

## Announcing the Whitney M. Young Leadership Initiative

Lincoln Foundation is proud to announce a transformative milestone in its storied history with the launch of the Whitney M. Young Leadership Initiative. This new focus underscores the Foundation's commitment to nurturing underrepresented youth from the 8th grade through college completion and into career-related internships.

The Whitney M. Young Leadership Initiative is comprised of three developmental programs designed to maximize the potential of each scholar.

- 1. Whitney M. Young Scholars Program:** *This foundational college preparatory program offers a rigorous educational framework for students in grades 8-12 fostering academic excellence and lifelong learning.*
- 2. College Transition Enrichment Program:** *As scholars transition from high school to college, this program provides seamless mentoring and guidance through the entire college experience. Support is provided to ensure students maintain their scholarships and progress successfully toward degree attainment.*
- 3. Future Leaders Internship Program:** *This final phase offers invaluable practical experience and mentorship, equipping participants with the skills to embark upon a career to grow our local workforce talent pool.*

The Whitney M. Young Leadership Initiative signifies a new era that is consistent with Lincoln Foundation's mission to break through the limitations of adversity. By thinking bigger, we will connect students to critical resources at every step of their educational journey. The initiative provides an opportunity for unprecedented student success that will impact our community far beyond the classroom.

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## Introducing the Whitney M. Young Scholars Class of 2024

In May, Lincoln Foundation proudly celebrated the members of the Class of 2024. These 30 scholars, having successfully completed their high school education, stand at the threshold of new beginnings. Collectively, the scholars earned an impressive \$3.5 million in college scholarships.

The Senior Banquet marks a significant milestone in the scholars' journey, providing a moment for reflection and celebration. Special thanks to Baird Financial, Park National Bank, DMLO CPAs, Old National Bank, Sterling Thompson Company, and Wyatt Tarrant & Combs, LLP for their generous support. This event underscores the vital role of community and corporate partnerships in advancing educational initiatives.



Visit our website to learn more about the Class of 2024.



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# Alumni Spotlight Collin McWhorter

Collin McWhorter, a 2019 WYSP alumna, embarked on an exciting journey to Izumiōtsu, Japan, in August. As an elementary school English teacher, Collin successfully completed a rigorous seven-month selection process to become an instructor in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). She holds dual Bachelor of Arts degrees in Business Administration and Global Languages/Japanese from Murray State University. Collin attributes her achievements to WYSP, which empowered her to step out of her comfort zone and excel academically and become a leader. “WYSP played, and continues to play, such an important role in my life. So much so that I struggle to imagine where I would be if I were not a scholar,” she said.



## Our Mission

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



# Whitney M. Young Scholars Take Part in Honoring the Legacy of Eckstein Norton

On October 19, a significant event in Bullitt County, KY, celebrated Eckstein Norton University’s enduring legacy. This gathering brought together Lincoln Foundation staff, Whitney M. Young Scholars, descendants of Eckstein Norton, the Kentucky Historical Society, and local officials. A historical marker was unveiled to commemorate the university’s pivotal role in advancing African American education post-Civil War.

Five Whitney M. Young Scholars took part in the ceremony, highlighting the link between the present and the past. Forty Norton descendants traveled from places as far away as Paris, France, to pay tribute to their ancestor’s impact in supporting education.

Discovered by Gary and Kathy Fields on their farm in Cane Springs, Ky., the remnants of Eckstein Norton University rekindled interest in its historical significance. Founded in 1890, the school provided primary education up to college-level degrees that transformed Kentucky’s educational landscape



Whitney M. Young Scholars in attendance at the historic marker dedication in Bullitt County from left to right, Yaara A., Naomi F., Quincy B., Joy O., and Tatiana H.

for formerly enslaved African Americans.

Lincoln Foundation traces part of its heritage to Eckstein Norton University. Gerry Tyrrell, a Norton descendant, expressed pride in his family’s educational legacy, emphasizing its continued impact through Lincoln Foundation’s work with under-resourced Kentucky students.

To perpetuate this legacy, Norton’s descendants endowed a scholarship with \$100,000. It will be awarded each year to a deserving scholar ensuring that Eckstein Norton’s passion for education continues to inspire future generations.

## Our Latest Annual Report Is Now Available!



[Link to annual report](#)

Lincoln Foundation is delighted to share the release of our 2023 Annual Report that offers a comprehensive overview of a year distinguished by growth, innovation, and steadfast community support. This report details our financial activities and highlights the impact enabled by our dedicated friends and supporters.

A standout feature of this year’s report is the continued program outcomes of the College Transition Enrichment Program (CTEP). CTEP’s goal is to provide guidance, mentoring, and support to ensure our college scholars successfully earn a degree.

We warmly invite you to explore the full report to gain a deeper understanding of Lincoln Foundation’s mission and accomplishments over the past year. To access the report, simply scan the QR code provided or visit our website at [www.lincolnfdn.org](http://www.lincolnfdn.org).

