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It's been a sweet spring at the CSF as we celebrated the 2025 Carson Scholars at six regional banquets, opened delightful new reading rooms, inducted a new Hall of Fame Class and celebrated 19 recipients of the Patterson HBCU Scholarship. Read on to get the scoop on all the fun we've had over the last few months!

## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

**Nomination Form Available:** Wednesday, October 15, 2025

**Nomination Deadline:** Wednesday, December 17, 2025 (11:59 PM EST)

**Application & Letters of Recommendation Deadline:** Sunday, January 11, 2026 (11:59 PM EST)

**Notification of Results:** March 2026

[Review the 2026 Scholarship Season Flyer](#)



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## Top Schools Win Big in the First-Ever CSF Readathon

...In honor of the program's 25th anniversary, CSF launched its very first Readathon. Beginning on March 3, 2025, schools competed over a six-week period to log the most minutes read in their reading rooms. The prize? A generous **\$5,000** for first place, **\$2,500** for second, and **\$1,000** for third...

The competition was fierce but in the end **Clifford O. Taylor/Kirklane Elementary School in Palm Springs, FL** took home the grand prize. Coming in second was **Ware East Texas Montessori Academy in Longview, TX** followed by **Youth's Benefit Elementary School in Fallston, MD**.

# AS THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS, THE STORIES KEEP GOING

RELIVE THESE READING ROOM OPENINGS WITH US



## Many Hands, One Mission: Calvary Christian Opens New Reading Room

The ancient proverb, "*many hands make light work*", was on full display at Calvary Christian School in Bellfontaine, Ohio as a group of dedicated volunteers worked to bring the Ben Carson Reading Room to fruition. Jennifer Wylie spearheaded the project. Mrs. Wylie is no stranger to the CSF's literacy program. She spent most of her career in the Julian Union School District in Julian, California, and was part of the team who worked to create the reading rooms at Julian Elementary and Julian Junior High. ... [keep reading](#)



## Candy Carson's Reading Room Opening Day Experiences



**Ballard Elementary  
School**



**Roye-Williams  
Elementary School**



**John H. Bayne  
Elementary School**





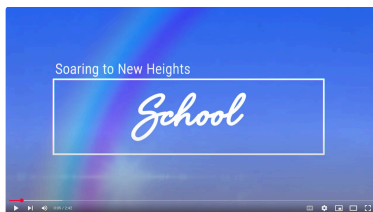
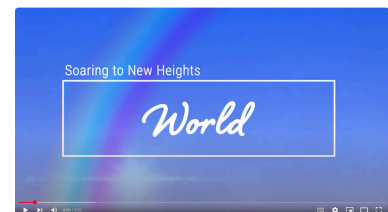
Oaklawn Language Academy – Charlotte, NC



Reading Room 25th Anniversary

## FROM CLASSROOMS TO COMMUNITIES: CELEBRATING A YEAR OF SCHOLAR SUCCESS

**This year, we were proud to debut three special banquet videos that highlight how Carson Scholars are soaring to new heights—in their schools, their communities, and around the world.** These inspiring stories showcase the incredible impact our scholars are making and the goals they continue to pursue beyond the classroom.

[Watch the School Video](#)[Watch the Community Video](#)[Watch the World Video](#)

From coast to coast, each regional celebration honored the remarkable achievements of our 2025 Carson Scholars. Click below to explore highlights, photos and standout moments from each event!

# WANT TO RELIVE THE MAGIC OF THIS YEAR'S BANQUETS?

CLICK THE BUTTONS BELOW TO READ ABOUT EACH EVENT

## Chattanooga, TN



Across the country, Carson Scholars brought their passion and creativity to life at this year's banquets through our inaugural **Scholar Showcase!** From cutting-edge research and nonprofit leadership to small businesses and community service, these inspiring scholars set up displays to share their incredible projects with fellow attendees. Whether they were promoting youth literacy, launching STEM initiatives, or supporting global causes, each participant embodied the spirit of the Carson Scholars Fund. Take a look at the highlights from each region and get inspired by their impactful work! Read about all the showcased scholars [HERE!](#)



## Maryland

## West Coast



# SPRINKLE YOUR SUMMER WITH STORIES!

PARTICIPATE IN THE FIRST EVER CSF SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

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## Hey Alumni, What's Next?

