. We are counting on you to guide this country into the next generation.

My sincere thanks to the dedicated staff whom I have had the great opportunity to work with over the years. Your talent and drive have helped the CSF accomplish impressive milestones. It is because of your resourcefulness that funds are efficiently funneled to student programming where they are intended. I daresay, I have learned more from you than you have learned from me! I will miss you and cherish our time together.

Donors, without you, the CSF would not exist. With so many dire demands for public support you continue to choose to impact educational excellence as a force that will shape the future of our great nation and help keep us on a path of global leadership. The success of our nation depends on it and your selfless generosity is appreciated. Each of you has inspired, mentored and answered my call. Because of you, my time at the CSF has been an absolute joy.

The CSF Board of Directors are an exceptional group of business and community leaders who find time in their extremely busy lives to guide the organization. Many of the members' tenure with the CSF exceeds mine. The board's wisdom and resources are what makes the CSF an enduring, effective change agent. Thank you for your unwavering support throughout the years.

The herculean task of executing a national scholarship and reading room organization would not be possible for a staff of nine without devoted volunteers. Like the Wizard of Oz, the CSF's volunteers are the magic behind the curtain. Your contributions are substantial, and you all give of your time graciously. Thank you!

As I reflect on my legacy at the Carson Scholars Fund, it's not expressed in the expansion statistics or reflected on the balance sheet. Rather it's housed in my memory bank of more than 125 scholar award ceremonies and countless reading room openings throughout the years. I will remember the smiles, joy and earnestness in the beautiful young souls we supported. Watching students delight in a hug from Candy and bask in the reverence of recognition from their role model, Dr. Ben Carson, was my great reward. The children are forever etched in my mind, and I will carry them with me. The irony that these same reasons were the guiding forces in my dad (a history professor) and mom's (elementary educator) lives, doesn't escape me.

Lastly, I would like to thank my husband, Lee Warner, for his guidance throughout this journey. I am awed by his undying commitment to the CSF, tireless leadership and business acumen as board chairman. I look forward to where our next journey leads.

John Quincy Adams wrote, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Thank you to all the leaders who inspired me; I did my best and now it is my great pleasure to hand the baton to the enormously capable and compassionate Katie Coleman, my successor, for the next leg of this race. Run Katie, run!







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ABOUT THE CARSON SCHOLARS FUND

Established in 1994 by co-founders Dr. Ben Carson and his wife, Candy, the Carson Scholars Fund was started to reinforce the importance of academic excellence and civic responsibility in the minds of young students, through scholarship and recognition. Six years later a companion program, the Ben Carson/Think Big Reading Project, was launched to combat illiteracy and nurture a love of reading.



THE CARSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

With the belief that all children have the potential to excel, the Carson Scholars Program works in partnership with educators to identify and reward students who strive to achieve academic success and serve their communities. This prestigious award includes a \$1,000 college scholarship and national recognition. The award may be attained as early as fourth grade providing an opportunity for a student to become a role model for their peers. Each year a scholar may reaffirm their commitment to these principles with the opportunity to graduate high school as a Recognized Carson Scholar.



THE BEN CARSON/THINK BIG READING PROJECT

The Ben Carson/Think Big Reading Project serves communities by funding reading rooms in schools. Findings have shown that reading proficiency has a direct correlation with future success in life. When a child enjoys an activity they are more likely to continue it. Reading for pleasure leads to feelings of competence and promotes growth in the overall development of a child.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



In 2023, 84% of first time Carson Scholars had a GPA of 4.0 or higher.



Over 500 scholars completed a payout form in 2023. 98 indicated they are first-generation college students.

"Being rewarded for my hard work and effort towards the Carson Scholarship inspired me to continue working hard at school and service, despite how difficult it is, because there are long-term benefits to my effort in the present."

– 3-time Carson Scholar Emelia Lagousis



The 2023 Carson Scholars logged over 138,000 hours serving their communities.





