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31st Annual

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRAYER BREAKFAST

JANUARY 20, 2024

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise,
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chast'ning rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might,
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand,
True to our God, True to our native land.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SCHOLARSHIP FUND PRAYER BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Opening Remarks

Carlotta Workman, MLK Committee

Mistress & Master of Ceremonies

Aniya Heart & Tai Belcher, WHIZ - Marquee Broadcasting

Welcome

Troy Balderson Ohio District 12 United States Congressman

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

By Lynn Watiker-Cameron and Philip Tabler on piano

Presentation of Scholarships

Carlotta Workman

Invocation

Pastor Aaron Bounds - The Anchor Church

Breakfast

Theo's Restaurant Cambridge, Ohio

Remarks

Dana Matz, President

Zanesville - Muskingum County Chamber of Commerce

Music

Mrs. Kendra Moore

Adult Scholarships

Aniya Heart & Tai Belcher

Presentation of Honoree Awards 2025 Honoree

Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Recognition of Sponsors

Carlotta Workman

Music

Mrs. Kendra Moore

Benediction

Pastor Aaron Bounds - The Anchor Church

MISTRESS & MASTER
OF CEREMONIES



ANIYAH HART

Aniyah was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. After graduating high school in 2020, she attended Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania. Later, she transferred to Towson University in Maryland to complete her undergraduate studies.

Additionally, she co-founded the Towson Newscast Club with a friend, to help provide students with more hands-on journalism experience outside of the classroom. In May 2024, Aniyah earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Communications, focusing on Journalism.

Aniyah joined WHIZ as a weekday reporter and Saturday night anchor in the fall of 2024.



TAI BELCHER

Tai Belcher is from Columbus, Ohio. After graduating from Eastmoor Academy in 2019, he went on to graduate from Kent State in 2023. At Kent State, he started his on air career with the student media group TV2.

An internship at WHIZ led Tai to the Zanesville area, where he is now an official part of the WHIZ team, as a Sports Anchor. You can find Tai around town covering many local sporting events.

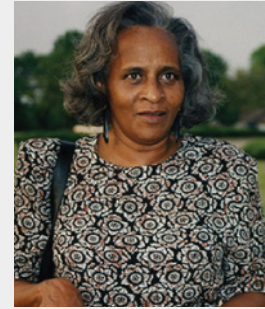
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS



Dr. Cassandra McDonald dedicated her life to sharing her talents in unique ways to the benefit of all around her. Her legacy is one that will continue to inspire us all, including today's scholarship recipients..



An original founding member of the MLK Scholarship Fund committee Pauline Ruth Morse Peterson was tireless in her support to guarantee minority students the opportunity to further their education. Her scholarship continues to support those opportunities.



Joyce Farmer Smith removed barriers for students to gain access to college, and contributed financially to ensure the success of many. Her scholarship honors her tireless dedication.

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LIFE'S MOST PERSISTENT
AND URGENT QUESTION
IS, 'WHAT ARE YOU
DOING FOR OTHERS?'

– MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Rachel L. McDonald left a gift in her will to support minority student to finish college. Her scholarship honors her dedication to the cultivation and enrichment of young minds.



Leona Burrell's undying support of her family has inspired her grandson Robert and family to pay it forward to other young people building their careers.

2025 MILK BOOK
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**YUVRAJ
BASTOLA**

the son of Harmeet and Shyamal Bastola and is a senior at Tri-Valley High School. He is involved in soccer. He plans to attend The Ohio State University to study business.



**NICHOLAS
FLAREY**

the son of Mr. & Mrs. Flarey and is a senior at Tri-Valley High School. He is involved in Varsity Soccer, Varsity Track and Field, His hobbies consist of competitive gaming, gardening, and long-distance running. He plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Electrical Engineering.



**MARIAM
EID**

the daughter of Eslam Eid and Zinab Sultan and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. She was involved in the FFA freshman and sophomore year. She plans to attend The Ohio State University, Newark Campus to study Medical Laboratory Science.



**MICHAEL
HILL**

the son of Michael and Brittiany Hill and is a senior at Zanesville High School. He is involved in Key Club and National Honor Society. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study Mechanical Engineering.



**CARMIN
FARNSWORTH**

the daughter of Jackie and Robbie Farnsworth and is a senior at Maysville High School. She is involved in the Community Youth Foundation and National Honors Society. She is also a student athletic trainer and is involved in other school activities. She plans to attend Ohio University to study nursing.



**ALAIYAH
JOHNSON**

the daughter of Jennifer Johnson and Peg Layton and is a senior at John Glenn High School. She was involved in Volleyball, Softball, Student Council and currently is involved in National Honors Society. She plans to attend Marietta College to study Psychology.



