

## Success Beyond Access! Introducing the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Class of 2023



Lincoln Foundation is proud of the 48 Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars in Phase 28 who graduated from high school in May 2023. The Scholars gathered on the Bellarmine University campus for their Senior Banquet. The annual event recognizes Scholars for successfully completing the program. The Class of 2023 was challenged to complete a minimum of nine scholarship applications. The results were historic! Scholars collectively earned \$11.6 million in scholarship awards. During the evening, Lincoln Foundation recognized 28 Scholars who performed at the highest levels of achievement. Determining factors included active engagement in the program, attendance, leadership, participation in summer programs, GPA, and ACT scores.

One of the main highlights of the eve-



ning was the keynote address delivered by Former U.S. Ambassador Pamela E. Bridgewater, Ret. In congratulating the Scholars, Ambassador Bridgewater challenged each Scholar to think of their future beyond the evening's celebration and to become problem solvers. She also dared them to make a difference in their lives by leaning

into their graduation theme of persistence as they continue their academic journeys.

The Senior Banquet was sponsored by Baird Financial, Kosair for Kids, Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, and DMLO. To view a full list of our Scholars, visit our website at [www.lincolnfdn.org](http://www.lincolnfdn.org) or use the QR code above.

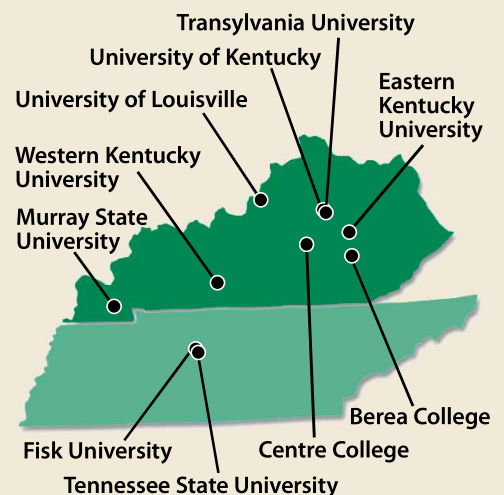
## CTEP Coach Ensures Scholars Settle in for a Semester of Academic Success



CTEP Coach, Jackie Ellis, pictured with Scholars attending Centre College

Ensuring our Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars enjoy Success Beyond Access is not just a theme statement. It is a focused commitment of the College Transition Enrichment Program (CTEP) to help Scholars persist from semester to semester until they earn their degree. The CTEP Coach has been on the road, traveling far and wide to visit Scholars attending ten college campuses in the region (*see right*). The coach meets virtually with Scholars attending campuses outside the region.

During each visit, Scholars receive a swag bag filled with goodies and school supplies. We asked a few to share their



thoughts about CTEP. Here's what they had to say...

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## Scholars' Thoughts about CTEP

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Scholars pictured with their "swag bags"



**"I like it. It's a chance to reconnect and get the help you may need."**

– Tylan R., WYSP Class of 2022, in his second year at Jefferson Community Technical College

**"It made me feel a little more confident in my college experience."**

– Jaden T., WYSP Class of 2023, in her first year at the University of Louisville

**"The campus visit was my favorite. I really appreciated you coming and showing that you cared and were still interested in where we are in our college journey!"**

– Evonne D., WYSP Class of 2021, in her third year at Fisk University

**"I enjoyed talking about school. Takes my mind off everything I have going on."**

– Caelia H., WYSP Class of 2021, in her third year at Fisk University



Hussein A. (in blue) and Jaden T. (in lavender) show their school spirit along with other University of Louisville students

**"Learning about the different resources I can utilize to help me succeed."**

– Hussein A., WYSP Class of 2023, in his first year at the University of Louisville



## Welcome to the Board!

Lincoln Foundation is pleased to welcome four new members to our Board of Trustees. These individuals bring diverse perspectives and energies to support Lincoln Foundation's work to help our Scholars achieve Success Beyond Access. The new Trustees (pictured) will serve a three-year, renewable term.

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# Congratulations to Our 2023 WYSP College Graduates

Scholar Name	Degree	Formal Major	College/University	Honors
Brayan Castro	B.S.	Natural Science Pre-Physical Therapy	Spalding University	
Destiny Cohen	B.S.	Nursing	University of Louisville	
Alexandria Edison	B.A.	Art & Design	Hanover College	
Emmanuel Fakunle	B.S.	Public Health/Biology	University of Louisville	Cum Laude
Jediah Holman	B.S.	Criminal Justice	Eastern Kentucky University	
Marvellous Igwe	B.B.A.	Finance	University of Kentucky	
Nitisha Malhotra	B.S.	Nursing	Bellarmino University	Magna Cum Laude
Aubrey Newland	B.S.	Pan-African Studies & Deaf Studies	University of Louisville	
Edison Pleasants	B.F.A.	Art & Graphic Design/Communications	University of Louisville	Cum Laude
Robert Spencer	B.S.	Cinema & Photography/Animation	Ithaca College	
Jojo Spio	B.S.	Political Science & Finance	Washington University	
Isaac Young Jr.	B.A.	Exercise Science/Nutrition	Bellarmino University	

## Spotlight on a few of our college graduates and what they are doing now



**Nitisha Malhotra** graduated with a B.S. in Nursing, Magna Cum Laude, from Bellarmine University in May. She is currently employed at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital in the Pediatric ER. Nitisha is continuing her studies at Bellarmine, where she is currently pursuing a master's in nursing in the Family Nurse Practitioner track.



**Destiny Cohen** received a B.S. in Nursing from the University of Louisville. Prior to graduation, she was hired by Norton Healthcare in the Intensive Care Unit. She recently transferred to the Progressive Care Unit at Norton Women's and Children's Hospital. Destiny plans to continue her education by enrolling in UofL's Nurse Anesthesia Program in two years.



**Jojo Spio** is a proud graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, where he earned a B.S. in Political Science and Finance. Upon graduation, Jojo was offered a job at Traveler's Insurance in St. Paul, Minnesota. He currently works in the company's investment office.



**Edison Pleasants** graduated from the University of Louisville in May, Cum Laude, with a B.F.A. in Graphic Design and a minor in Communications. She is currently enrolled in UofL's Louis D. Brandeis School of Law.

## ICYMI - Annual Report

In case you missed it, Lincoln Foundation's most recent annual report (January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022) is available on our website. The impactful outcomes of our educational programs were made possible thanks to our generous and caring friends and donors. To read our annual report, scan the QR code or visit our website at [www.lincolnfdn.org](http://www.lincolnfdn.org).



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To provide educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming social and economic barriers to achievement





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# The Grades Are in! Give For Good Donors Receive an A+

Lincoln Foundation wishes to express deep appreciation to the 213 individuals who helped us raise \$49,254 during the 10th Annual Give For Good Louisville. The funds raised during this annual 24-hour, online day of giving directly benefit Scholars in the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® and the College Transition Enrichment Program. Lincoln Foundation has been a participant in Give For Good since the beginning. With the help of our dedicated Fundraising Champions, Lincoln Foundation was listed in the top 25 for securing gifts from the most unique donors. Three of our Fundraising Champions were among the top 25 for the most dollars raised! The results illustrate the commitment our donors, board, and friends have to our mission of

educational equity for all. When it comes to compassion, commitment, generosity, and philanthropy, our donors all have a GPA (Generosity Point Average) score of 4.0. Thank you! Special thanks to our generous Give For Good Sponsors: Stegner Investments, Cherry Bekaert, Mirazon, AD Porter & Sons Funeral Home, and Derby City Litho.



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