482
SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED IN 2023

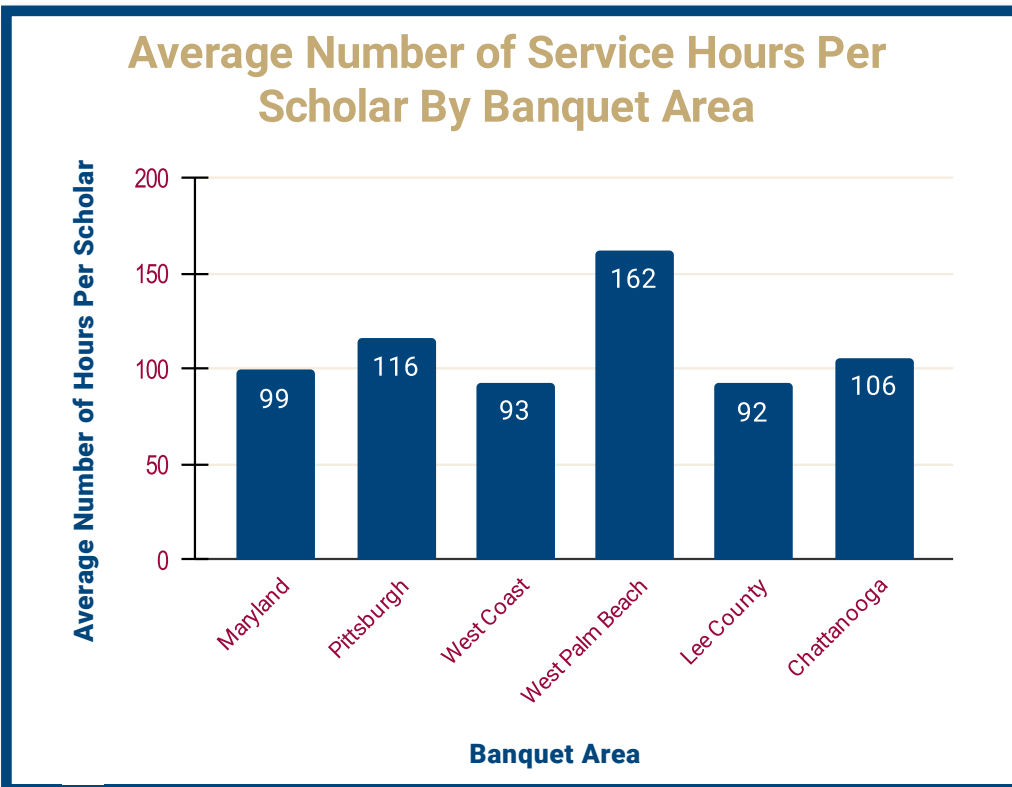
823
SCHOLARS
RECOGNIZED IN 2023

11,049
CARSON SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED TO DATE

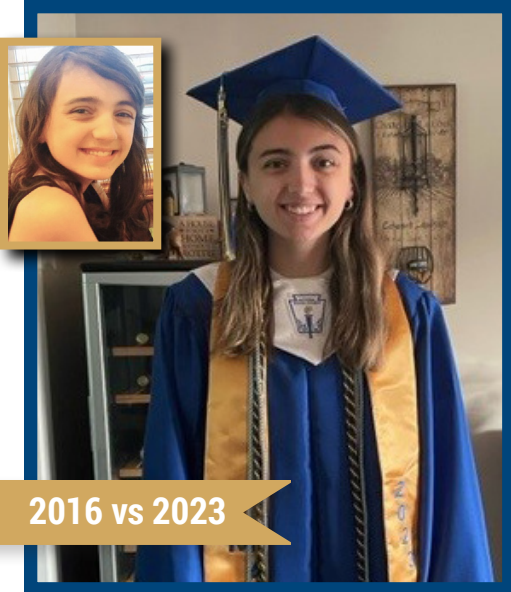
\$9.5+
MILLION
PAID OUT IN
SCHOLARSHIPS
TO DATE

880
COLLEGES
ATTENDED
BY CARSON
SCHOLARS

2023 CARSON SCHOLAR COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS BY BANQUET REGION



On average, 2023 Carson Scholars performed 106 hours of community service this year.



2016 vs 2023

Brianna Gower - 8-time Carson Scholar from Maryland

Brianna has been recognized as a Carson Scholar eight times and recently enrolled in the University of Miami's pre-med neuroscience program. Inspired by Dr. Carson, her dream is to become a neurosurgeon one day. Brianna demonstrated her extraordinary leadership skills as founder of the first medical club at her high school and as president of the Science National Honors Society. She is passionate about helping others and has spent over 100 hours volunteering at Upper Chesapeake Hospital. During her free time, Brianna enjoys reading and practicing yoga. She is a hard worker, a team player and sure to do amazing things in life.

