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On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the staff of Chesterfield Education Foundation, I welcome you to tonight's 15th Annual BRAVO! Awards, where we celebrate outstanding alumni of Chesterfield County Public Schools (CCPS) – and extend warm congratulations to this year's honorees.

As you know, the BRAVO! Awards are hosted by Chesterfield Education Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to providing equitable education opportunities to Chesterfield public school students. We at CEF feel incredibly fortunate to honor four former Chesterfield students tonight and share their significant accomplishments and community service with you. Tonight's honorees are a testament to Chesterfield County Public Schools' commitment to character, integrity, and community. Each of them has found unique ways to contribute to the region and make lives better for people challenged with homelessness, substance abuse, medical emergencies or developmental delays. Our BRAVO! honorees exemplify who we wish all Chesterfield graduates to become, and thanks to the dedicated teachers and leadership within CCPS, I am confident that we will continue to honor outstanding alumni for years to come.

Chesterfield Education Foundation has the privilege to support CCPS initiatives, educators, and students in a variety of ways. Through philanthropy (the love of humanity) we invite community members to join us with gifts of their time, talent, or treasure, as so many of you have already done.

Thank you to all the donors and sponsors whose support not only makes evenings like this possible, but also the everyday work of the Chesterfield Education Foundation. Most of CEF's efforts take place behind the scenes: delivering lunches to school staff, providing books for children to take home, providing classroom funds for new teachers, covering expenses for field trips when students might otherwise be left out, and continually finding new ways to invest in our schools and remove barriers for students. CEF does things like this every week, because we know that every child deserves access to a world-class education, and every teacher deserves to be supported in making that happen.

Congratulations again to tonight's honorees for their well-deserved recognition. And to all of you here with us in person or in spirit: thank you for your support in making this event, and so much more, possible.

Matthew Clarke

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President, Board of Trustees

Chesterfield Education Foundation

CEF 2024 Impact

Funds raised by events like BRAVO! have a direct impact on our mission helping us to bridge the gaps and remove barriers for students and teachers throughout Chesterfield County.

Chesterfield Recovery Academy



- Supported 23 students at Chesterfield Recovery Academy

- 12 graduating seniors (100% graduation rate)

Scholarships

- In 2024, CEF awarded 17 scholarships, totaling \$18,500 and adding four more in 2025

CCPS Early Education Support



- Supported 376 students at CECLA in exceeding state standards for Kindergarten readiness
- Funded sunshades for playground at CECLA so every child can spend time outside.
- Provided backpacks and kindergarten supplies for 340 CCPS students

Innovation Grants



- 15 Innovation Grants awarded to CCPS educators at 13 schools, totaling \$57,057

- These grants allow teachers, counselors and other school staff with up to \$5,000 to implement new programs and projects unique to their school.



Literacy Program Growth

- Invested over \$100,000 in expanded literacy programs
- Provided \$2,000 for every elementary school to help build home libraries
- \$6,000 to Salem Church MS for a new book machine
- Funded Elizabeth Scott for bilingual resources expansion.
- Co-hosted El Librotazo, serving over 2,000 families with free book in multiple languages.



Career and Technical Education

- Raised \$500,000 for CTE Programs and Vet Science expansion
- Supported the CCPS College and Career Fair to serve over 1,500 students

Right Now Needs

Flexible support for schools, including:

- Field Trip assistance
- Teacher Mini-Grants
- Staff Appreciation

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2024 HONOREES!



Congrats

KELLY KING HORNE

Executive Director, Homeward

MONACAN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1987



This year marks Kelly King Horne's 21st anniversary of working at Homeward, the planning agency that supports the network of homeless service providers delivering coordinated and compassionate solutions to homelessness in the Richmond, VA region. She has served as the Executive Director of Homeward since 2007 and has worked in various collaborative roles with Homeward and the United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg from 2003 to 2007.

Since 2018, Kelly has served on the Leadership Council for the National Alliance to End Homelessness, a national leader in addressing homelessness. From 1995 to 2003, Kelly worked in Europe and the former Soviet Union with Habitat for Humanity International and with the Peace Corps (Republic of Moldova).

Kelly received her M.A. in Religious Studies from Stanford University in 1993 and her B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies from American University in Washington, D.C. In 2015, she earned a Certificate in Business Excellence from Columbia Business School.

She is a 1987 graduate of Monacan High School and is the mother of Charlotte (Monacan Class of 2023) and Georgia (Monacan Class of 2025). She and her husband Jonathan enjoy supporting the Monacan Marching Band and the Humanities program

Congrats

DR. WILLIAM BUTLER

Retired Air Force Chief Flight Surgeon

THOMAS DALE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1971



Dr. Butler has published extensively, covering topics in Surgery, Diving Medicine, Hyperbaric Medicine, Aerospace Medicine, and Human Subject Research. His total publications and posters/presentations exceed 140 and 80, respectively. Some of his previous honors include Air Force Association (Texas) Clinician of the Year; five-time Instructor of the Year for the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine's Advanced Aerospace Medicine for International Medical Officers Course; United States Central Command's Theater Validating Flight Surgeon (Al Udeid, Qatar); and the Aerospace Medical Association's John Ernsting Award.

Dr. Butler has also been an academician, from Fellowship Director for the Davis Hyperbaric Laboratory to Assistant Professor at USUHS and Professor at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. He currently serves as the Chair of the Aerospace Medicine Fellowship Residency Advisory Committee for the Mayo Clinic.

Noting a significant rise in both DCS and DCS-related deaths among Maine's urchin divers, Dr. Butler designed, funded, and implemented a survey of those divers. He then briefed the findings to the Legislature, ensuring the enactment of safety laws. Additionally, he created a "safe diver roadshow," teaming with private and Coast Guard resources for numerous town halls along coastal Maine. Urchin diver deaths plummeted in subsequent years.

