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2025 BRAVO! AWARDS

Celebrating Extraordinary Chesterfield Alumni



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Chesterfield Education Foundation family, it is my heartfelt honor to welcome you to the 16th Annual BRAVO! Awards. Tonight, we gather to celebrate the remarkable alumni of Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS) and to extend our warmest congratulations to this year's honorees.

The BRAVO! Awards are more than a ceremony—they are a reflection of our community's shared commitment to uplifting every student. As a nonprofit dedicated to equitable educational opportunities, the Chesterfield Education Foundation is deeply grateful for the privilege to recognize five outstanding former students this evening. Their achievements and service are a testament to the values of character, integrity, and compassion that define Chesterfield County Public Schools.

Each honoree has touched lives in unique and meaningful ways. Their stories inspire us all and remind us of the profound impact of individuals who care. We are humbled by their example and by the dedication of CCPS educators and leaders who help shape such extraordinary graduates.

Our Foundation is honored to support CCPS students, teachers, and initiatives in many ways. Through the generosity of our community—your gifts of time, talent, and resources—we can fund classroom libraries and resources for new teachers, provide books for children, support meaningful career & technical education opportunities, and continually seek new ways to remove barriers to learning. Most of this work happens quietly, behind the scenes, but its impact is felt every day. We believe every child deserves access to a world-class education, and every teacher deserves the support to make that possible.

To our donors and sponsors: thank you. Your steadfast support makes evenings like this, and so much more, possible. To tonight's honorees: congratulations on your well-deserved recognition. And to everyone joining us, whether in person or in spirit, please accept our deepest appreciation for your role in making this event and the ongoing mission of the Chesterfield Education Foundation a reality.

With sincere gratitude and service,

Tonya Austeri
President, Board of Trustees
Chesterfield Education Foundation

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ABOUT CHESTERFIELD EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Chesterfield Education Foundation (CEF) was founded in 1989 by community and business leaders who recognized that public funds alone cannot support the need to advance student achievement in Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS). We are a nonprofit dedicated to providing equitable educational opportunities and increasing classroom innovation for CCPS students. CEF invests in student success by piloting and supporting initiatives that promote kindergarten readiness, workforce preparedness, and literacy - ensuring that every child has access to the opportunities they need to thrive, and that teachers have access to the resources they need.

Through the generosity of individuals, businesses, and local foundations, CEF provides critical funding to fill gaps in access and opportunity. These partnerships allow the Foundation to fund innovative school programs, teacher recognition and enrichment programs, preschool support, Career & Technical Education expansion, and annual special events to celebrate outstanding students, teachers, and alumni of CCPS.

CEF's mission supports the goals of the Chesterfield County Public Schools "Imagining Beyond Tomorrow" strategic plan. We invest in schools and promote positive school culture and student success through a wide variety of programs. We work with school leaders to support continued implementation of strategic initiatives. We stay flexible and responsive to meet the current needs - and invest in the bold ideas - of Chesterfield's inspiring teachers and students.

OUR MISSION

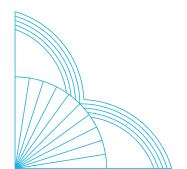
Our mission is to provide equitable educational opportunities and increase classroom innovation for Chesterfield County Public Schools' students. Our vision is that every Chesterfield County Public Schools' student has access to opportunities and graduates from high school prepared to succeed.















COR'RALES DUPREE THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL 2015

Motivational Speaker & Account Executive, McKesson

Cor'Rales Dupree is an inspiring leader known for his remarkable resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to helping others. Born and raised in Virginia, Cor'Rales grew up an active teenager and promising athlete on Thomas Dale High School's football team. When life presented unexpected challenges, he chose to focus not on what he had lost, but on what he could still achieve—and how he could inspire others to do the same.

