

Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. awards \$22,100 in scholarships at Cumberland High School Senior Night, May 8, 2015 with Cumberland High School Principal, Jeffrey Scales and Scholarship Representatives (see biographical sketches below)



Kiara Samuels



Katelyn Showalter



Kayla Lawson



Laresha Reed



Breanna Meinhard



Ross Fillman



Brenna Halvorsen



Alexa Massey



Taylor Parker



Taneijha Hampton



Ashton Showalter



Bob Robinson accepting for
Jeanne Robinson



Colby White



Bryant Winbush



Brittany Lowe



Brenton Morris



Travis Gilliam accepting for
Kamren Harris-Gilliam



Travis Gilliam accepting for
Kailyn Harris-Gilliam



Michael Turner



John Bapties



Jessica Johnson



Shelby Atkins



Ernestine Sharpe accepting for
Jessica Robinson Bolden



Herb Goodman accepting for
Justin Coleman

Biographical Sketches Below

On Friday, May 8, at 6 pm, Cumberland High School celebrated its Senior Night. During the celebration, the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. presented \$22,100 in scholarships to current and former Cumberland High School graduates who plan to either enter a college or university for the first time or who currently attend college. The Foundation encourages students to continue to apply for scholarships as long as the student is in pursuit of any educational goals once completing Cumberland High School. Scholarships were presented by Beverly Hill, the Foundation's recording secretary.

College Scholarship Recipients:

Jessica Robinson Bolden received a Spread Love scholarship in the amount of \$750. Jessica is a 2008 graduate of Cumberland High School and is currently a high school biology teacher in Charlotte, North Carolina. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Science and a master's degree in Science Education from VCU in 2012 with a GPA of 3.9. She has been accepted and plans to enroll in the Ph. D. program in the Fall at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Urban Education. Ernestine Sharpe, a current Foundation board member and Jessica's aunt, represented her as well as the Foundation on behalf of Gary Austin, donor for the Spread Love scholarship.

Justin Coleman received a Spread Love scholarship in the amount of \$750. Justin is a 2014 graduate of Cumberland High School and will be a sophomore at VCU upon returning in the Fall 2015 semester with a GPA of 3.28. His future endeavors include striving to become a Forensic Psychiatrist or Trauma Surgeon. He has decided to double major in Biology and Psychology because he has been encouraged from his family to become a doctor. Herb Goodman represented the Foundation on behalf of Gary Austin.

Bryant Winbush received the Edgenuity scholarship for \$500 and a Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship for \$250. Bryant is a 2013 graduate of Cumberland High School and is currently enrolled in his fourth semester at Longwood University with a GPA of 2.59. He is pursuing his teaching licensure with a liberal studies major in Elementary Education. He is currently the Vice President of the Call Me Mister program at Longwood University. The Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship was represented by Barbara Daniels.

Kailyn Harris-Gilliam received the Marion Brothers scholarship for \$500 and a Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship for \$250. Kailyn is a 2014 graduate of Cumberland High School and will be an upcoming sophomore at James Madison University with a GPA of 3.08. She plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in the Art of Teaching. She hopes to be a secondary education teacher in an under-developed area instilling a love for education in her students. . The Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship was represented by Laura Higgins.

Kamren Harris-Gilliam received the Sony Merriman scholarship for \$500 and a Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship for \$250. Kamren is a 2013 graduate of Cumberland High School and is currently enrolled at Old Dominion University with a GPA of 3.58. She is seeking a bachelor's degree in Physical Education with a concentration in Sports Management, minoring in Marketing and Coaching Education. She plans to join a professional sports team as a Group Event Specialist. The Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship was represented by Arlene Vance.

Jeanne Robinson received a \$500 scholarship from the Womans Club of Cumberland and a \$250 scholarship from the Cumberland Clothes Closet. Jeanne is a 2013 graduate of Cumberland High School and is currently an upcoming Junior at Hood College with a GPA of 3.89. Her major is Communications Arts with a Digital Media concentration. She minors in Art History, Film Studies and possibly Global Studies. She recently was accepted into the CAPA London program and plans to

study there next semester. . The Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship was represented by Anna Garrett.

