

Your Summer Journey Starts Here

Exploring a season of stories, scholarships, celebrations, and community across the Carson Scholars Fund.



This summer, the Carson Scholars Fund community is hitting the road! From celebrating Carson Scholars across the country to opening inspiring new reading rooms and launching exciting literacy initiatives, this season has been filled with memorable milestones and meaningful impact.

In this issue, you'll travel with us through scholar celebrations, student-led projects, mentorship stories, summer reading adventures, and more. Thank you for being part of the journey and supporting the mission of the Carson Scholars Fund every step of the way.

PACK YOUR BOOKS!

WE'RE GOING ON A READING ROAD TRIP!



This summer the CSF community is taking on our second annual summer reading challenge with a road-trip twist! Your 2026 Reading Road Trip Map lists 12 reading categories, each one a different "stop" on your summer travels: a classic you've been meaning to read, a book set in another country, a biography, and more. Read a book that fits a category, check off the corresponding stop, make sure you fill out your reading log and you're on your way... [keep reading](#)

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TRIVIA NIGHT

July 27, 2026
7:00 PM EST



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Thank You TO THE COMMUNITY BEHIND THE CARSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM

2026 Victory Lap

A Nationwide Celebration of Achievement



The CSF team embarked on its own trips throughout the country to celebrate the 2026 Carson Scholars across six regional banquets. Scholars from 29 states traveled near or far to attend a banquet this spring where there was much to celebrate... [read on](#)

More Than 40 Carson Scholars Highlight Passion Projects at Regional Banquets

[Check Out Our Scholar Showcase](#)



READING ROOM REST STOPS

Students Help Design New Think Big Reading Room in Rex, Georgia

On April 24, Rex Mill Middle School and Carson Scholars Fund celebrated the opening of a new Think Big Reading Room, marking the creation of an inviting new space... [keep reading](#)



Big Spring Students Celebrate New Spaces Designed to Inspire Reading

The Carson Scholars Fund is proud to celebrate the official opening of two new Ben Carson Reading Rooms at Big Spring Intermediate and Moss Elementary School in Big... [keep reading](#)



Brick by Brick, Bedford Elementary Builds a Love of Reading

Several years back, when Bedford Elementary had only about 300 students, they added a cozy little reading room. But as the building got older and the student... [keep reading](#)



Literacy Takes Center Stage at James J. Ryder Elementary

It wasn't just another "Spirit Day" at James J. Ryder Elementary School, so it was hard not to find anyone NOT wearing the traditional blue, along with the spirit color... [keep reading](#)



Second Lady Usha Vance is encouraging students across the country to discover new stories, explore new ideas, and build a love of reading through her Summer Reading Challenge for K-8 students. See more details [here](#)

A New Navigator for Reading Room Adventures



The Carson Scholars Fund is excited to welcome Amelia Major to the CSF team as a Reading Room Coordinator! Amelia brings a passion for youth development, literacy, and creating meaningful spaces where students can grow and thrive through reading. We are thrilled to have her join us as we continue expanding reading room opportunities and inspiring young readers across the country. [Keep learning more](#)

Celebrating the 2026 Patterson HBCU Scholars

The Carson Scholars Fund is proud to recognize the outstanding recipients of the 2026 Patterson HBCU Scholarship. Created through a partnership between James Patterson and the CSF, this renewable scholarship supports Carson Scholars attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities as they continue pursuing academic excellence, leadership, and service. This year, five new scholars and eighteen returning recipients were honored for their achievements and bright futures. Learn more about the recipients [here](#)



Jordyn Harvey



Addison Hill



Kamari Mayes



Aaliyah Underwood



Nya Whitney

New Leadership Joins the Journey



The Carson Scholars Fund is excited to welcome new leadership to our Board of Directors! This season, we are proud to introduce our [new Co-Vice Presidents](#) along with [two new members](#) of the CSF Board of Directors. Their experience, passion and commitment to the mission of CSF will help continue driving our work forward as we support students, celebrate academic excellence, and expand literacy initiatives across the country. We are grateful for their leadership and look forward to the impact they will make in the years ahead.



Every Carson Scholar's Journey Looks Different - Mentorship Helps Light the Way

Every Carson Scholar is reaching toward something: a career they're curious about, a goal just out of reach, a decision they don't know how to make. The CSF Mentorship Program pairs them with a mentor who listens, asks the right questions, and helps map... [read on](#)



TEE OFF WITH CSF THIS FALL!



This fall, we're hitting the greens in Maryland, Pittsburgh, and Texas for three exciting golf tournaments supporting the Carson Scholars Fund! Join us "fore" a day of friendly competition, community, and giving back as we raise funds to support student scholarships and literacy initiatives across the country.

Whether you're a longtime supporter or joining us for the first time, we'd love to see you on the course. Check out the event nearest you for details, registration, and sponsorship opportunities!

Pittsburgh, PA 9.27.26

Maryland 10.5.26

Frisco, TX 12.14.26

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