Rooted in faith and driven by optimism, Cor'Rales discovered adaptive sports and developed a passion for wheelchair basketball. His athletic talent and academic excellence earned him a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, one of the nation's top adaptive sports programs. There, he graduated with honors, earning a degree in Corporate and Health Communication while excelling both on the court and in the classroom.

Following his undergraduate studies, Cor'Rales joined the Board of Directors for the Independence Resource Center in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he continues to advocate for individuals with disabilities and inclusive opportunities. He went on to earn his Master's Degree in Business from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where he was recognized as a Scholar-Athlete throughout his collegiate career. Active in student leadership, he participated in organizations such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), the Gies College of Business Ambassadors, and the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA).

Beyond his academic and athletic achievements, Cor'Rales founded Protect My Brother in 2017, an organization dedicated to promoting violence prevention and community safety. He currently serves as an Ambulatory Care Account Executive for McKesson Medical-Surgical, where he is also an active member of the company's Ability employee resource group, advocating for individuals with disabilities in the workplace.

Dedicated to service, Cor'Rales mentors youth basketball players and delivers motivational speeches to young audiences across the country. He has volunteered with numerous nonprofit organizations, including Camp No Limits, Northwest Arena, Mission Gait, the Independence Resource Center, Sportable, YMCA of Greater Richmond, Angel City Sports, and ChildSavers.

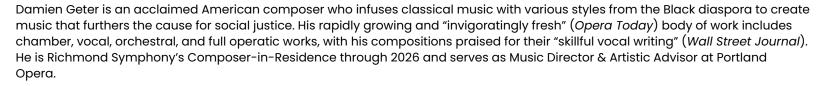
Through every chapter of his journey, Cor'Rales Dupree continues to embody perseverance, leadership, and the power of purpose-driven living—reminding others that challenges do not define us, but our response to them does.





DAMIEN GETER Matoaca High School 1998

Acclaimed American Composer,
Richmond Symphony & Portland Opera



Earlier this year, the world premiere of Geter's new major opera, *Loving v. Virginia*, concluded Virginia Opera's 50th anniversary season. Based on the true story of Mildred and Richard Loving, the opera was co-commissioned by Virginia Opera and Richard Loving, the opera was co-commissioned by Virginia Opera and Richard Loving, and featured a libretto by Jessica Murphy Moo. Another new opera of Geter's, *Delta King's Blues*, commissioned by IN Series, will premiere in December 2025. His song, "Amanirenas", commissioned by soprano Karen Slack for her *African Queens* program, toured at Washington Performing Arts, the Ravinia Festival, Aspen Music Festival, 92nd Street Y New York, the Nashville Symphony, and Friends of Chamber Music Denver. Over the summer, Chautauqua Institution's Opera Conservatory hosted *Common Threads: The Music of Damien Geter*. The evening included music and scenes from *Cotton* and *Loving v. Virginia*. His newly commissioned song, "Gentle Lady, do not sing", was included on the Choral Scholars University College Dublin's album, *Music by James Joyce, Volume I* (September 2024, Signum Classics). As conductor this past season, he led Paul Moravec's opera *The Shining*, based on Stephen King's iconic novel, at Portland Opera.

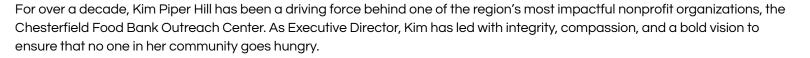
Geter is an alumnus of the Austrian American Mozart Festival and the Aspen Opera Center, was an Irma Cooper Vocal Competition finalist, and toured with American Spiritual Ensemble. He owns DG Music, Sans Fear Publishing. www.damiengetermusic.com.







Executive Director,
Chesterfield Food Bank Outreach Center



Her career in nonprofit leadership began after years in sales and finance, where she developed the skills that would later empower her to scale outreach programs, mobilize volunteer teams, and build sustainable partnerships across the Greater Richmond area. Under her guidance, the Food Bank has expanded dramatically reaching tens of thousands of individuals annually with not only food assistance, but also dignity, hope, and a pathway to transformation.

