

# OLIVER SCHOLARS

opportunity unlocked



Annual Report 2020



# WELCOME



Dr. Danielle R. Moss  
Chief Executive Officer



Dorothea Schlosser  
Board Chair

Dear Friends of Oliver Scholars,

When the Oliver Scholars team left the office in March 2020 and began to put the building blocks for remote learning in place, we wholeheartedly expected that we would be back in the office within a matter of weeks. As the days dragged on, we found ourselves questioning the efficacy of our in-person gala - a major source of unrestricted funding - and rethinking our entire summer programming model. And, just when we thought we had a handle on remote learning and virtual fundraising, our nation exploded into action around issues of race, class, and culture and a new reckoning on matters of racial justice emerged.

Many members of our community experienced difficult losses and consequences as a result of the pandemic. Our families shared stories of job loss, housing instability, and personal battles against the COVID-19 virus. Our students struggled with the disappearance of milestone events like proms, graduations, sport competitions, and just plain old fun with friends and family. In the midst of all the loss, they found themselves scrambling to adjust to remote learning. 2020 wasn't easy. Still, Oliver Scholars stood strong. We deepened our connections with our students via Community Town Halls, we took our famous "Interview Weekend" virtual, increased the number of support hours for current Scholars, and expanded our outreach across the Oliver Scholars alumni community.

We have marveled at how seamlessly the Oliver Scholars staff adjusted to every curve ball thrown their way in 2020. We've been inspired by the resilience of our Scholars. When we couldn't host our annual Community Service Day, they found a way to connect with senior citizens across the city and hosted a virtual caroling event for the holidays. They hosted virtual social events for their Oliver Scholars peers. They've maintained their focus on education as the key to unlocking futures filled with possibilities - the proof is in their college acceptances!

We are grateful to the Board Trustees who rallied behind this organization and its leadership, and who worked tirelessly to ensure we had the resources to give our Scholars the academic and social-emotional support they deserved. Sometimes a crisis helps you to clarify who you are, why you exist, and what you stand for. We are proud that Oliver Scholars continues to stand steadfastly on its three foundational pillars of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. We know that whatever 2021 brings, Oliver Scholars will be ready!

# MISSION



The Oliver Scholars Program prepares high-achieving Black and Latinx students from underserved New York City communities for success at top independent high schools and prestigious colleges. We provide crucial support for both the Scholars and their families so they can realize their full potential and ultimately give back to the city, the nation, and the world.

# WHAT WE DO



- Provide skills, strategies, and resources for students to navigate the independent school admissions process, including the SSAT exam.
- Prepare Scholars for high school by equipping them with the academic and social tools that ensure success in independent school environments.
- Foster a sense of community among cohorts with leadership activities, community building opportunities, and service projects.
- Provide guidance and support to Scholars in high school and college.



The year 2020 hit me harder than I could have ever imagined. I was enjoying spring break in March of 2020, and never in my wildest dreams did I think that I wouldn't be able to return to school because of a global pandemic. It was a difficult transition for me, but with Oliver Scholars by my side, I was able to make it through. My name is Jason Abreu, and I am a part of Oliver's Class of 2021.

The rise of COVID-19 was life changing to say the least especially with regard to school, but one thing is for certain, I would not have made it through all the transitions without my Scholar Counselor, James. James was there for me every step of the way! He checked on not only my academic status, but how I was doing in general. He was genuinely concerned for my well being. James supported me through my college application process and encouraged me to attend the School of New York Times virtually. Attending the New York Times program was beneficial for me as a writer and as a student.

I was able to make connections with students that shared similar interests as me, and learn from some of the best writers affiliated with the *New York Times*. And although at times I felt drained from having school online, James was there to support me in completion of the program.

