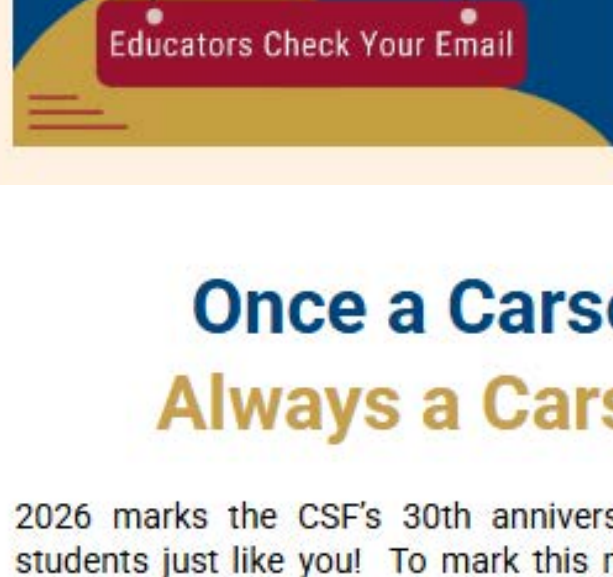


Celebrating Scholars, Literacy & the Season of Giving

As the leaves turn and the air grows crisp, there's so much to celebrate at the Carson Scholars Fund! This season brings exciting updates—from scholarship nominations and recognition applications to new scholar spotlights and upcoming events. We're honoring inspiring stories through our 30 for 30 campaign, celebrating our Alumni Honor Roll, and preparing for the National Day of Reading. With Giving Tuesday and golf events on the horizon, there are plenty of ways to stay involved and support our mission. Settle in with your favorite fall drink and catch up on all that's happening in the CSF community!

Celebrating Scholars Who Inspire Through Leadership and Learning



As the leaves change and a new school year is underway, scholarship season is in full swing at the Carson Scholars Fund! This fall, we're celebrating 30 years of recognizing students who shine in the classroom and serve their communities. **Join us in nominating the next class of Carson Scholars!**

[Read About Our Scholarship Program and Process Here!](#)

Once a Carson Scholar Always a Carson Scholar

2026 marks the CSF's 30th anniversary of awarding scholarships to students just like you! To mark this monumental occasion, we've set a goal to recognize the largest group of recognized scholars to date! To do this, we need your help!

[Learn More About Our Recognition Program](#)



December 17
WEDNESDAY
11:59 PM EST

School Nominations Close

January 11
SUNDAY
11:59 PM EST

All Applications Close*

MARCH 2026

2026 Scholars Announced

*ALL APPLICATIONS, REPORT CARDS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION DUE JANUARY 11TH

[Review the 2026 Scholarship Season Flyer](#)

[Carson Scholarship Applications: Recommendation Letter Guidelines](#)

2025 Impact Report

[Review](#)



Candy Carson's Reading Room Opening Day Experience

North Forestville Elementary School's Ben Carson Reading Room: Not 1 or 2, but 5!!

The North Forestville Elementary School is the first school in the history of the Carson Scholars Fund to install 5 Ben Carson Think Big Reading Rooms in one!!

As the students first enter the very roomy "nest" created to nurture young Forestville Falcons, there's plenty of space for the students (falcons) to gather at tables with a personal colorful flower placemat at each seat...or spread out and sprawl about to get comfortable on a bean bag chair or hexagonal ottoman with the book of their choice... [Keep reading what Mrs. Carson had to say about this room opening](#)