Kim's leadership is rooted in her deep faith and belief in the power of community. She is known for building strong teams, creating a culture of collaboration, and mentoring emerging leaders within and beyond the nonprofit sector. Her work has been featured in local media outlets and recognized by civic and faith-based organizations alike.

Kim attributes her success to the staff, board members, hundreds of volunteers, and the community who have served faithfully by her side. She is also a proud mother of two daughters, grandmother of five, and great-grandmother of two, who inspire her daily to live with purpose and lead with love.







NFL Player, New England Patriots



Morgan Moses is a proud product of Chesterfield County Public Schools, beginning his journey at Meadowbrook High School. After receiving more than 30 Division I offers, he found himself short of the NCAA academic requirements. Determined to rise above the setback, he enrolled at Fork Union Military Academy, where he sharpened his focus and strengthened both his academic and athletic foundation—a turning point that shaped his lifelong commitment to education and personal growth.

From there, Morgan attended the University of Virginia, achieving All-ACC honors and helping lead a record-breaking offense. His leadership and community involvement were recognized early, and despite preparing for the 2014 NFL Draft, he was so dedicated to his education that he flew back to Virginia twice a week to attend classes in person—ultimately earning two degrees.

Selected 66th overall in the 2014 NFL Draft, Morgan quickly established himself as a cornerstone of Washington's offensive line, later bringing that same work ethic and consistency to the New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens. Across his 11-year career, he has missed only 14 games—often playing through major injuries, including the 2023 season in which he helped the Ravens secure the AFC's No. 1 seed while essentially playing with one arm. His drive to be on the field is legendary—he has even slept in a cryochamber to accelerate recovery. Now entering his 12th season as a veteran leader with the New England Patriots, he remains respected for his toughness, loyalty, and love of the game.

Off the field, Morgan is equally passionate about creating opportunities for others. In 2015, he launched the Morgan Moses Foundation to support youth through education—offering programs such as free SAT prep and hands-on academic support for students in Central and Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. Though the programs began small, his dedication to mentorship has never wavered. He continues to encourage young people to work hard, ask for help when they need it, and believe in their own potential.

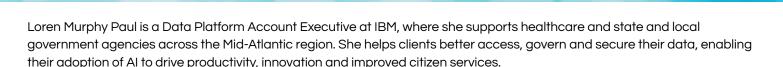
Morgan also champions causes close to his heart, including diabetes education, addiction recovery, and transitional housing for individuals in need. His story is one of perseverance, purpose, and service. With more chapters still to be written, Morgan Moses continues to lead with resilience, gratitude, and heart—both on and off the field.





LOREN MURPHY PAUL L.C. Bird High School 2008

Founder, STEAM Ahead & Account Executive, IBM



Loren draws on a diverse professional background that spans technical and strategic roles. She previously served as a Worldwide Data & Al Sales and Enablement Leader and a Technical Specialist, gaining broad experience in go-to-market strategy, cross-functional collaboration and cultivating strong customer relationships. She began her career at GE, where she served in design and software development roles to improve medical imaging devices and hospital operations.

Loren has a passion for mentoring and developing the next generation of STEM leaders. In 2018, she co-founded STEAM Ahead, a Boston-based nonprofit dedicated to uplifting historically underrepresented communities through transformative Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM) programs. Since launching, STEAM Ahead has served thousands of students through academic enrichment, workforce development and health and wellness education. With a focus on STEAM exposure, social-emotional learning and community building, the organization equips youth with the confidence and tools to excel in both the classroom and beyond.

Loren holds a Master of Science in Computing from Marquette University and a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Virginia. She currently resides in Leesburg, Virginia with her husband and son. Outside of work, she enjoys traveling and spending quality time with her family.