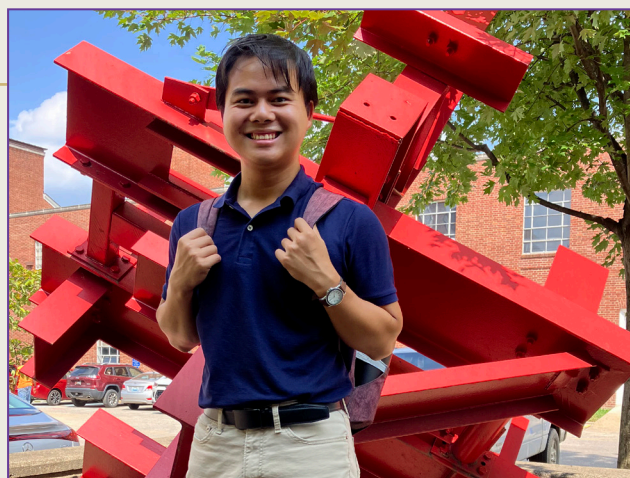


# Congratulations to Our Newest WYSP College Graduates

Scholar Name	Degree	Formal Major	College/University	Honors
Tom Batsaihan	B.A.	Finance/Information Studies	University of Kentucky	
KiMani Bridges	B.M.	Music Composition	Indiana University	
Natasha Campbell	BFA/BA	2DStudio Art/Humanities, Art History	University of Louisville	Summa Cum Laude
Leslie Chavez Mora	B.A.	Elementary Education	Bellarmino University	
Joseph Falcon	B.A.	Anthropology/Sociology	Centre College	Cum Laude
Kierra Florence	B.B.A.	Management	University of Louisville	
Catrice Griffin	B.S.	Criminal Justice	University of Louisville	
Daniela Gutierrez Folch	B.A.	Criminal Justice	Bellarmino University	
Michael Harbin III	B.A.	Communications	Berea College	
Delena Hooper	B.A.	Elementary Education	Kentucky State University	
Sydney Johnson	B.A.	Accounting	Kentucky State University	Summa Cum Laude
Zachary Jordan-Smith	B.S.	Civil Engineering	University of Louisville	Highest Honors
Jacob Keown	B.A.S.	Liberal Studies	Indiana University	
Tanishq Malhotra	B.S.B.A.	Computer Information Systems/ Business Process Management	University of Louisville	
Elijah Malone	B.S.	Systems and Decision Science	U.S. Military Academy at West Point	
Collin McWhorter	B.A.	Business Administration/ Global Languages/Japanese	Murray State University	President's List
Lauryn McWhorter	B.S.	Criminal Justice	University of Louisville	
Christ Moo	B.S.	Bioengineering/Industrial Engineering	University of Louisville	Summa Cum Laude
Rachel Pozo Muguercia	B.S.B.A.	Management/Spanish, Foreign Languages	Berea College	
Alberto Ramos	B.S.	Civil Engineering	University of Kentucky	Summa Cum Laude
Alexis Richardson	B.S.	Nursing	University of Louisville	
Timothy Richardson	B.S.	Exercise Science	Tiffin University	
Ragan Savage	B.A.	Theater Arts	Northern Kentucky University	
Augustina Tugbe	B.A.	Marketing/Management	University of Louisville	
Briona Young	B.A.	Political Science & Sociology/Spanish	Murray State University	Honors Diploma

## Alumni Spotlight Christ Moo

Christ Moo, a 2020 graduate of the Whitney M. Young Scholars Program, is giving back by sharing the valuable lessons he's learned. Currently, Christ serves as a graduate assistant at the J. B. Speed School of Engineering while pursuing a master's degree in industrial engineering. Having graduated Summa Cum Laude in May 2024 with a B.S. in Bioengineering, Christ also holds a Six Sigma Green Belt Certification, highlighting his expertise in applying Six Sigma methodologies. Passionate about teaching and mentoring, he enjoys helping new students navigate their college journey. Christ attributes his success to the foundational guidance he received from the Whitney M. Young Scholars Program and the ongoing support he receives from the College Transition Enrichment Program.





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## Give For Good Thank You!

Lincoln Foundation's participation in Give For Good Louisville 2024 proved to be a great success, fueled by the incredible generosity of our friends and supporters. With contributions from 183 donors and the acquisition of bonus prizes, we raised an impressive \$62,000, surpassing our fundraising goal of \$60,000. The funds raised will directly support our academic programs under the new Whitney M. Young Leadership Initiative.

This success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our Give For Good sponsors. Their financial backing allowed us to create exciting challenges and matching gift opportunities that inspired more people to support our scholars. We extend our deepest gratitude to the following corporate sponsors: A.D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, First Savings Bank, Kinser & Kinser, Mercedes-Benz of Louisville, Mirazon and Stegner Investments.

Your contributions have been invaluable in furthering our mission and empowering the next generation of leaders. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey!

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