Ultimately, Oliver Scholars has played an important role in helping me maintain consistency in the work I do inside and outside of the classroom. Presently, I am not only a part of a student-run poetry/prose magazine called the *Qualia Review*, but I am also a part of Oliver's first student-run council that works with our CEO and staff to plan events and actions that the organization can take to keep Scholars involved. I look forward to being a part of Oliver as I matriculate into college next year. I am beyond grateful to be a part of the Oliver Scholars Program.

JASON ABREU, CLASS OF 2021



JAMES HA, SCHOLAR COUNSELOR



**OLIVER SCHOLARS PROVIDES UP TO 10 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS SUPPORT FOR GIFTED STUDENTS FROM 7TH GRADE THROUGH COLLEGE GRADUATION.**

Our work began in 1984. Since then, we have served more than 1,200 students. With our signature Scholar Immersion and Placement Program curriculum, we are one of the most preeminent education access organizations in the country.

**100%**

of students are accepted in at least one higher education institution

**53%**

of students attend a college ranked in the top 50%

**40%**

attend a private college or university

**83%**

attend a college or university in the Northeastern Region

**63%**

of Oliver Scholars participated in Oliver SAT/ACT Test



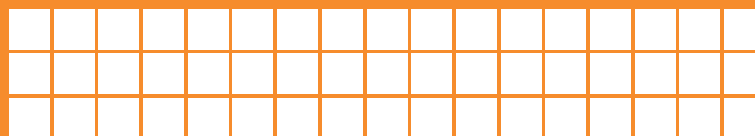


The last year demonstrated the importance of Oliver’s commitment to high-quality: academic, social and emotional programming and support of our scholars. The worst pandemic in over a century brought the nation to a stand still.

Only months into the COVID-19 crisis a historic level of racial and social unrest was sparked by the racially charged murder of Ahmaud Arbery, and the killings of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd by police officers. Scholar Services understood we had a role to play for our students, which required us to dig deep into the unique emotional support we give our students. Scholar Services hosted a virtual town hall where middle school and high school scholars used the space to support and uplift each other. Apart from the crisis related events, we had a duty to maintain a sense of normalcy for our Scholars and their families – and that meant carrying out our mission. Scholar Services hosted the Freshman Mingle, Winter College Conference, and annual College Bound Initiatives Admissions Panel. Scholar Counselors visited 87% of day and boarding students in 64 schools across 8 different states and conducted bi-weekly virtual visits throughout the remainder of the year. Saturday Academy and the end of year Scholar Recognition Event were successful virtual programs.

2020 was truly a year that demonstrated our staff’s and Scholars’ strength and resilience.

**Middle & High School Students**



**51%**  
Boarding Students



**49%**  
Day Students



Should I send my SAT scores? How will I receive enough financial aid? What exactly does Restrictive Early Action mean? These are some of the questions that Oliver Scholars have dealt with throughout 2020. Because of the pandemic, the college admissions landscape changed drastically. Our students had to apply to schools without standardized test scores and several other metrics admissions officers at selective schools have long relied on. Despite these challenges our scholars never faltered—instead they innovated to make it work

Our Scholars pushed beyond the norm and found new ways to stand out in their applications. They organized and participated in various community service initiatives or advocated for social justice and racial equity on different platforms. They stayed connected, involved and remained committed to upholding the Oliver mission and its tenets of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. It is for this reason that 100% of our Scholars were admitted to at least two 4-year colleges or universities and many were accepted to their first choice. Despite the pandemic our Scholars received impressive financial support from the colleges that accepted them.

2020 proved to be a year like no other, with a heavy political climate, the start of a global pandemic, and welcoming our first woman of color as Vice President, Kamala Harris. We collectively experienced highs and lows internationally as well as right here at Oliver Scholars. However, we never stopped fighting for our students.

Our Admissions Department embraced the challenges in front of us with resilience and determination. With the shock and magnitude of The pandemic becoming apparent, we strategized how to transition our programming to virtual platforms. Moving quickly and promptly, we facilitated this transition for our SSAT tests and Interview Weekend with much success. Oliver also transitioned to Apricot 360 through Social Solutions and implemented the new database design in time to open the application process in September. This is just another example of the hard work and dedication happening here at Oliver Scholars! We love our students.