20th Annual Carson Scholars Fund National Day of Reading

November 17, 2025

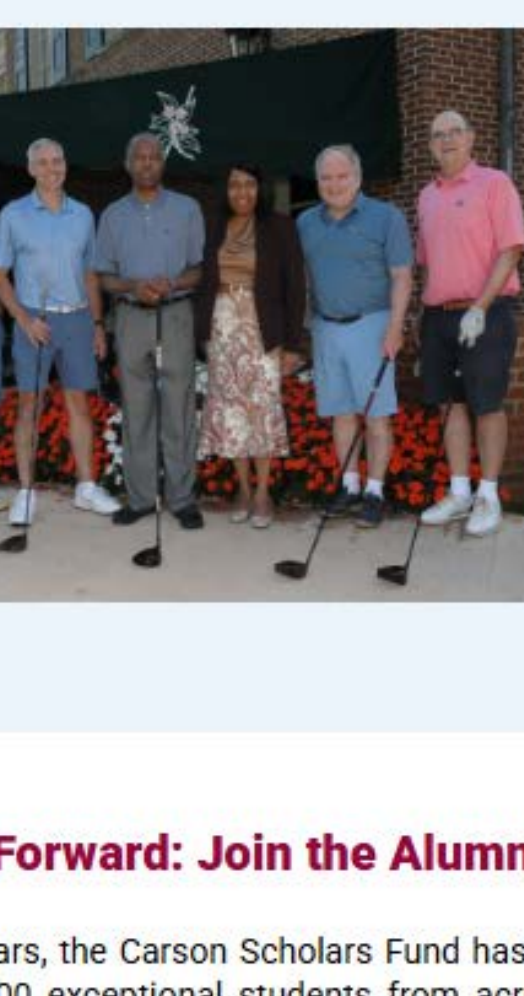


30 Years, 30 Scholars

From 1996 to Today — Celebrating the Scholars Who Inspire Us All

We're celebrating 30 years of Carson Scholars... with a twist! Every Monday, we'll post some clues about the year that our next featured scholar was awarded in. Do you think you'll be able to guess the year from its milestones?! Vote in our Instagram story poll each week and see if you're right when we reveal the Friday spotlight. Check out our first 2 spotlights already available below!

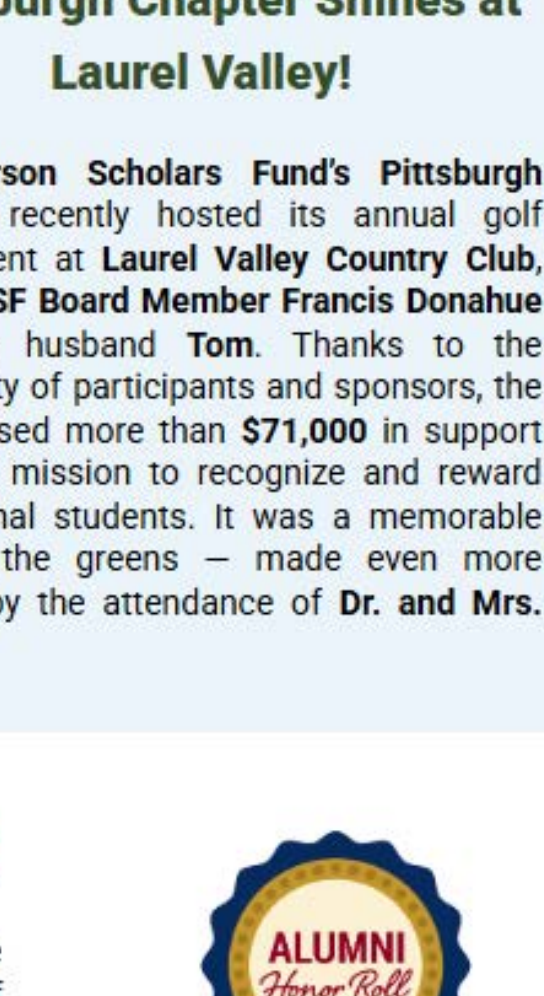
2021



Gitika Gorthi

[Get to know 2021 Spotlight Scholar, Gitika Gorthi](#)

2024



Vishnu Kannan

[Get to know 2024 Spotlight Scholar, Vishnu Kannan](#)

PAYOUTS ARE OPEN

2026 SPRING SEMESTER || OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 21

CONTACTSCHOLARSHIP@CARSONSCHOLARS.ORG FOR HELP!

Pittsburgh Chapter Shines at Laurel Valley!



The Carson Scholars Fund's Pittsburgh Chapter recently hosted its annual golf tournament at Laurel Valley Country Club, led by CSF Board Member Francis Donahue and her husband Tom. Thanks to the generosity of participants and sponsors, the event raised more than **\$71,000** in support of CSF's mission to recognize and reward exceptional students. It was a memorable day on the greens — made even more special by the attendance of Dr. and Mrs. Carson.

Pay It Forward: Join the Alumni Honor Roll

For 30 years, the Carson Scholars Fund has recognized more than 11,500 exceptional students from across the nation. If being a Carson Scholar helped shape your path, now's your chance to give back.

By joining the **Alumni Honor Roll**, you can make a lasting impact with a one-time or monthly gift that supports future scholars. Every contribution—big or small—helps carry forward the CSF legacy of excellence, service, and community. Together, we can ensure the next generation of scholars has the same opportunity to shine.