RECOGNIZING OUR REMARKABLE STUDENTS 2025 BR AVO! SCHOOL AMBASSADORS











JAILYNN GRAJEDA - MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

Jailynn Grajeda is a student ambassador at Meadowbrook High School. She is actively involved in various activities and clubs at Meadowbrook, including the food bank club, the debate team, and MMA. She has also participated in ARCA, a Virginia Community Voice program that empowers Hispanic and American youth to voice their opinions and drive community change. Looking ahead, Jailynn aims to become a skilled writer and psychologist, helping people and making a positive impact in the world.

NAVAEH LANE - MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL

Navaeh Lane is currently a senior at Meadowbrook High School. She is actively involved in many activities, including the marching band, Meadowbrook's SCA, and was recently accepted into the Beta Club. Additionally, Navaeh serves as the president of the Meadowbrook Choral Department and has a deep passion for music. In the future, she hopes to pursue this passion by creating her own music and making a meaningful impact in the field.

DANIEL LEWIS - THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Lewis is a senior at Thomas Dale High School, where he serves as Senior Class President and captain of the varsity football team. A dedicated scholar-athlete with a 4.55 GPA, Daniel is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, and National English Honor Society. He also contributes his leadership skills through the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Superintendent's Student Advisory Group, and DECA. Daniel's commitment to excellence both on and off the field reflects his passion for leadership, academics, and service.

LUCY SOUKUP - LLOYD C. BIRD HIGH SCHOOL

Lucy Soukup ("So-cup") is a Senior at Lloyd C. Bird High school who has spent her years as a leader in the marching band, the L.C. Bird Speech and Debate Team, the Governor's Academy for Engineering, and more. All of her hard work has been acknowledged through many awards that include, but are not limited to, the meritorious student award, the core value award for respect, and most outstanding student in band. Over the years, her love for medicine, mental health, and chemistry has grown, and she plans on attending a 4 year college for medicinal chemistry, with plans to pursue a Doctorate in Medicine.

KIARA TYLER - MATOACA HIGH SCHOOL

Kiara Tyler is a senior at Matoaca High School. She serves as Vice President of the Senior Class, HOSA Secretary, a member of the National Honor Society, and the founder of Matoaca's new club, World Fusion, which promotes community engagement and service. She is also enrolled in the Medical Assistant Program at the Career & Technical Center, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the healthcare field. Kiara plans to attend a four-year university and pursue a career as a neonatologist or an anesthesiologist. She loves being around people and making a positive difference in their everyday lives. Creativity, passion, and teamwork are qualities that drive her to keep improving and helping others succeed. She takes pride in her strong work ethic and leadership skills, striving for excellence not only in academics but also in the impact she makes within her school and community.

A RICH HISTORY OF BRAVO! HONOREES

2024 BRAVO! HONOREES



DR. WILLIAM BUTLER Thomas Dale High School



KELLY KING HORNE
Monacan High School



Midlothian High School



VICTOR MCKENZIE

Meadowbrook High School

2023 HONOREES

NKANTA H. HINES, SR Matoaca High School TED SALMON Meadowbrook High School LISA F. WADDELL, M.D. L.C. Bird High School JOHNNY PARTIN Thomas Dale High School WILLIAM COLLINS, PHD Manchester High School

2022 HONOREES

BILL BEVINS
Meadowbrook High School
TANYA GONZALEZ, MPA
Midlothian High School
JAMES A. JACKSON
G. W. Carver High School
NICK PATEL
L.C. Bird High School
DR. JAVAID SIDDIQI
Matoaca High School

2021 HONOREES

BRAD ARMSTRONG
Thomas Dale High School
DR. ANGELA CURTIS
Matoaca High School
ROBERT DORTCH, JR.
Meadowbrook High School
HEATHER RUSSELL
James River High School
HENRY BROADDUS
Midlothian High School
DR. CHARLES MCLEOD
Matoaca High School

2020 HONOREES

CAMILLE HANSEN
Midlothian High School
DR. APRIL ROSS
L.C. Bird High School
GEORGE EMERSON,JR.
Thomas Dale High School
BRYAN HANNUM
James River High School
QUENTIN D. WASHINGTON
Matoaca High School

