

OLIVER SCHOLARS

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OPPORTUNITY UNLOCKED

TOGETHER
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

JOIN THE MISSION
UNLOCK OPPORTUNITY



Is Getting Involved Your New Year Resolution?

If you are still considering a resolution for 2020, we invite you to choose getting involved! Join the Oliver Scholars Mission! Make an impact.

Be the difference!

Each day, hundreds of brilliant underserved youth in New York City are denied a multitude of opportunities. The critical academic and social enrichment programs that would put them on a path to success in school are too often far out of reach. Together, with your support we can open doors and knock down the walls that stand in their way. Together, we will transform the future for our scholars; the trailblazers and change makers of tomorrow.

For 36 years, Oliver Scholars has advocated for youth, providing a strong foundation rooted in scholarship, leadership and service. Our program has served over 1,000 gifted students across New York City, unlocking a plethora of educational and enrichment opportunities that prepare our scholars to meet their own potential and ultimately transform their communities.

Oliver Scholars is one of New York City's hidden academic treasures. This profound success could have never been achieved without the *unwavering support* of community partners, donors, alumni, trustees and friends of Oliver who are dedicated to positive youth development and share our commitment to invest in our children, our future. Join us in keeping **#OliverStrong**.

Oliver Speaks

The CEO Corner



Dear Oliver Friends and Family,

It's been a year since I had the honor of joining this amazing organization as its CEO. During this time, I've gotten to know many of our parents and deepened my appreciation for their courageous hopefulness and the trust they put into Oliver's commitment to opening new doors of opportunity for their children. I've gotten to know our scholars, and learned what they expect and need from the Oliver Team. I've gotten to meet many of our Oliver Consortium Schools and learned a bit more about their expectations for Oliver and their commitment to creating welcoming and inclusive school communities.

During this year, Oliver has also seen a lot of change. We welcomed three new professionals to our leadership team: Dr. Deidre Franklin, our Chief Program Officer; Mark Hall, our VP of Admissions and Placement; and Gabrielle Gilliam, our Chief Development Officer. We also welcomed other new staff members, whose bios you'll find on our website.

"Oliver Scholars' three foundational pillars Leadership, Scholarship, and Service and the amazing track record of scholar success are the only North Star we need to ensure a sustainable future for this community."

Additionally, five new Trustees joined our Board; each with a unique background and skill set, but all of whom are singularly focused on our mission.

I am so thankful for the new ideas and perspectives that all of this change has led to. But, I am so grateful for all the "seasoned" members of the Oliver community who supported my transition into this role.

So what's next? We're drilling down on a strategic plan. We are codifying Oliver's best practices for this work. We are launching new partnerships and relationships that will benefit our scholars. We are strengthening our academic curriculum and deepening our social-emotional learning program components to enrich the scholar experience. 2020 is our year of visioning and beginning execution on that vision to ensure that Oliver Scholars is thriving for the next generation of scholar leaders.

Stay tuned,

Dr. Danielle R. Moss

Oliver Welcomes

New Chief Development Officer

Gabrielle Gilliam is a fund development and non-profit management professional. She has over two consecutive decades of experience in fundraising and institutional advancement, and has served in leadership positions at organizations such as United Negro College Fund, Bottomless Closet, Poly Prep Country Day School, the French-American Foundation, and Opening Act.

Since 2014, Gabrielle has been working as an independent consultant, providing strategic planning and fundraising support to NYC-based non-profit organizations. Her client list has included the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Fiverr Children's Foundation, Brooklyn Children's Theatre, and The Peter Westbrook Foundation. She is also a Lecturer at Columbia University's Graduate School of Social Work.

Gabrielle received her BA in Drama and Africana Studies from Vassar College and her MA in Performance Studies from New York University/Tisch School of the Arts. A seasoned fund development generalist, Gabrielle enjoys sharing and applying her professional expertise in strategic campaign planning, institutional giving, and board development. She is particularly committed to organizations that engage and empower youth who have been under-served or unsupported by systems and institutions. Gabrielle takes special pride in working on behalf of programs - like Oliver Scholars - that create a path for young people of color to pursue their dreams and find success in life.



"I am honored to be a part of the Oliver Scholars team. I'm so excited to work in service of the next generation of scholars as they pursue their dreams!"

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS THE WORLD TO OUR SCHOLARS

If you're interested in getting more involved and supporting our work, please visit www.oliverscholars.org or send a note to development@oliverscholars.org.

We are proud of the Oliver Legacy and invite you to join us as we blaze a trail into our future.

Oliver Events

Save The Date



CEO SALON SERIES

Join CEO Dr. Danielle Moss, the Oliver Scholars family and a host of dynamic speakers on March 24th, at Oliver Scholars headquarters, for an exciting meeting of the minds as we celebrate Women's History Month and inspire the next generation of women leaders. This will be the third installation of the panel series following: *The Black Vote and American Democracy* and *Latinx 2020: Moving Our Community Forward*.

INTERVIEW WEEKEND

Oliver Scholars seeks volunteers to help us facilitate one of the biggest events of the year, Interview Weekend! April 18th - April 19th. Out of 1,000 applicants we will select the next class of scholars.

RSVP TODAY:

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ANNUAL GALA

We invite you to join us the evening of May 5th to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2020, honorees Henry and Alexia Fernandez (Chairman and CEO, MSCI) and acknowledge those who provide critical programmatic support to ensure that we unlock opportunity for our scholars.

To purchase a ticket or journal ad:

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