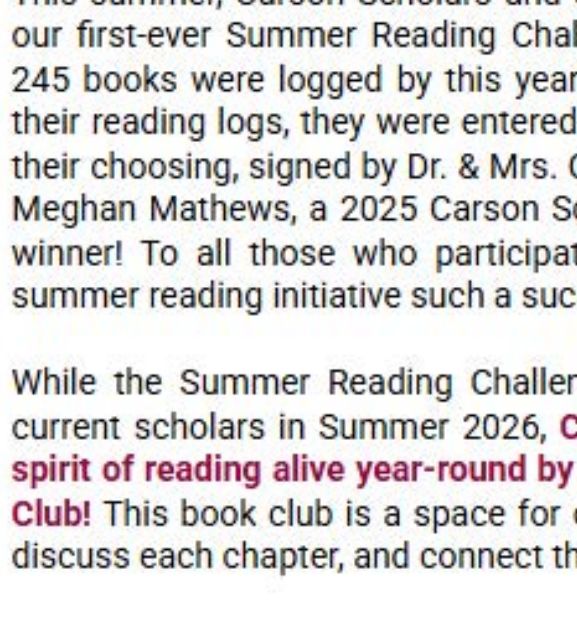


[Join Now!](#)



Midpoint Technology Group Tees Up Support for CSF!

Midpoint Technology Group recently hosted its Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Whiskey Creek, raising an incredible **\$86,500** to benefit the Carson Scholars Fund. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our generous sponsors, participants, and supporters — and to CSF Board Members **David Kaspary, Jr.** and **John Vingsen** from Midpoint for their outstanding leadership and commitment. Together, we're making a lasting impact in the lives of young scholars!



GIVING TUESDAY

12/02/2025

Summer Reading Challenge Recap

This summer, Carson Scholars and Alumni were invited to participate in our first-ever Summer Reading Challenge. We are thrilled to share that 245 books were logged by this year's participants! Upon submission of their reading logs, they were entered in a special raffle - to win a book of their choosing, signed by Dr. & Mrs. Carson! We're thrilled to congratulate Meghan Mathews, a 2025 Carson Scholar, as this year's challenge raffle winner! To all those who participated, thank you for making our first summer reading initiative such a success.

While the Summer Reading Challenge will continue to be open to all current scholars in summer 2026, **Carson Scholar alumni can keep the spirit of reading alive year-round by joining our brand-new Alumni Book Club!** This book club is a space for our alumni to vote on monthly titles, discuss each chapter, and connect through a shared love of reading.



[Join Our Discord](#)



Save the Date!

Monday, April 20, 2026

THE CARSON SCHOLARS FUND
2026 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