Once a Carson Scholar, always a Carson Scholar! Whether you graduated five years ago or fifteen, we know that our alumni are out in the world doing incredible things – in classrooms, hospitals, labs, offices, and everywhere in between.

Whether you're in college, launching your career, or exploring what comes next in your journey, we hope you'll keep us in the loop. Your updates help us celebrate the lasting impact of the Carson Scholars Fund and stay connected with the scholars who make it all possible.

Want to share what you're up to? Have a story to share? Send us a quick message at [rbrown@carsonscholars.org](mailto:rbrown@carsonscholars.org). We'd love to hear from you!



SCOOPS OF GRATITUDE  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!  
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS



## Summer Reading Just Got a Boost for San Diego Students

Reading is a skill that improves with practice. Like any daunting task, reading must be performed regularly to sustain and experience growth. Yet, each year, thousands of budding readers close their books at the end of the school year, without picking up a book over the long summer months. "Summer slide" is the loss of significant knowledge in reading and math over summer break.... [keep reading](#)

FOR THE FINAL FLAVORS OF SUMMER



SCOOP UP SOME FUN THIS SEPTEMBER  
AT OUR 4TH ANNUAL MARYLAND  
GOLF TOURNAMENT!



Carson Scholars Fund  
4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Maryland Charity Golf Outing  
Monday, September 15, 2025

Click on the sponsorship level titles to go to our online store or contact Jo Weisgal at [jweisgal@carsonscholars.org](mailto:jweisgal@carsonscholars.org) or (410) 828-1005.

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Breakfast & Lunch for the Golfers										
Recognition on CSF Website & Banner										
Number of Hole Signs	2					1				
Number of promotional items you can include in the golfer's gift bag	2		1				1			
Logo on selected merchandise										
Two Golfers in the Tournament										
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Logo on Golf Balls										

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Save the Date  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Experience a premier day of golf on Sunday, September 28, 2025. Join fellow supporters for a memorable event benefiting the Carson Scholars Fund. For more information please contact Jo Weisgal [jweisgal@carsonscholars.org](mailto:jweisgal@carsonscholars.org).





Join us at Stonebriar Country Club on Monday, April 20, 2026 for an unforgettable day on the greens! For more details or inquiries, please contact Katie Coleman at [kcoleman@carsonscholars.org](mailto:kcoleman@carsonscholars.org) or Jo Weisgal at [jweisgal@carsonscholars.org](mailto:jweisgal@carsonscholars.org).

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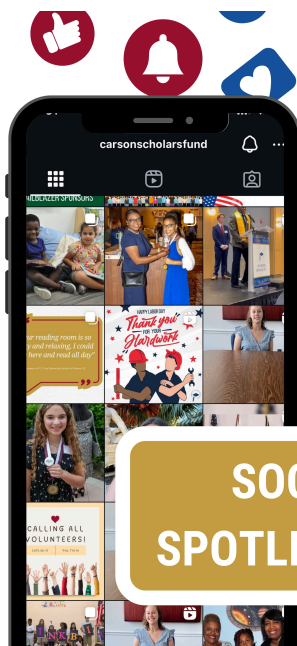
### Carson Scholar Alumni Are Connecting on LinkedIn!

#### Did you know there's a LinkedIn group just for Carson Scholar Alumni?

It's a space to reconnect with fellow scholars, grow your network, and cheer each other on.

Whether you're looking to build more professional connections, share a career update, or simply stay in the loop with fellow scholars, this group is for you! You might even find your next opportunity, read a great piece of advice, or reconnect with an old friend!

## Get Involved!



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