

Annual Report of the Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund
Friends Meeting of Washington
September 2017

Introduction

The Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund has given a total of 121 scholarships to deserving students in the District of Columbia to enable them to attend college. All seniors in DC Public Schools can apply. The scholarship is awarded to students with

- Major financial need;
- Strong values and contribution to the community;
- Good academic standing (GPA, class rank, AP classes);
- Demonstrated drive and determination to succeed in college;
- Demonstrated success in overcoming past obstacles.

The Friends Meeting of Washington established the program 36 years ago, and has since been joined by Bethesda Friends Meeting and Langley Hill Meeting. A committee comprising members and attenders of the three meetings jointly manages and mobilizes financing for this scholarship fund. The committee members contact public schools to raise awareness of the scholarship opportunity, select recipients, manage the funding, provide mentoring to scholars, and make decisions about the program's policies and practices.

The scholarship award is now \$6,000 per student: \$1,500 per year for freshmen through senior years. For 2017-2018, we have disbursed \$2,000 to seniors rather than \$1500. When we have extra funds it is our intent to give added support to those who have worked hard to get to senior year. We commit to support students through their four years of college. To maintain eligibility each year, students must submit their college transcript, proof of enrollment for the next school year, and a letter discussing the successes and challenges of the last school year.

This year we will give out a total of 18 scholarships because two of our students are stuck and may be working this year rather than attending school. Nevertheless we are trying to stay in contact with them, assuring them that when they are able to return to school, their scholarship will still be available.

The New Freshmen

This June, we selected five students who demonstrated strong academic potential, inspiring community service, and significant financial need.

To respect their privacy, we are listing only the students' first names in this report.

1. Ahmad has been a student at the Seed School. We were impressed by his strong academics with a GPA of 3.9 and 6 AP Courses. He has attended summer enrichment courses at both Duke in 2015 and Stanford in 2016. Ahmad is a self-directed learner with a particular interest in math. He figures out what he needs to know and then learns it. During the interview we discovered that his older sister is also a Mary Jane Simpson Scholar.

They are both immigrants from Somalia and both will be attending Virginia Tech. Ahmad wants to major in civil engineering in part because his father had to put aside his hopes of being an engineer when the family left Somalia. Ahmad intends to do a work-study program at Virginia Tech.

2. Enjolie impressed us by how hard she is working at school and in two internships despite serious family challenges. At McKinley Technical High School, she has achieved a 3.3 GPA and took 2 AP courses. Each week this year she worked 15-20 hours at the World Bank. This summer she had an internship at Clark Construction from Monday to Friday and worked at TJ Max on Sunday and Saturday. In her “free time” she has worked on a toy drive with Upward Bound, worked at a local food bank and cooked for people in shelters. Her teachers describe her as a student with a high level of commitment to her community. Enjolie will be attending North Carolina A & T. Enjolie has had a challenging family life. She is one of six children who was raised by her older sister after the parents left or could not care for their children. She wants a career in business or fashion. When asked what she does for fun, she looked somewhat perplexed.

3. Hao is an immigrant from China who attended School Without Walls. We were impressed by his energy and drive. He translates at the Chinese Cultural Center and has helped his parents run their business. He realizes that he will need to continue helping his parents when he goes to college. Hao also works as a busboy at Chinese restaurants and he has been active in a film production club and photography club. Hao has been fortunate to have a teacher who has been an inspiration for him. This art teacher worked for 8 years to get his college degree and has gone on to get two masters degree. Hao feels that if he can do this, Hao can too. Hao will be attending George Mason and will do a work study program.

4. Olivia has been a student at Duke Ellington where she carried a full academic load and after 2 pm took a full program of acting classes. Despite her heavy load she has maintained a GPA of 3.3 and taken 2 AP courses. For several years she has had two jobs, at 21st Century Fox and Friends of the National Zoo. She also was a student intern at The Washington Post. In 2015 she attended the British American Drama Academy Midsummer Conservatory Program at Wadham College in Oxford. In the summer of 2016 she studied French language immersion in Senegal. She is very interested in women’s empowerment. She wants to use film to “expose the ugly truths hidden throughout the world” and “lessen mass ignorance.” She will attend Noropa College for one year and then go to Hawaiian Pacific University.

5. Tyrese graduated from Cesar Chavez Public Charter School with a 3.3 GPA. He has been living on the streets and in shelters with his mother ever since they were evicted from their apartment. During this difficult period when his mother lost her job, they were forced to use up all the family savings which makes him very vulnerable as he heads off to college. Tyrese says of himself, “I am not just a survivor, I am an overcomer.” Tyrese powered on regardless of his circumstances and did well academically. He has been a mentor to the children in his neighborhood, worked on the Brady campaign, was on student government and played varsity soccer. His 12th grade thesis was entitled, “Police Brutality in African American Communities in DC, MD and VA.” He will attend Ithaca College where he wants to major in physical therapy.