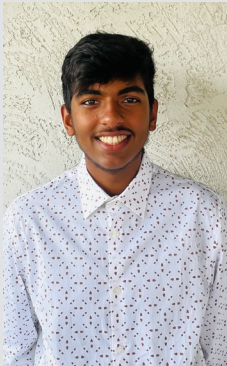
ELIJAH MAYLE

the son of Chelsie Kim and Edward Mayle and is a senior at Maysville High School. An Officer of his school's branch of National Honor Society, The President of schools Student Government, He is also the class Vice President. Outside of school, he is in the Community Bank Junior Board, a member of the Community Youth Foundation, and a member of the Muskingum County Social Justice Coalition. He plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study Marketing.



ZOEY SHUMATE

the daughter of Christine and Joseph Shumate and is a senior at John Glenn High School. She is involved in the Choir and a special singing group named JG Company. She plans to attend Marshall University to study Forensic Science.



DHRUV PATEL

the son of Ashokkumar and Gayatri Patel and is a senior at Zanesville High School. He is involved in the Robotics Program and has gone to the world championship four times. He also plays varsity tennis, is on The Community Bank Junior Board, and in National Honors Society. He plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Engineering.



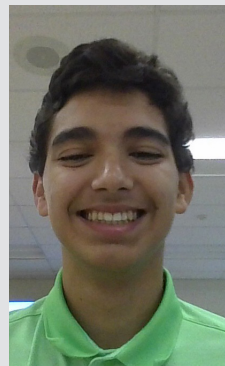
HARMAN SINGH

the son of Lakhwinder Singh and Prabhjot Kaur and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. He is involved in Key Cub, painting/drawing, service at my Gurdwara, Student Council (previously). He plans to attend the Rhode Island School of Design to study Art.



HURYAH SHAWAR

the daughter of Abdul Jabbar Khan and Saima Jabbar and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. A part of student council, Key Club, and National Honors Society. She is a part of the Muskingum County Community Youth Foundation and a volunteer for Youth At the Booth. She plans to attend The Ohio State University to study psychology.



JOSIAH SIPE

the son of Jackie and Lee Sipe and is a senior at Tri-Valley High School. He is involved in archery and E-sports. He plans to attend Shawnee State University to study Video game Developer.

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**WILLIAM
TANG**

the son of Renzhen Liu and Meng Tang and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. He is involved in Key Club, Archery, Future Business Leaders of America, American Sign Language Club, Varsity Soccer. He plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Health Sciences.



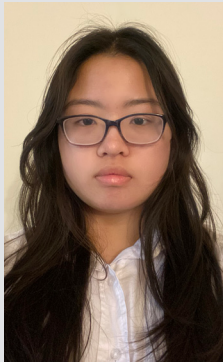
**KRISTY
ZHANG**

the daughter of Mei Zhen Zheng and Xian Zhui Zhang and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. Current President of Future Business Leaders of America, PR/Webmaster of Key Club (9th-12th), Student Council (11th-12th), Executive Committee of The Community Youth Foundation (11th-12th), The Community Bank Junior Board (11th-12th), Co-manager & assistant of the American Red Cross Blood Drive (11th-12th). She plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Business Administration/Finance.



**HANNAH
TEZEN**

the daughter of Karen and Marco Antonio Tezen and is a senior at Tri-Valley High School. She is involved in Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Pep Band, Jazz Band, Solo and Ensemble, Winter Guard, Student Council, Ruriteen, Spanish Club, and Youth Group for her church. She plans to attend Brigham Young University to study Dental Hygiene or Forensics.



**NICOLE
ZHANG**

is the daughter of Haibin Liu and Jinyan Liu and is a senior at West Muskingum High School. She is involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Archery, The Community Bank Junior Board, Youth at the Booth, and the West Muskingum Musical Stage Crew. She plans to attend The Ohio State University to study Marketing.



**GIADA
TONGSON**

the daughter of Teresa and Jonathan Tongson and is a senior at Tri-Valley High School. She is involved with several extra-curricular activities such as dance, singing lessons, and is an active member of Ruriteen. She plans to attend Otterbein University to study Physical Therapy.