As the pandemic hit, our admissions department tirelessly searched for ways to make sure all students were placed. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, our placement team placed 98% of the 2025 cohort in independent, specialized, or selective high schools! Our Admissions Department met this year with undeniable tenacity and developed grit through the trials and triumphs we faced.

We continue to stand committed to our students and to unlocking opportunities for all!



**PLACEMENT NUMBERS 2020-2020:**

<b>ADMITTED</b>	<b>ENROLLED</b>
Boarding 29	Boarding 28
Day 18	Day 18
Specialized 3	Specialized 3
Selective 2	Selective 2
<b>Total 52</b>	<b>Total 51</b>







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Oliver prepared me to tackle new and challenging issues at a young age and showed me how to act upon the values of Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. I hold those tenets as central to the work I do every day.

-Elizabeth Angeles, Dalton '09



# THANK YOU

Development

## 2020: THE DEVELOPMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

The challenges of 2020 were many. The year opened with an unprecedented global health crisis, creating an uncertainty that would only be further fueled by a spring and summer of national racial reckoning. As the year wore on and came to a close, we witnessed dramatic shifts in the political tide across the country.

With so many literal life and death matters taking our focus - day after day and month after month - we had to wonder and worry: would we continue to find the support we needed to keep our services and programming afloat?

Fortunately, the answer was yes. Because of YOU, we could. And we did.

## YOUR GENEROSITY MEANS THE WORLD TO OLIVER.

Thank you to our loyal friends and our institutional partners for generously renewing your support. Thank you to our new donors who saw the need and ensured we would not fall short of the resources required to continue serving our Scholars.

A special thanks to our volunteer leaders - our Trustees, our Alumni Council, and our Oliver Fest Benefit Committee! You met the moment with your service and time and for that, we are most grateful.

Our Scholars need us and our commitment to them must not waver. Thanks to you, it did not. Because of you and your support, we have remained **#OliverStrong**.



Gabrielle Gilliam  
Chief Development Officer

TOGETHER  
WE CAN DO  
SO MUCH  
MORE!

HERE'S HOW  
YOU CAN  
LEAD  
CHANGE  
WITH  
OLIVER  
SCHOLARS:

**CONNECT AND SPREAD THE WORD:** Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn to stay on top of the latest news from Oliver and share our updates with others.

**VOLUNTEER & PARTNER:** We are always looking for individual professionals and company partners to support our outreach activities, connect with our Scholars and young alumni, and participate in key programs such as Interview Weekend and Admissions Mock Interviews.

**ENGAGE:** From our Open Houses and CEO Salon Series, we offer a myriad of opportunities to learn more about Oliver's program and the broader impact of our mission. Come see Oliver in action!

**CONTRIBUTE:** Our critical, comprehensive programming depends on considerable financial resources to operate. Your generous contributions provide Oliver with the financial security needed to continue offering a robust, uninterrupted experience for our Scholars. To make a gift, please visit [oliverScholars.org/donate](http://oliverScholars.org/donate).

**JOIN THE CLUB 1984 GIFT CIRCLE:** Consider a monthly gift of \$19.84 or more in honor of our founding year. Small gifts, when multiplied, make a huge impact! Visit us online and be sure to click the "recurring gift" box.



For more ways to get involved contact [development@oliverscholars.org](mailto:development@oliverscholars.org).





### OFFICERS

Dorothea Schlosser, *Chair*  
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Jon Fox  
Michael Kessler  
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Don Lemon  
Dr. Lisa Long  
Adrian Millan '94  
Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad  
Raina Oberoi  
Yvonne Quinn  
Gustavo Schwed

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\*Socrates Nicholas  
Donn O'Brien, *Past Board Chair*  
\*deceased

# CLUB 1984

Named for our founding year, Club 1984 recognizes sustaining supporters of Oliver Scholars.