Mentoring for Students

Now in addition to giving each student a mentor from our committee, each student has an older student as mentor. This is our second year and we will see how it goes. The students all seem to enjoy our tea in early July.

Summary Data

MJS 2017 Applications by School

Schools in Alphabetical Order				
School	Applications	2017 Scholars		
Anacostia H.S.	1		Thurgood Marshall Academy	1
Ballou	0		Washington Latin	3
Banneker	6		Washington Math, Science Tech	4
BASIS PCS	0		Washington Metropolitan H. S.	0
Calvin Coolidge H.S.	0		Woodrow Wilson	2
Capital City PCS	4		Woodson	3
Cardozo H. S.	3		Total	95
Chavez - Capitol Hill	2			
Chavez - Parkside	3	1		
Columbia Heights Ed Campus	3			
Duke Ellington	5	1		
Dunbar	0			
E. L. Haynes PCS	2			
Eastern Senior H. S.	0			
Friendship Collegiate Academy	1			
Friendship Tech Prep	1			
IDEA PCS	3			
Kingsman Academy	0			
KIPP DC College Prep	13			
Luke C. Moore	0			
Maya Angelou PCS Evans H. S.	0			
McKinley Tech	20	1		
National Collegiate Prep	0			
Paul International	0			
Perry Street Prep Academy PCS	0			
Phelps ACE High School	5			
Richard Wright PCS	0			
Roosevelt H. S.	2			
School W/O Walls	2	1		
SEED PCS	6	1		

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Columbia Heights Ed Campus	3	
IDEA PCS	3	
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Woodson	3	
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Woodrow Wilson	2	
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Friendship Collegiate Academy	1	
Friendship Tech Prep	1	
Thurgood Marshall Academy	1	
Ballou	0	
BASIS PCS	0	
Calvin Coolidge H.S.	0	
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Summary of Students who are Mary Jane Simpson Scholars

Name¹	University	Status
Mercedes	Xavier University	Graduated in 2015, in 5 years. Started Xavier School of Pharmacology in 2015. (Finished 2nd year in spring 2017)
Yolande	Trinity Washington University	Graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) in 2015. She passed the NCLEX board exam and is now a Registered Nurse. Had a baby girl (Promise) in early August 2016. (Lives with her fiancé and mother.)
Nosa	Hampton College	Graduated from Hampton in spring 2014. He is an entrepreneur in the fashion field (started this in college). He custom designs and produces items for individuals and organizations and has a luxury clothing line.
Vincent	Temple University	Graduated in May 2014 with Bachelors in Kinesiology. Works full time as Gym Supervisor at Fortaleza Fitness Center in Philadelphia. and part time as a group exercise instructor.
Jeanifer	Rutgers University	Graduated in May 2014 with 3.5 GPA. From June 2014 to present, Research Coordinator at Memorial Sloan Kettering, Dept of Immunotherapy (Trials). Starting 2017, entered MSc Program in Health Policy and Economics at Cornell University. From 2014-Present, President/Founder of Partners for a Health Africa, 501c3, helping poor communities in Nigeria and US to deal with malaria and vision impairment. [Mentor to Enjolique]
Marcus	Clemson University	Graduated in August 2017. Finished classes in December 2016 and did coop engineering internship with International Paper from January to July, 2017. As of August 14, 2017 he is a full time packaging engineer for Smithfield Foods, located at the corporate office in Smithfield VA. His work includes 60% travel to 8 plants in North Carolina and Mid-West, responding to problems in packaging

¹ To respect students' privacy, their last names and contact information has been removed.

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		and working with vendors to develop and integrate better packaging for products.
Jeannette	UDC community college, then Latin America Youth Center	Became a Certified Medical Assistant in August, 2015, from the Latin American Youth Center. At first, Jeannette was working as an administrative CMA. Since March 2016, she has been working as a clinical Certified Medical Assistant for a primary care physician at the A+ Medical Clinic in Hyattsville. She also intends to get further certifications in specialized areas (e.g., phlebotomy).
DeAnjilo	Pepperdine University	Graduated in May 2015. Now a producer/editor for the National Football League Networks and a production assistant at Fox Sports West.
Hezouwe Happy	George Washington University	Graduated in May 2016. In Peace Corps in Benin for next two years. [Interim student mentor to Marie before leaving.] On return she plans to apply to graduate or medical school specializing in public health.
Cori	Ohio State University	Graduated in May 2017 with a B.A in Psychology and minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Currently Cori working with Ohio State Police Department in a junior officer position. She will be applying to be a police officer in December 2017. Then she hopes transfer to the George Washington University Police division. While working she plans to earn her Masters in Forensic Psychology.
Rainer	UDC	Graduated in May 2016, majored in civil engineering with a specialty in concrete structures. In early summer 2016 he married and moved to California. His plans of getting a job and applying to U. California San Jose for a Masters degree in structural engineering have been deferred by the current crisis facing the immigrant community in the US. He is applying for a waiver to allow him to work. He will move to Boston in September 2017.
Raven	Bennett College for Women	Graduated in May 2017. She majored in social work and plans to go directly into a masters program in social work after college.