Grady Smith - 9-time Carson Scholar from Pennsylvania

Grady is a 9-time Carson Scholar who recently earned the Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship to attend Gannon University. He plans to study health sciences and pursue a master's degree in physician assistant studies. His proudest accomplishment is starting the nonprofit, Games To Give, with a friend and fellow Carson Scholar in eighth grade. The organization gives board games to deployed U.S. Military, cancer patients and families in need. To date, the organization has donated over 3,000 games. Throughout high school, Grady was active in his school community and participated in marching band, golf, tennis, history club and Ellwood City Culture Club. He is best known for his empathy, critical thinking skills and ability to overcome obstacles.



2015 vs 2023



2015 vs 2023

Sarah Latham - 5-time Carson Scholar from Tennessee

Five-time Carson Scholar, Sarah, graduated as valedictorian of her high school class at Chattanooga Central High School. She plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in music education with a minor in history. Sarah served as the president of the Ruriteen Club for three years, a philanthropic group that focuses on improving the school and community. She also volunteers with Child Evangelism Fellowship, a nonprofit that sponsors after school bible clubs for elementary school students. Sarah enjoys gardening, hiking, singing and playing the piano. She is described as an individual who demonstrates perseverance and determination in everything she does.

BETTER TOGETHER PARENTS & EDUCATORS

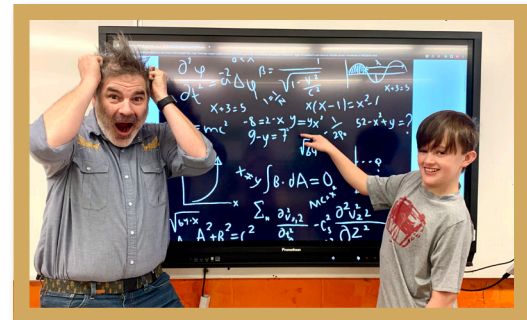


"I am truly grateful that so far 3 of my 4 children have been named Carson Scholars. It has been a wonderful opportunity and a blessing for them to be recognized at such a young age. Most scholarship programs start later or closer to graduation. The Carson program has been a wonderful experience for them and the recognized scholar aspect motivates them each year to maintain their commitment to academics and community engagement."

– Channele and Bradley Harper
Carson Scholar Parents

"Having this opportunity in elementary school promotes college awareness and helps to plant seeds in students of these younger grades of carving out a pathway towards college."

– Susan Perez
Educator at Phillip M. Stokoe Elementary School



"This honor feels like a pivotal moment in achieving her dreams. Annabelle has always had big dreams and we want to support her to get there. Being a Carson Scholar makes that feel achievable!"

– Staci Watson
Carson Scholar Parent

"This is one of the only academic recognitions we have at our school. It is impactful to those students who shine off the sports field."

– Maura O'Brien
Educator at Saint Kilian Parish School



READING ROOM PROGRAM

Ben Carson/Think Big Reading Rooms are literacy-enriched environments where children can explore their world, use their imaginations and develop their literacy skills.



BEN CARSON/THINK BIG READING ROOMS THAT OPENED THIS YEAR:

Apache Elementary School
Battlefield Elementary School
Burbank Elementary School
Cabrillo Elementary School
Chesterton Elementary School
Cullowhee Valley School
Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School

Ensley Elementary School
Iftin Charter School
Orchard View Elementary School
P. T. Coe Elementary School
Palm Beach Public School
Rusk Elementary School
St. Thomas More Catholic Academy



"Students enjoy relaxing in the reading room with a good book. A lot of students enjoy reading with a buddy over there as well. It makes my teacher-librarian heart happy to see them reading and discussing books with each other naturally, without having to pull the discussion out of them. They have time to just explore the love and joy of reading!"

- Kolmar Avenue Elementary School Media Specialist



Scan the code with your phone to enjoy a beautiful video of the 55th Think Big Reading Room Opening sponsored by The Eleni & Wolfgang Gagon Trust.

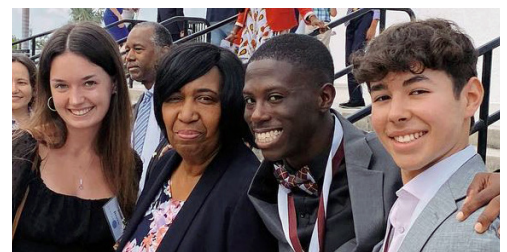


2023 AWARDS BANQUETS



This spring the Carson Scholars Fund honored 482 new and 823 recognized Carson Scholars at six regional awards banquets across the country! This season was particularly special for the CSF because we were able to host our first in-person banquets since the pandemic began. Celebrating our scholars with amazing honorees, recognition on stage, fellowship and time to connect with peers was a highlight of the year!