Recurring contributions provide predictable support, allowing Oliver to comfortably plan our programming. These critical funds also strengthen our ability to meet unanticipated needs of our Scholars and their families.

Your support ensures that Oliver can maintain and innovate, creating the kinds of academic opportunities and experiences that are essential for our Scholars to continue to excel and keep us **#OliverStrong!**

Club 1984



**WELCOME  
TO THE  
CLUB!**

Johnny Araujo '09  
Carl Brown '92  
Melvin Boone '10  
Marjorie Dambreville '91  
Allen Feliz '99

Nicole Fields '00  
Yuri Francis '95  
Rehea Gomez  
Ama Karikari-Yawson '98  
Clarissa Marzan '10

Eva McKend  
Lisanne Norman '94  
Elizabeth Weissman  
Tracey Woodberry  
Ron Yorrick '00

50

Hours of community service in high school

70

Acceptances into Scholar Immersion Program

START

1,105

Nominations received

## RECRUITMENT & ADMISSION

- Nominations
- Admission Information Meetings
- Application Submission
- Interview Weekend
- Acceptance

## SCHOLAR IMMERSION & PLACEMENT

- Summer Program
- Fall, Winter, Spring: Saturday Academy
- Placement Support & Decisions
- Summer Program II
- Recognition Ceremony



# \$3M

Financial aid was leveraged  
for new Scholars in 2020

# 79%

Enrolled at the top  
schools in the country

# 90%

Average cumulative  
GPA of Scholars

# 100%

Class of 2020 were admitted  
into 4 year colleges

## SUCCESS

### SCHOLAR SUCCESS

- Guidance and Support & Bi-annual School Visits
- Individual Academic & Social Emotional Support
- Summer Engagement & Internship Placement
- Mentoring & Career Exploration
- Leadership Development

### COLLEGE & CAREER SUPPORT

- SAT/ACT Classes
- College Tours
- College & Financial Aid Applications
- Internships & Career Guidance



# PARTNER SCHOOLS

Partner Schools are vital to unlocking opportunity for our Scholars. Since its founding, Oliver has been committed to building long-term relationships with rigorous and prestigious college preparatory schools.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP—WE COULD NOT DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOU.**



**98%**

of students were admitted to an independent school (includes boarding and day) or selective high school

**54%**

of students were admitted to boarding school (52% enrolled to boarding school)

**33%**

of students were admitted to day schools (33% enrolled in day schools)

## INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

The Allen-Stevenson School  
Avenues School  
Bay Ridge Prep School  
The Berkeley Carroll School  
Berkshire School  
Blair Academy  
Blue School  
The Brearley School  
Brooklyn Friends School  
Brooks School  
The Browning School  
The Calhoun School  
Canterbury School  
Cate School  
Cathedral School  
The Chapin School  
Cheshire Academy  
Choate Rosemary Hall  
Church Farm School  
Collegiate School  
Columbia Grammar and  
Preparatory School  
Concord Academy  
Convent of the Sacred Heart  
Cushing Academy  
The Dalton School  
Dana Hall School  
Deerfield Academy  
Dwight-Englewood School  
Emma Willard School  
Episcopal High School  
The Ethel Walker School  
Ethical Culture Fieldston School  
Foxcroft School  
Friends Seminary  
George School  
The Governor's Academy  
Grace Church School  
Greenwich Academy  
Groton School  
Hackley School  
The Hewitt School  
The Hill School  
Horace Mann School  
The Hotchkiss School  
Hun School of Princeton  
Kent School  
The Kew Forest School  
Kimball Union Academy  
The Kiski School  
Lawrence-Woodmere (& Day)  
The Lawrenceville School  
Léman Manhattan  
Preparatory School