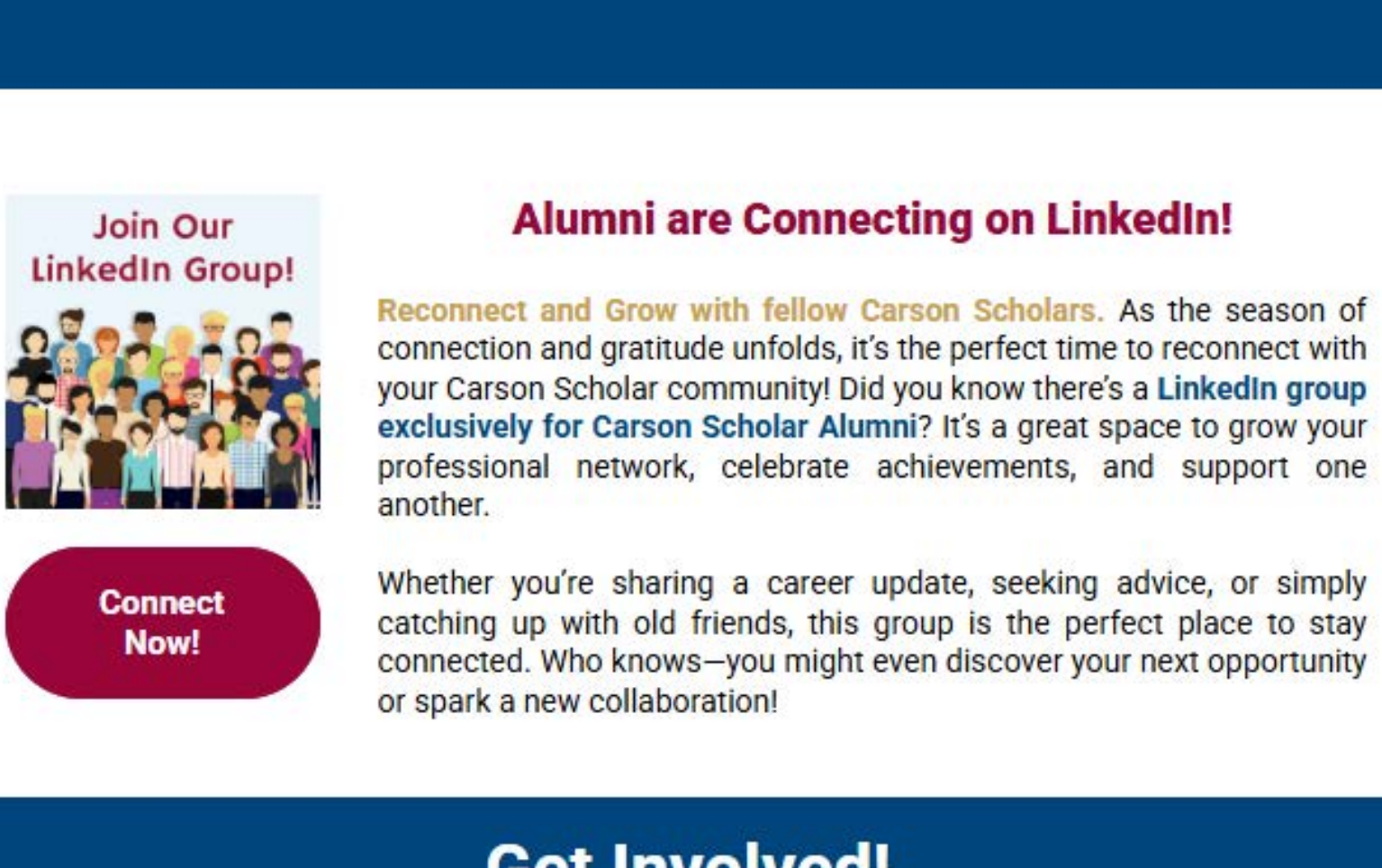
Stonebriar Country Club
5050 Country Club Drive - Frisco, TX

For more information please contact:
events@carsonscholars.org, call 410.828.1005 or visit www.carsonscholars.org/event/texas-golf

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 Jo Weisgal at events@carsonscholars.org.

Save The Date

September 14, 2026



Carson Scholars Fund 5th Annual Maryland Charity Golf Outing

Cattail Creek Country Club | 3600 Cattail Creek Drive | Glenwood, MD 21738

Tee off with us at Cattail Creek Country Club on Monday, September 14, 2026, for an unforgettable day on the greens! For event details or questions, please contact Jo Weisgal at jweisgal@carsonscholars.org



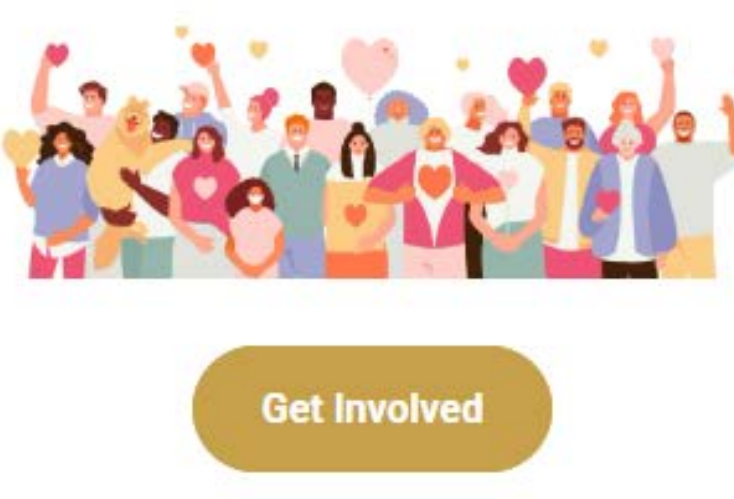
Alumni are Connecting on LinkedIn!

Reconnect and Grow with fellow Carson Scholars. As the season of connection and gratitude unfolds, it's the perfect time to reconnect with your Carson Scholar community! Did you know there's a **LinkedIn group exclusively for Carson Scholar Alumni**? It's a great space to grow your professional network, celebrate achievements, and support one another.

[Connect Now!](#)

Whether you're sharing a career update, seeking advice, or simply catching up with old friends, this group is the perfect place to stay connected. Who knows—you might even discover your next opportunity or spark a new collaboration!

Get Involved!



[Spotlight Me!](#)

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