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Sherve'	Oglethorpe University	Rising senior, scheduled to graduate in spring, 2017.
Kasey	Loyola University in New Orleans	Difficulties. May not complete.
Chanel	Temple University	Rising senior in five-year program, scheduled to graduate in spring, 2018, with BS in Civil Engineering and Certificate from Fox School of Business. Had strong junior year. Active in Temple and regional chapters of National Society of Black Engineers. Spent summer of 2016 on internship and summer of 2017 interning with an engineering firm in Philadelphia. [Mentor to Bakari]
Nijah	Virginia Tech	Rising Senior in five-year program, scheduled to graduate in spring, 2018. Spent summer of 2016 in California on internship. [Mentor to Ahmad.]
Rajanique	Furman University	Graduated in spring, 2017.
Ana	Trinity, transferred to UDC	Not full-time, hence no MJS funding since 2014-15 (her freshman year).
Diana	Emory University	Rising Senior in 2017-18. Got into Emory Business School in 2016. [Mentor to Dayasia]
Samantha	University of Wisconsin	Took 2016-spring term off, mid-sophomore year. In fall 2016, she planned to go to community college in Madison with transferability of credits to U. Wisc. No response from her; we suspect she is not in school.
Nadiyah	Temple University	Rising Senior. [Mentor to Marie.]
Teasha	University of North Carolina, Charlotte	Rising Senior (scheduled to graduate spring, 2018).
Betel	Howard University	Rising Junior (scheduled to graduate spring, 2019). [Mentor to Alexis.]
Braswell	University of Arizona	Rising Junior (scheduled to graduate spring, 2019).

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Jenifer	UDC	Rising Junior – on Dean’s list in first two years, all A’s in sophomore year, majoring in Biology.
Maryam	Virginia Tech	Rising Junior, scheduled to graduate spring, 2019. [Mentor to Tyrese White.]
Daniel	North Carolina Central, Durham	Rising Junior
Dayasia	Univ. of California at Santa Cruz	Rising Sophomore
Marie-Helene (Marie)	George Washington University	Rising Sophomore
Alexis	George Mason University	Rising Sophomore
Merhawi	University of Virginia	Rising Sophomore
Bakari	Howard University (transferred from Morehouse College between freshman and sophomore years)	Rising Sophomore
Enjolique	North Carolina A&T University	Entering Freshman
Ahmad	Virginia Tech	Entering Freshman
Tyrese	Ithaca College	Entering Freshman

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Olivia	Naropa Univ. (LEAP year for credit); planning to enter Univ of Hawaii at Manoa in fall 2018	Entering Freshman
Hao	George Mason Univ.	Entering Freshman

Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Resources and Commitments

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Table 1. Resources Mobilized in 2016-17: Sources	
	US \$
Bethesda Friends Meeting	
Meeting Allocation (Peace & Social Justice Committee)	4,000
Social Concerns Box + Contributions from Individuals in Meeting	14,256
BFM Total	18,256
Friends Meeting of Washington	
Meeting Allocation	5,000
FMW Individuals and Fund-raising	12,859
FMW Total	17,859
Langley Hill Friends Meeting	
Meeting Allocation	300
Individuals	996
Langley Hill Total	1,296
Total Contributions	37,411

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Table 2. Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Resources, Commitments, and Net Reserve	
Resources	
Fund Balance 6/30/2016 ¹	99,616
Funding Mobilized in 2016-17 ²	37,411
Remittances in 2016-2017	(29,144)
Ending Balance 6/30/2017³	107,883
Commitments (assuming \$2,000 for current seniors only)	
3 Seniors @ \$2,000	(6,000.00)
5 Juniors @ \$1,500+\$1,500	(15,000.00)
5 Sophomores @\$1,500+\$1,500+\$1,500	(22,500.00)
5 Freshmen @ \$1,500+\$1,500+\$1,500+\$1,500	(30,000.00)
Total Commitments	(73,500.00)
Net Reserve	34,383

1 Includes \$3,000 of BFM FY16 contributions that were transferred to FMW in early FY17.

2 Includes \$426 transferred to FMW from Langley Hill Meeting in July, 2017, that was mobilized from fund-raising concert in June 2017, and \$474 soon to be transferred to FMW from BFM FY17 fund-raising.

3. Ibid