Ashton Showalter received the Lineweaver Family Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Ashton is a 2012 Cumberland High School graduate. She is currently in Graduate school at Longwood University in the College of Education and Human Services majoring in School and Mental Health Counseling with a GPA of 4.0. She says her heart tells her that she should concentrate of the school counseling track and she hopes to someday become an elementary school counselor. The Lineweaver Family Scholarship was represented by Linda Lineweaver.

Lacreesha Reed received a scholarship from the Cumberland Clothes Closet in the amount of \$1,000. Lacreesha is a 2012 graduate of Cumberland High School and is currently in the Registered Nursing program at Longwood University with a GPA of 2.5. She is currently a Junior. She states that the program is very rigorous and challenging, but rewarding as well. She hopes to continue her education to become a Nurse Anesthetist after passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. . The Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship was represented by Barbara

Katelyn Showalter received a scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation for \$500. Katelyn is a 2014 graduate of Cumberland High School who didn't attend college right after high school for she wasn't sure she was ready. Now she is. She plans to major in Early Childhood Education and to minor in photography. She plans to attend Averett College in the Fall. The Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation Scholarship was represented by Ernestine Sharpe.

High School Scholarship Recipients:

Taneijha Hampton received a \$300 scholarship from the Joshua I. Smith Memorial Scholarship and a \$200 scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation. Taneijha graduated May 2015 from Cumberland High School with a GPA of 3.56 and plans to attend James Madison University in the Fall. She plans to major in Psychology in preparation of hopefully becoming a psychiatric technician. The Smith Scholarship and the Foundation Scholarship was represented by Barbara Gamage.

Jessica Johnson received a \$500 scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation. Jessica graduated in May 2015 from Cumberland High School with a GPA of 3.08 and plans to attend Old Dominion University in the Fall. She plans to major in Nursing and wants to work as a nurse in the U. S. Army, then return to graduate school. The Foundation Scholarship was represented by Jeff Scales, Cumberland County High School principal.

Shelby Atkins received a \$500 scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation. Shelby graduated May 2015 and has always known she wanted to be a nurse. She plans to attend Liberty University to grow with her faith and be very involved with the community and the university. She has a GPA of 3.3. The Foundation Scholarship was represented by Dr. Chip Jones.

Breanna Meinhard has a received a \$1,000 scholarship from Colonial Pipeline. Breanna has a 3.67 GPA and plans to enroll at Longwood University where she will study Elementary Education. She then plans to earn her master's degree in Teaching and return to the Cumberland County school system as a preschool teacher.

Brenton Morris received the Eric Robinson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 and the W. A. Watson scholarship for \$250. Brenton graduated May 2015 with a 4.4 GPA and is Senior Class President.

Brenton plans to attend Virginia Tech's College of Engineering and intends to study Aerospace and Ocean Engineering. He hopes for an innovative and challenging career centered on the exploration of the space beyond the Earth after attending graduate school at either the MIT or Georgia Institute of Technology. The Eric Robinson Scholarship was represented by Missy Robinson.

Colby White has a received the Eldridge Sanderson Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. Colby graduated May 2015 with a 4.29 GPA. He will be attending either Lynchburg College or the University of Virginia in the Fall of 2015 to obtain an undergraduate degree in Biology or Kinesiology and ultimately plans to earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. He wants to become a physical therapist because they have helped him get through touch and painful times on multiple occasions. The representative for the Eldridge Sanderson Scholarship was Ann Sanderson.

Taylor Parker received a Centra Southside scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Taylor graduated May 2015 with a 3.83 GPA. She plans to attend Lynchburg College declaring nursing as her major. She plans to become a registered nurse and work in labor and delivery. She is proud of the fact that she has had some struggles in her high school career which she overcame. The representative for Centra Southside was Lee Pfeiffer.