The Loomis Chaffee School  
LREI  
Maderia School  
Marymount School of  
New York  
The Masters School  
Middlesex School  
Midland School  
Milbrook School  
Milton Academy  
Miss Hall's School  
Miss Porter's School  
The Nightingale-Bamford School  
Northfield Mount Hermon School  
Oldfields School  
The Packer Collegiate Institute  
The Peddie School  
Phillips Academy Andover  
Phillips Exeter Academy  
Poly Prep Country Day School  
Pomfret School  
Portsmouth Abbey School  
Regis High School  
Riverdale Country School  
Rockland Country Day School  
The Ross School  
Rudolf Steiner School  
Rye Country Day School  
Saint Ann's School  
Santa Catalina School  
Solebury School  
The Spence School  
St. Andrew's School  
St. Ann's School  
St. George's School  
St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's School  
St. James School  
St. Mark's School  
St. Paul's School  
Suffield Academy  
Taft School  
Thacher School  
Town School  
Trevor Day School  
Trinity School  
Trinity-Pawling School  
United Nations International School  
Villanova Preparatory School  
Webb Schools  
Western Reserve Academy  
Westminster School  
Westminster Academy  
Westtown School  
The White Mountain School  
Woodberry Forest School

Worcester Academy  
York Prep

## COLLEGES

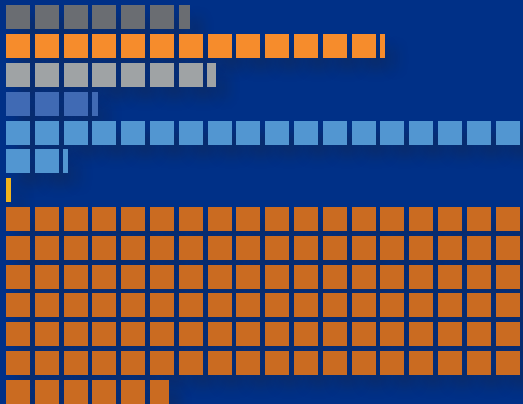
Amherst College  
Bard College  
Barnard College\*  
Bates College  
Boston College  
Boston University\*  
Bowdoin College\*  
Brown University\*  
Carnegie Mellon University\*  
Case Western Reserve\*  
Colgate University\*  
Columbia University\*  
Cornell University\*  
Dartmouth College\*  
Davidson College  
Emory University\*  
Franklin and Marshall\*  
Georgetown University  
Gettysburg College\*  
Hamilton College  
Harvard University  
Johns Hopkins University  
Kenyon College  
Lafayette College  
Lehigh University\*  
Middlebury College\*  
MIT  
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Scripps College  
Skidmore College\*  
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University of Pennsylvania\*  
University of Richmond\*  
University of Southern California  
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Vassar College\*  
Wesleyan University\*  
Williams College\*  
Yale University\*

\*indicates multiple Scholars matriculated

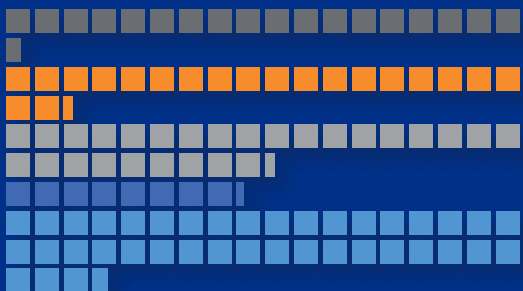


# 2020 FINANCIALS\*

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



## SUPPORT



## REVENUE

■ Foundations	\$165,316
■ Corporations	\$328,054
■ Individuals	\$188,259
■ Special Events	\$76,591
■ Investment Income	\$499,500
■ Other Income	\$1,924
■ Net Assets	\$2,848,190
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,225,086</b>

## PROGRAM EXPENSES

■ Program Services Placement	\$464,929
■ Admissions and Recruitment	\$509,049
■ Scholar Immersion Program	\$678,228
■ College Program	\$205,988
■ Scholar Services	\$986,852
<b>Total Program Services</b>	<b>\$2,845,046</b>

## SUPPORT SERVICES

■ Fundraising	\$379,393
■ Management and General	\$603,126
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$982,519</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES: \$3,827,565**

\*final audited numbers pending

# THANK YOU

for helping unlock opportunity for New York City students of color.