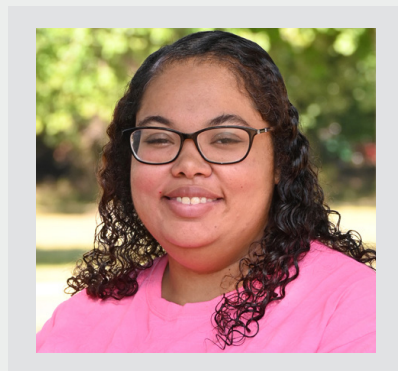
**COURAGE IS AN INNER
RESOLUTION TO GO
FORWARD DESPITE
OBSTACLES.**

– MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

TYHESIA BUTCHER

Tyhesia graduated from Zanesville High School and Mid-East Career and Technology Center in 2014. She graduated from Zane State College in 2016 with an associate degree in Administrative Office Assistant and completed her bachelor's degree at Fairmont State University in 2019. She returned to Zane State College in 2024 to pursue a degree in Medical Assisting she plans to complete in spring 2026.

Tyhesia is the daughter of Talisa Crawford and Chad Butcher and the sister of Jamarea Whatley. She is the first in her family to attend college. She is employed as a student worker in the ZSC Business Office and attends Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.



JOYCE A. FARMER SMITH
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



L. LEONA BURRELL
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

JERSEY DRAUGHN

Jersey is a Capital University Freshman nursing major from Zanesville, Ohio. She plans to obtain her BSN from Capital University to then become an RN and work in the ICU for a couple of years before returning to school. She was drawn to Capital because of their focus on holistic care which is important to her.



JOYCE A. FARMER SMITH
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

MACKENZIE HOWE

Mackenzie graduated from Zanesville High School in 2013. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Ohio University Zanesville, she transferred to Zane State College and applied to the Radiologic Technology. She was accepted into the Radiologic Technology for fall semester 2024.

She is employed in the Radiology Department at OSU Outpatient. Her family members include Danielle Weekly, John Howe, and Kimberly Curry.

ALEXUS JACOBS

Raised in Columbus, Ohio, I am 29 and enjoying life in the peaceful countryside of Zanesville with my spouse and our three Newfoundland dogs. My healthcare journey began in high school, where I graduated from a career center as a State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA). Since then, I've worked full-time as a medical assistant at a busy urgent care in Columbus, gaining invaluable hands-on experience in patient care. Outside of work and my studies for nursing school, I enjoy baking homemade bread and tending to my garden—activities that allow me to unwind and stay grounded. After completing nursing school, I hope to pursue a career in street-side medicine, providing essential healthcare to underserved populations and advocating for those who lack access to affordable care.



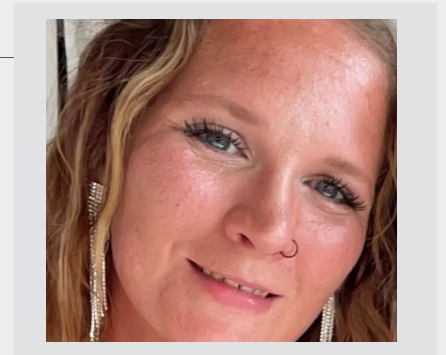
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TEASIA JONES

My name is Teasia Jones and I am a junior studying Sport Administration and Health & Fitness with minors in Sports Coaching and Nutrition. I currently serve as the President of the Black Student Union, President of Sisters of Hue, and Diversity Relations Chair of Student Senate. I am also a member of the Track & Field team and have previously won the Student Committed to Diversity and Inclusion Award in the spring '24 semester.



RACHEL MCDONALD
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SARAH STILLWELL

Sarah is a non-traditional student balancing roles as a mother of three and a State Tested Nursing Assistant. This scholarship provides invaluable support as she pursues her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Currently in her second year of the program, she is dedicated to becoming a registered nurse and making a meaningful impact in the lives of her patients. This scholarship brings her closer to achieving that dream and sets an example for her children, showing them that perseverance and determination can overcome any obstacle.

2025 MLK HONOREE

MUSKINGUM COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



This organization is committed to working in partnership with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families providing opportunities utilizing public and private supports to live, learn, work, and play in the community.

“ IF I CANNOT DO GREAT THINGS, I CAN DO SMALL THINGS IN A GREAT WAY.



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The Community Bank
The Kevin Martin Youth Foundation
Raymond E. Valentin, Eulimar Media - MLK Recipient 2007
Dr. Raymond and Mrs. Connie Watiker
Mr. Albert and Rachel Watiker Scholarship Award
In Honor of Deitrick and Dorian Wilson
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A stylized, low-poly portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. in a suit and tie, looking upwards and to the left. The background features a stylized American flag on the left and a warm, yellow and orange gradient on the right.

“

FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T SEE THE WHOLE STAIRCASE”. THINK CRITICALLY. INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER – THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.

– MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Martin Luther King Jr.

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*"We must walk on in the days
ahead with an audacious faith
in the future." MLK Jr.*

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