We recognize that our scholars would not be able to accomplish such amazing feats without the support of their educators, mentors, donors, volunteers and families. “Better Together” was the perfect theme for our banquet season, as we sought to not only celebrate our scholars, but also honor all who have helped them along the way. Writer and philosopher John Ruskin once said, “When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece.”



2023 BANQUET HONOREES

LEE COUNTY, FL



Rorke T. Denver

Navy SEAL Commander and author



CHATTANOOGA, TN



Elizabeth McCormick

Former U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter pilot



PITTSBURGH, PA



Devon Harris

Three-time Olympian, Jamaica Defence Force Captain and author



WEST COAST



Eric McElvenny

US Paralympic athlete and Retired US Marine Corps Officer

BALTIMORE, MD



Dr. Richard White

Principal Tubist of the New Mexico Philharmonic and The Santa Fe Symphony



PHYLLIS & LOUIS FRIEDMAN



Phyllis and Louis Friedmans' unwavering generosity and support of the Carson Scholars Fund has spanned over three decades. Both have provided leadership as board members and for a year Phyllis served as the CSF's executive director.



Early in Phyllis' career, she was an educator. As a teacher, she had a student who would stay after school to read in her classroom. When Phyllis inquired why she always stayed after school, she learned her home life was less than desirable and the child found reading as a way to escape and feel safe. Around the same time, Phyllis read Dr. Carson's story, *Gifted Hands*. She was so inspired by both her student's and Dr. Carson's stories, that she reached out to Dr. Carson.

The Friedmans' commitment to education and community has been resolute. As successful attorneys and business owners in the Baltimore area, they have used their influence and generosity to enrich the lives of so many. Through endowments and annual funding the Friedmans have facilitated, the CSF has awarded 163 scholarships to deserving students.



In addition, the Friedmans were instrumental in the development and growth of the Ben Carson Reading Project, our second mission, which began in 2000. As well as funding the first room built at Hall's Cross Roads Elementary School in Aberdeen, Maryland, the Friedmans took a personal role and collaborated with the school's principal to design and ensure the success of the reading room. The Friedmans continue to strengthen the project through maintenance, funding rooms and influencing others with regards to the impact of the project. Their commitment to the project, maintaining and funding 11 reading rooms themselves, has influenced the expansion of the program which now encompasses over 270 rooms in 23 states and Washington DC, impacting more than 125,000 students.



THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

There is no doubt that the Carson Scholars Fund is better together with the hundreds of volunteers across the nation that help us carry out our mission each year. According to the Independent Sector, **the value of a volunteer's work calculates to \$31.80 per hour**, but in reality, the dedication and service these individuals bring to the table is priceless.



Not to mention, our great volunteers are really fun to spend time with! Check out some memories made at our volunteer appreciation tea in September.



If you are interested in volunteering at the CSF, please contact rbrown@carsonscholars.org. There are in-person and virtual opportunities. **We'd love for you to join our team!**



On Sunday, October 2, 2022, CSF Pittsburgh Chapter President and Board Member Fran Donahue, spearheaded the 7th Annual CSF Charity Golf tournament at Laurel Valley Country Club in Ligonier, PA. After a delicious lunch, Dr. and Mrs. Carson mingled with the golfers and shared the impact that young leaders can make on our nation. Thank you for supporting scholars from the Pittsburgh area!



On October 24, 2022, the CSF hosted its first Maryland Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, MD. CSF Co-Founder Candy Carson greeted the 85 golfers who participated in the tournament to support our programs. A highlight of the day was the drone ball drop! Players and supporters purchased numbered ping-pong balls that were released by a drone over the putting green. Golfers played a great game, enjoyed lunch and listened to an inspiring speech from Dr. Carson. We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the tournament and helped support the CSF's missions. Special thanks to Ryan Miller and Gregg Cooper for spearheading the event.



When the cooler temperatures arrived this past winter, the CSF migrated with the snowbirds to Florida to host TWO events with ONE superstar... TONY ORLANDO!

Swift's Restaurant at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach, FL played host to a magical night supporting education on February 17, 2023. American music entertainer, Tony Orlando and Dr. and Mrs. Ben Carson mingled with guests throughout the night and shared inspirational stories of the impact that the CSF has produced in Palm Beach. Thanks to the generosity of guests, the intimate affair supported the Palm Beach Chapter, which provides scholarships to young achievers in the area.