## DREAM MAKERS (\$25,000+)

ASI America  
Keith Canton '93  
Henry and Alexia Fernandez  
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Raina Oberoi and Avinash Vijaysankar  
Leslie Rankow  
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The White Mountain School

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Jeremy Baskin  
David Bayer  
Julie Bender  
Taekia Blackwell  
Jordan Bloom  
Melvin Boone '10  
Peter Bordonaro  
Alexandra Bovey  
Ida Brannon and Jerome Aaron  
Jean Brincko  
Janine Brooks '00  
Linda and Linzee Brown  
Elizabeth Brown and Mark Smith  
Linda Brown  
Carl Brown '92  
Nicole Brown '02  
Rise and Howard Brown  
Jennifer Buri da Cunha  
Tanya Butler Holder '94  
Lori Candemo

Cathleen Carr  
Sherree Carter  
Tiffany Caton '02  
Andres Charles  
Keifra Clinton  
Brittany Cole  
Jackson Collins  
Palmira Colon  
Leslie Cooper  
Shenique Coston '99  
Moshe Crone  
Keesha Crooks  
Jennifer Cuccaro  
Marjorie Dambreville '91  
Yaw Darkwa '03  
Makini Davis  
Delilah De La Rosa  
Joanna De Jesus '13  
Luis DeJesus  
Leah Deleon  
Suzanne Descanville  
Michael Diaz  
M. Dolski  
Abigail Domine  
Lawerence Donovan  
Stuart Doole  
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Charles Forrest  
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Geraldine Gallashaw  
Shanique Garcia '93  
Caroline Garcia  
Jeffrey Garcia '09  
Shawna-Gay White  
Robert and Ann Gayle  
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John Gilliam  
Katie Gitelson  
Naomi Glenn  
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Rehea Gomez  
Dana Green  
Carinda Greene  
Matthew Greene  
Christine Griffith  
Lindsay Halle  
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Kenny and Nora King '97  
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Brigid Lang  
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Akrash Mamta  
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Clarissa Marzan '10  
Maxine Maxwell-Sylvester  
Joy May-Harris  
Alissa Mayers  
Robert McCormick  
Angie and Robert McGuire  
Daudeline Meme  
Mollie Michel  
Jasmine Mitchell '99  
Athena Moore  
Jeremy Moorhead  
Elizabeth Morgan  
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Marjorie Mvemba  
Aditya Bhatia and Diana Myint  
Nicole Navratil  
Christopher and Dana Nicholas  
Lisanne Edwards Norman '94  
Linda Nussbaum  
Akash Oberoi  
Courtney Oliver  
Nicholas Olmo '98  
Janene Onyango  
Hannah Orsini  
Alison Overseth  
Stephanie Owens  
Stephanie Palmer  
Sabrina Paul  
Linda Penceal  
Trinici Perch  
Shawn C. Peterson  
Liliana Polo-McKenna '96  
Leslie Rankow  
Josina Reaves '91  
Alecia Richards '11  
Ricardo Roberts '92  
Nia Rock  
Orly Rogers-Figueroa  
Freddy Rolon '91  
Carl Rosenblum