2019 HONOREES

DR. JANE BASKERVILLE
G.W. Carver High School
CAPT. BRETT W. MIETUS
L.C. Bird High School
DR. SIEGFRIED OTHMER
Manchester High School
RANDY B. ROWLETT, ESQ.
Matoaca High School
DR. LACHELLE WALLER
Thomas Dale High School
DR. CAROLYN RUDD
G.W. Carver High School

2018 HONOREES

CHRISTINA RODIHAGER
James River High School
LT. COL. NIEL SMITH
Monacan High School
MORGAN DEAN
Manchester High School
DOUG PRIDGEN
Midlothian High School
VINCENT ELLIS WHITE
Meadowbrook High School

2017 HONOREES

DR. STEPHEN STAPLES
Matoaca High School
SUNLEN SERFATY
Clover Hill High School
ALLISON TITUS
Monacan High School
LT. CMDR. HEATHER
QUILENDERINO
Clover Hill High School
JERMAINE FLETCHER
L.C. Bird High School

2016 HONOREES

RORY BROSIUS
Midlothian High School
RON FORBES
Clover Hill High School
MEG GILL
L.C. Bird High School
NICOLAS COLGIN
L.C. Bird High School
BRUCE MILLER
Huguenot High School
JOSH SMITH
L.C. Bird High School

2015 HONOREES

CAPT. KEITH AUDRY
Midlothian High School
HON. ERNEST GATES
Chester High School
VEANNE COX
Manchester High School
JESSICA CHILDRESS
Midlothian High School
SLASH COLEMAN
L.C. Bird High School

2014 HONOREES

REBEKAH DOPP CALABRESE
Clover Hill High School
LINDA JACKSON
Midlothian High School
JOHN M. GRUBB JR.
Meadowbrook High School
QUENTON LEE
Monacan High School
DR. STEPHEN YANG
Midlothian High School

2013 HONOREES

BRIG. GEN. DAVID J. FURNESS Clover Hill High School DR. JULIAN CABELL METTS JR. Midlothian High School KEVIN C. POWERS James River High School **KELLIE WELLS** James River High School LAURA DILLARD LAFAYETTE Manchester High School J. ROBERT MOONEY Thomas Dale High School DR. SONYA T. SMITH Matoaca High School AARON M. ZEBLEY Meadowbrook High School

2012 HONOREES

DR. PEARCE PAUL CREASMAN
Manchester High School
VINCE GILLIGAN
L.C. Bird High School
TERRELL BROWN
Matoaca High School
LAURA WORLEY FORNASH
L.C. Bird High School
BEN HANCOCK JR.
Matoaca High School

2011 HONOREES

COL. JOHN BASKERVILLE JR.
L.C. Bird High School
WILLIAM HENDERSON
Thomas Dale High School
KEVIN PAGE
Manchester High School
KELLY CHERRY
Manchester High School
SEAN MARSHALL
Manchester High School
KELLEE SANTIAGO
Clover Hill High School

2010 HONOREES

JOEL ERB
L.C. Bird High School
HON. JENNIFER MCCLELLAN
Matoaca High School
TRACY KEMP STALLINGS
Manchester High School
DENNY HAMLIN
Manchester High School
DR. JENNIFER MILES THOMAS
Clover Hill High School
LANNY WADKINS
Meadowbrook High School
CDR. HERSCH W. WEINSTOCK
L.C. Bird High School

2009 HONOREES

NEIL AMIN
M.L. Walker Governor's School
ERIC & EVAN EDWARDS
Monacan High School
RUDI JOHNSON
Thomas Dale High School
JAMES FARRIOR JR.
Matoaca High School
KATE KINDSEY
Monacan High School
PAUL MARRETTI
L.C. Bird High School
HON. BONNIE DAVIS
Matoaca High School





Celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of this year's honorees

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