Alexa Massey received the Garland and Nancy Sanderson Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Alexa graduated May 2015 with a 4.3 GPA. She hopes to attend the University of Virginia where she will enter the pre-med program and study human biology. Eventually, she hopes to become a bariatric surgeon, someone who performs weight loss surgery on obese individuals that cannot lose weight by other means. The representative for the Garland and Nancy Sanderson Scholarship was Audrey Robinson.

Brittany Lowe received a Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Brittany graduated May 2015 with a GPA of 4.34. She plans to attend Longwood University to get a bachelor's degree in Nursing. After graduation, she hopes to then get a job at a hospital either in the emergency ward or the pediatric ward. The representative for the Clothes Closet Scholarship was Laura Higgins.

Kayla Lawson received a Cumberland Clothes Closet scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Kayla graduated May 2015 with a 4.2 GPA. To go along with her CNA, she plans to become an RN by obtaining that degree from Lynchburg College. She is interesting in becoming a travel nurse. She is anxious to travel to various hospitals and facilities to practice what she loves and help everyone that she can in the process. The representative for the Clothes Closet Scholarship was Arlene Vance.

Michael Turner received a \$200 scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, a \$300 scholarship from the Joshua I. Smith Memorial scholarship and a \$500 scholarship from the David Goodman Memorial Scholarship for a total of \$1,000. Michael graduated May 2015 with a 3.75 GPA this month and plans to enroll in the Fall at Longwood University with a major in graphic design and animation. This degree choice will allow him to continue his love for cars as he makes designs that will ensure environmentally friendly and aesthetically attractive new and refurbished automobiles. He refurbished an old Ford Taurus as his senior project. Representatives for the Foundation Scholarship was Linda Lineweaver and the representative for the David Goodman Scholarship was Herb Goodman.

Brenna Halvorsen is a recipient of a William and Ada Sanderson Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. Brenna graduated May 2015 with a 3.9 GPA. She plans to attend James Madison University to study nursing. Afterwards, she would like to become a nurse practitioner. She is excited to begin the next phase of her life, learn new things, and meet new people. She wants to become a citizen who can contribute something to society and actually make a difference in

someone else's life. The representative for the William and Ada Sanderson Scholarship was Missy Robinson.

John Bapties is a recipient of a William and Ada Sanderson Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$1,250. John graduated May 2015 with a 3.7 GPA. Ever since 9th grade, he was wanted to become an athletic trainer. He plans to attend either Longwood University or Lynchburg College. His long term goal is to become a trainer for a professional soccer team and he thinks this scholarship will help bring him one step closer to achieving his dream. The representative for the William and Ada Sanderson Scholarship was Missy Robinson.

Kiara Samuels is a recipient of a \$300 scholarship from the Cartersville Ruritan Club, a \$300 scholarship from the Cumberland County Public Schools Foundation, a \$300 scholarship from the Joshua I. Smith Memorial scholarship, and a \$500 scholarship from the David Goodman Memorial scholarship for a total of \$1,400. Kiara graduated May 2015 with a 4.457 GPA. She plans to attend the University of Virginia where she will be attempting to receive both her bachelors and masters degrees in Nursing or Biology. She wants to specialize in pediatric nursing or neonatal nursing and ultimately wants to join or create a missions group and travel around the world to developing countries and supply them with food, supplies, and tips/information on how to obtain optimal health. Representing the Cartersville Ruritan Club was Fred Shumaker, president, representing the Foundation was Barbara Gamage, and representing the David Goodman Scholarship was Herb Goodman.

Ross Fillman is the recipient of a Centra Southside scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. Ross graduated May 2015 with a GPA of 4.83. At the time of this writing, he had not yet decided which four year university he will attend but he has been accepted Hampden-Sydney, Lynchburg, Longwood, Randolph and Randolph-Macon. His professional goal is to become an architect and knows that he will eventually go to Architecture School but thinks he might start out earning a bachelor's degree in business. The committee noticed one of his more memorable statements in his three page essay was that one of his favorite ways to volunteer was by assisting the National League of Junior Cotillions which teaches sixth and seventh graders about ballroom dancing and proper social etiquette. Representing Centra Southside was Lee Pfeiffer.