



Cold Weather, Warm Hearts & High Hopes!

Carson Scholars Fund's Winter 2025 Newsletter

As the winter chill sets in and the snow blankets the ground, we're excited to embrace one of our favorite seasons —

Banquet Preparations!

It's been an exciting winter season here at the CSF! 2025 Carson Scholarship applications are in, judging has commenced, new staff members have joined the team, we inducted the 2025 CSF Hall of Fame members, new reading rooms opened and more! Keep reading for all the details; we don't want you to miss a single thing.



Celebrating Growth throughout 2024

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Meet the 2025 Hall of Fame Members

[2025 Member Bios](#)



Pittsburgh Chapter Holiday Celebration

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April 1, 2025

Patterson HBCU Scholarship application is sent to eligible Carson Scholars

May 9, 2025

Patterson HBCU Scholarship application deadline at 8:00 PM EST

May 15, 2025

Patterson HBCU Scholarship all applicants are notified via email

Student Spotlights



Scholar Spotlight: Isaac Olvera

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Scholar Spotlight: Sydney Cummings

[Meet Sydney](#)



Reading Room's Impact: From Pat Davis

[Meet Pat](#)

News From The Reading Room Program

The Ben Carson Reading Project is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year! In honor of this celebration, the program is getting a whole new look. Our new logo reflects our ongoing commitment to inspiring and empowering young readers across the nation. This exciting change marks a new chapter in our journey, and we are thrilled to continue expanding our impact, providing more opportunities for children to develop a love for reading. Stay tuned for more updates, as we are preparing to launch a very special event to celebrate 25 years of putting books into the tiny hands of our future leaders. Thank you for being a part of our success, and we look forward to many more years of growth and achievement together! [View Here](#)



Hamlin Middle School Reading Room Opening

[Uncover the Excitement](#)



5 More Reading Rooms Open in Midland Texas

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The Dream of "Camp Read-A-Lot"

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Upcoming Reading Room Openings

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Ballard Elementary School – Bradenton, FL

Sponsored by Bayside Community Church and The Bradenton Dream Center

Friday, February 28, 2025

Oaklawn Language Academy – Charlotte, NC

Sponsored by HomeFront Brands

Monday, March 31, 2025

Roye-Williams Elementary School – Havre de Grace, MD

Sponsored by: Stack & Store Self Storage

Thursday, May 1, 2025

Emma E. Booker Elementary School – Sarasota, FL

Sponsored by the Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust

Coming Soon:

John H. Bayne Elementary School – Capitol Heights, MD

North Forestville Elementary School – Forestville, MD

Sponsored by: Pohanka Automotive Group of Capitol Heights



Celebrating the CSF's 19th Annual National Day of Reading

[Relive The Fun](#)

Scholar to Staff Member: Elizabeth Wesdock



7-TIME SCHOLAR TURN EMPLOYEE

Elizabeth recently joined the Carson Scholars Fund staff as a Scholarship Program Coordinator. She is hitting the ground running by assisting with the 2025 scholarship season.

Elizabeth is a 7-time Carson Scholar. She looks fondly upon her time as a scholar and now...

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