On February 18, 2023, the CSF hosted another event at Grey Oaks Country Club in Naples, FL. Tony Orlando treated guests to *"Tie A Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Ole Oak Tree"* and *"Knock Three Times,"* which delighted the audience in attendance. Dr. Carson took to the stage and shared how his life was impacted by his mother's dedication to reading. Special thanks to Tony Orlando, Susan Munao, Tony Lo Bianco, the Townsend family, Signa Atherton and all our generous donors who made this a night to remember!



A MESSAGE FROM KATIE

I am grateful for the opportunity to return to the Carson Scholars Fund (CSF) as the Executive Director.

I was first introduced to CSF in 2012 when I joined the staff. I spent five years as Scholarship Director getting to see firsthand the impact of the Carson Scholars Fund. I remember fondly my first scholarship banquet. Watching the hundreds of Carson Scholars during the processional and seeing their loved one's beam with pride was a truly magical moment.

During my time at CSF, I was fortunate to work closely with Amy Warner and the incredible CSF staff. Together we were able to grow the scholarship program, expanding in new areas and strengthening our commitment in areas we already served. We implemented innovative technologies, opened new reading rooms, and hosted successful event fundraisers, all while having fun along the way. The fierce commitment to the mission and warm, welcoming CSF community is what made my time at the organization so memorable. It now feels like coming home to rejoin the organization.

I have spent the last five years working in development and alumni relations at Johns Hopkins University. My time away from CSF has allowed me to learn as a leader, become an experienced relationship builder and has prepared me well to advance our rewarding work of discovering promise and rewarding excellence.



To date, the Carson Scholars Program has awarded over 11,000 scholarships across the country and paid out over \$9 million to colleges and universities on behalf of our scholars. The Ben Carson Reading Project has established 271 reading rooms serving students in 23 states and Washington, DC. While these impressive accomplishments were decades in the making, I know that this is just the beginning of the impact we can make.

As we deepen our commitment and strengthen our impact on our nation's youth, I know that strategy alone will not get us to our goal of having a Carson Scholar in every school in the country. It is the community – our steadfast and visionary co-founders Dr. and Mrs. Carson, dedicated board of directors, generous donors, hardworking staff, inspirational scholars, and committed educators, volunteers, and community members – that will help make this vision a reality.

The Carson Scholars Fund has a future as bright as our scholars. I look forward to shining that light on the community and together making a difference where it matters most – the future of our youth. I am honored to be in this role and appreciate your support of the Carson Scholars Fund.

Katie Colman

MEET OUR PEOPLE

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Dear The Endowment in Honor of Sonya Carson,



Thank you so much for the opportunity to share the power of education due to your contribution in Honor of Sonya Carson. I can use this contribution to encourage more women and girls to learn what patriotism means to them. Being named a Carson Scholar allows me the confidence and power to make sure that more students have the opportunity that has been gifted to me.



Sincerely,
Brynn Campbell
Brynn Campbell

Sincerely,
Is Imbraglio

Thank you for your support and encouragement. My favorite subject is math, and I love doing community service! I have completed many projects with local organizations.



Dear Costco Wholesale Corporation,
Thank you for supporting my future. I couldn't have done it without your help. Your store will always remind me of this gift. This will help me reach my goal of becoming a law clerk. Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Elliot
Elliot Orthner



Dear Supporter of the CSF,

Thank you for supporting me & my academic growth! After highschool I plan on becoming an Imagineer for the Disney company. At my school I am a part of the National Honor Society & The Spanish National Honor Society.

Sincerely,
Giana Holonich



Financial Summary

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,592,934
Investments - operating	1,958,227
Investments - scholarship commitments	5,236,091
Investments - reading rooms	3,597,139
Pledges receivable, net	1,266,376
Inventory	43,510
Life insurance, cash surrender value	509,813
Right-of-use asset, net	67,840

Total Assets **\$ 16,271,930**

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	32,290
Scholarship commitments	3,387,226
Operating lease liability	70,600

Total Liabilities **\$ 3,490,116**

Net Assets

Without donor restrictions	4,588,853
With donor restrictions	8,192,961

Total Net Assets **\$ 12,781,814**

Total Liabilities and Net Assets **\$ 16,271,930**

89
cents

of every

\$

raised

goes toward

benefitting young students.*

*Special events are presented net of expenses.

