

# OLIVER SCHOLARS

2021 Holiday Edition



## #OliverStrong All Year Long

In some ways, 2021 has felt like an exhausting extension of 2020. Like many, my leadership was stretched beyond anything I could have imagined. Although many of us are struggling to get "back to normal," our days are filled with uncertainty around the pandemic and the challenges of understanding what our scholars and families need most from us in this moment.

Despite the reality that we're punctuating many of our plans for next year with the word "tentative," I'm still excited about what the next year has to offer Oliver Scholars. Our most committed Board Members have been energized by the passion and enthusiasm of new board members. And, our staff is already leveraging the deepened connections we made with our scholars throughout the pandemic to imagine new ways of elevating our work at Oliver Scholars. And, as for me, I've never been more sure that I have the right team and the right support to help make Oliver Scholars a widely recognized organization in spaces where people are working hard to expand educational access and equity for high performing students.

What can you expect from Oliver Scholars in 2022? Expanded engagement with our public and independent school partners; Deep thinking about how to expand the pipeline to rigorous high schools for Black and Latinx students; More focus on supporting parents as scholars' primary advocates; and expansion of our asset-based approach to student leadership. We're leaning into the things this organization has done well since 1984. And, we're just getting started.

Here's to an #OliverStrong 2022!



**Dr. Danielle R. Moss, CEO**

# Support Oliver Scholars and Impact the World

At Oliver Scholars, we develop and amplify the talent of young gifted Black and Latinx students to have a positive impact in the world. We focus on shaping our young people to become leaders in the classroom and to give back to their community. Our scholars are the embodiment of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service.

A gift to Oliver Scholars -- no matter the amount -- will help continue our important work of providing our scholars with innovative programming throughout their journey -- to explore and tap into their purpose and passion through educational access and professional development.

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Please consider making a monthly gift or year end gift to Oliver Scholars. Your generosity will make an impact in the lives of our scholars and share the legacy of Oliver Scholars with future generations.

## Scholar Success

David is currently a sophomore at Columbia University. He is studying to major in Astrophysics, as well as a concentration in Latin American and Caribbean studies. David made Dean's List during his first two semesters and is currently taking courses in Astrophysics, History of the Modern Caribbean, and advanced Spanish. David hopes to attend graduate school and begin doing Astronomy research soon.



David Gonzalez

## Alumni Spotlight

Oliver Scholars shines a light on Latoya Massey '98 and Alumni Council President, Josina Reaves '91 for setting the pace and leading the way as our top alumni fundraisers during our #HappyBirthdayOliver Campaign! Thank you for supporting the Oliver Scholars' mission and legacy!



Josina Reaves '91



Latoya Massey '98