Most Recently, Dr. Butler has focused on the research and development of a physiologic-based approach for aeromedical evacuation for critically ill or injured patients while minimizing postflight morbidity. This unique body of work culminated in a 261-page research review and programmed-learning monograph entitled "Physiological Foundation for Clinical Validation of Aeromedical Evacuation Patients." This monograph stands as a one-stop resource for the logical and coherent application of today's science to aeromedical evacuation, educating the next generation and saving countless lives.

Dr. Butler is a 1971 graduate of Thomas Dale High School.

Congrats
BRIAN MCCANN
President & CEO, The Faison Center

MIDLOTHIAN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1994



Born and raised in Midlothian, Virginia, Brian is a proud graduate of Robious Elementary, Midlothian Middle, and Midlothian High School. Brian graduated cum laude from The College of William and Mary with a degree in Economics, where he was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa Society, served as the Chair of the Fraternity Council, and received the Benjamin Stoddert Ewell Award for leadership and service to the College. After two years working as a consultant for the firm Arthur Andersen in Washington, D.C., Brian returned to Williamsburg to attend Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Brian served on the William and Mary Law Review and Moot Court Team and was honored to be inducted into the Order of the Coif.

Back in Richmond, Brian joined the Civil Litigation team of a local law firm. Eventually, Brian opened his own law practice to focus on education law, specifically special education, where he represented families of children with disabilities. Brian was recognized as a Top 40 Under 40 in Richmond for his dedication to ensuring the educational rights of his clients.

Through his special education practice, Brian met Alan Kirshner, the co-founder of what was then known as The Faison School for Autism. Faison became a client of Brian's, and he helped them open The Faison Residence, which was one of the first community-integrated residential models for adults with autism in the country. After working closely with the Faison Board and leadership, Brian was offered the position of President & CEO. Brian wrapped up his legal practice and dove headfirst into the world of autism. Under his leadership, what was just a school grew into a world-class center for autism that now provides services to individuals with autism of all ages along the autism spectrum.

Today, The Faison Center operates an Early Education Center, The Faison School in Richmond, the Peninsula School in Newport News, the Faison Residence, the Family Partner Program, and an Adult Day program. To support this growth, Brian and his team successfully completed a five-year, \$24 million capital campaign that added four new buildings and an outdoor learning center on the Richmond campus and another \$1.5 million campaign to build out the Newport News campus.

Brian routinely works with legislators at the Virginia General Assembly on legislation involving special education laws and other laws that impact individuals with autism and those who provide services to them. To advocate for and expand best practices for autism service providers, Brian was elected to the Board of the Council of Autism Service Providers (CASP), where he just finished serving four years as that organization's Chair. Brian considers himself one of the most fortunate people in the world for being able to do what he does every day. He is also extremely grateful to two tremendous mentors in his life--Alan Kirshner and John Hagadorn, Brian's senior year high school English teacher.

Congrats
VICTOR MCKENZIE
Executive Director, SAARA of Virginia

MEADOWBROOK HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2010



Victor McKenzie Jr. is a nonprofit leader, healthcare advocate, and change agent dedicated to making a positive impact in his community. Currently serving as the Executive Director of SAARA of Virginia, Victor leads statewide advocacy and education efforts for individuals affected by substance use disorder. His leadership is marked by an inclusive and collaborative approach, actively involving team members in decision-making processes.

Victor's extensive experience in civic engagement and public policy is evident through his numerous board involvements. In 2021, he was appointed by Governor Northam to the state's Opioid Abatement Authority, recognizing his expertise and dedication to addressing critical social issues. In 2023, he was named Chair of Virginia's Addiction and Recovery Council, further solidifying his leadership in the field. Victor also serves on several community boards, state workgroups, and commissions, where his insights and guidance significantly contribute to policy development and community initiatives.

Victor has been recognized with multiple awards for his outstanding service and dedication to improving community health and civic engagement. He cares deeply about social issues and community impact work, particularly with underserved and underinvested communities. His participation in leadership programs from his local community foundation and statewide training initiatives further underscores his commitment to continuous improvement.

Victor is committed to being a force for good and a conduit for the community voice. His ability to articulate a clear vision and connect meaningfully with his team has been instrumental in driving organizational success and ensuring timely project completion. With a strong foundation in leadership, Victor McKenzie Jr. continues to champion positive change and advocate for those in need.

Victor lives with his wife Dominique, daughter Lily Rae, and two dogs in Richmond, Virginia. He is a 2010 graduate of Meadowbrook High School.

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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

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

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

2012 HONOREES

Dr. John Maclin Barnwell
Matoaca High School
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

2013 HONOREES

Brig. Gen. David J. Furness
Clover Hill High School
Dr. Julian Cabell Meits 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

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

2015 HONOREES

Capt. Keith Audrey
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

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

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

2018 HONOREES

Christina Rodi Hager
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

2019 HONOREES

Dr. Jane Baskerville
G.W. Carver High School
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L.C. Bird High School
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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

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

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

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
Katherine Williams
Thomas Dale 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
Danielle Gilbert
James River High School
Johnny Partin
Thomas Dale High School
William Collins, PhD
Manchester High School

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Thank you for inspiring the next generation

We are honored to celebrate this year's BRAVO! Award honorees for their outstanding achievements in their field.



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Our mission as an organization is to provide equitable educational opportunities and increase classroom innovation to Chesterfield County Public Schools students and teachers.

Proceeds from the BRAVO! Awards make it possible for CEF to continue providing enhanced educational experiences and support for teachers and students.