State of Activities and Functional Expenses

Support and Revenue

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Contributions	\$ 485,967	\$ -	\$ 485,967
Scholarship Programs	-	311,243	311,243
Reading Project	-	258,000	258,000
Awards Event	199,115	-	199,115
Events, net of expenses of \$186,475	(19,155)	-	(19,155)
Investment income, net	864,476	104,104	968,580
Other revenue, net of cost of goods sold of \$4,337	120,965	-	120,965
Net assets released from donor restrictions	567,301	(567,301)	-

Total Support and Revenue **\$ 2,218,669** **\$ 106,046** **\$ 2,324,715**

Expenses

Program Services	1,620,600	-	1,620,600
Supporting Services:			
Management and General	122,051	-	122,051
Fundraising	61,752	-	61,752

Total Supporting Services **183,803** **-** **183,803**

Total Expenses **\$ 1,804,403** **-** **\$ 1,804,403**

Changes in net assets before other item **414,266** **106,046** **520,312**

De-obligation of funds	-	(500,000)	(500,000)
Change in Net Assets	414,266	(393,954)	20,312
Net Assets – Beginning of Year	4,174,587	8,586,915	12,761,502
Net Assets – End of Year	\$ 4,588,853	\$ 8,192,961	\$ 12,781,814

THANK YOU TO OUR

WITH SPECIAL THANKS: The Eleni & Wolfgang Gagon Trust

\$20,000 & ABOVE

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\$19,999 TO \$10,000

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\$999 TO \$500

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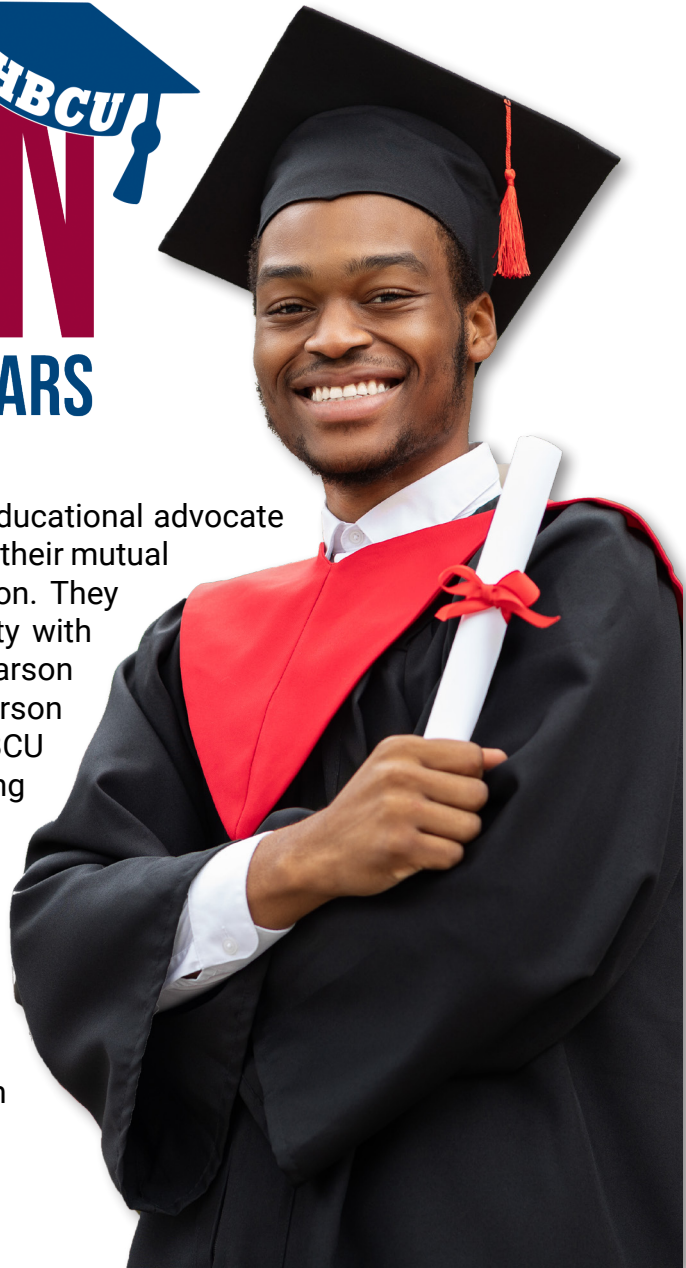
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