Lauren Rosenblum  
Beatrice Lors-Rousseau  
Shirley Rumierk '95  
Leslie Russell  
Safiya Sanchez  
Alex Scoolis  
Tawanda Scott Sambou  
George Suttles '99  
Donald and Raluca Shields  
Tapley Sheresky  
Raluca Shields  
Kelly Shimoda  
Deirdre Simmons  
Stephanie Siaw  
Phara Souffrant  
Matthew Spitz  
Tawana Stanley  
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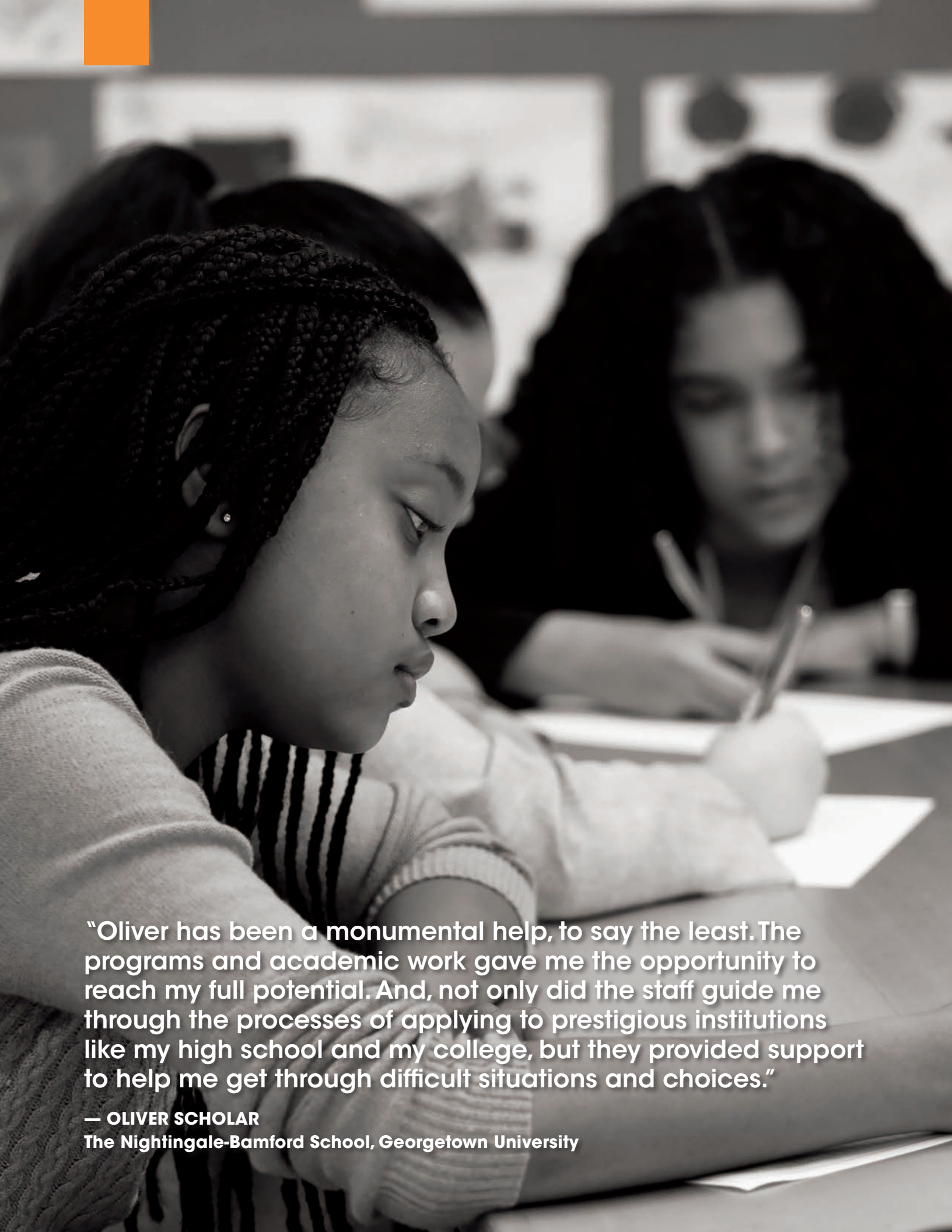
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