

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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WELCOME

Welcome to the Annual Report of the Oliver Scholars program!

In the pages that follow, you'll discover the transformative journey of supporting, developing, and educating high-ability Black and Latinx students who are on the path to college and beyond. At Oliver Scholars, we believe in the boundless potential of every young mind, regardless of background or circumstance.

Our commitment to nurturing talent and fostering academic excellence within underrepresented communities lies at the heart of our mission. We understand that unlocking the brilliance of diverse perspectives is not just beneficial, but essential for building a brighter future for all.

Throughout this report, you'll witness the impact of our collective efforts in empowering students to reach their fullest potential. From providing comprehensive academic support to fostering leadership skills and promoting cultural awareness, we strive to equip our scholars with the tools they need to thrive in higher education and beyond.

As you delve into the stories of resilience, achievement, and perseverance within these pages, we invite you to join us in celebrating the remarkable accomplishments of our scholars and the profound impact of investing in their futures. Together, we can continue to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create opportunities for success for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support of The Oliver Scholars Program and our shared vision of a world where every talented young mind has the opportunity to shine.



MISSION

The Oliver Scholars Program prepares high-achieving Black and Latinx students from underserved New York City communities for success at top 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, social, and mental wellness 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.

A SCHOLAR'S STORY:



Justin and Julian Sandoval - Columbia Grammar & Prep (Class of 2024) - Parent Testimony

As parents, we continuously strive to secure a brighter future for our children, often sacrificing our goals to provide them with the best opportunities. Over the years, we've instilled the values of hard work and sacrifice in our boys, emphasizing the importance of education and the legacy it carries. Fate introduced us to The Oliver Scholars Program through former Oliver parents. From the very beginning, the sense of belonging and support we've received from Oliver Scholars has been profound. The energy in the room during our introductory meeting with Oliver was electric. A place filled with parents and children who valued education. With Oliver, we found an organization that would serve as a conduit for that passion.

Four years ago, the independent school application process seemed long and tedious, with constant essay writing, editing, interviews, and stress over acceptance. This led to many anxiety-filled days and nights, a sentiment that most, if not all, Oliver parents can relate to. Fortunately, our Oliver family supported and reassured us that everything would be okay.

Hard work, sacrifice, and commitment led us to acceptance at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. The boys credit Oliver with teaching them how to be their advocates, feel comfortable in their skin, and assist them in navigating through uncharted waters. Now, seniors at Columbia Prep, the high school journey for our twin boys, Justin and Julian, is nearing its conclusion. The adventure continues as they move on to college, with Oliver providing support every step of the way.

We often ask our children, "What will your legacy be?" Oliver Scholars has undoubtedly shaped our lives in so many ways. For us, Oliver Scholars is a legacy builder through education.

Audrey and Alex Sandoval

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

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



100%

of students are accepted into higher education institutions

100%

among graduating seniors, at least two colleges they applied to were visited

50%

of graduating seniors attend a top 50 College or University

31%

of seniors attend a top 20 College or University



47%

of seniors attend a Historically Black College or University

SCHOLAR SUCCESS

In 2023, Oliver Scholars remained steadfast in its commitment to offering comprehensive support and avenues for growth to high school students. This dedication fueled an expansion of the Scholar Services department's engagement initiatives, introducing innovative and impactful programs.

At the forefront was the Brand2Biz: Personal Branding & Business Basics Camp—a two-week immersive summer program. This initiative aimed to expose students to the dynamic world of business, emphasizing the cultivation of personal brands, networking skills, and financial literacy. Collaborations with influential organizations, including Small Girls PR, WNBA/NBA League, Wavemaker Global (WM Global), and Nordstrom, elevated the experience by providing valuable insights and connections.

The Scholar Services department also organized a thought-provoking social justice conference, "Forms of Resistance." This conference was designed to empower students to effectively resist systemic inequities and progress toward a more equitable and fulfilling future.

In 2023, Oliver Scholars continued to redefine educational experiences, ensuring students are not only academically empowered but also equipped with the skills and perspectives to thrive in a diverse and dynamic world.



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START

490
Nominations received

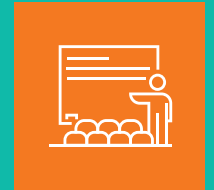


150
Hours of community service in high school



70
Enrolled into Scholar Immersion Program

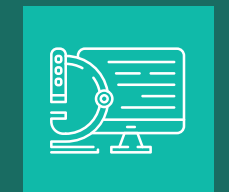
98%
Accepted to competitive high schools



100%
of new scholars received a competitive financial aid package



90%
Average cumulative GPA of scholars



100%
Class of 2023 were admitted to 4 year colleges



SUCCESS

A SCHOLAR'S JOURNEY

- RECRUITMENT & OLIVER ADMISSIONS**
 7th Graders
 Nominations
 Admission Information Meetings
 Application Submission
 Interviews
 Acceptance

- SCHOLAR IMMERSION & PLACEMENT**
 Rising 8th and Rising 9th Graders
 Summer Program
 Fall, Winter, Spring: Saturday Academy
 Placement Support & Decisions
 Summer Program II
 Recognition Ceremony

- SCHOLAR SUCCESS** *Grades 9 - 12*
 Academic and Social-Emotional Support
 Leadership Development
 Community Engagement
 Summer Enrichment
 Career exploration and Intern placement

- COLLEGE & CAREER SUPPORT**
 College Students & Alumni
 SAT/ACT Classes
 College Tours
 College & Financial Aid Applications
 Internships & Career Guidance



SCHOLAR IMMERSION PROGRAM

Having completed the 14-month placement program, 54 scholars matriculated at high school in Fall 2023. With full academic course loads as well as electives including performing and visual arts, scholars spent five weeks at Grace Church High School in New York City and one immersive boarding week at Berkshire School in Sheffield, MA. We officially honored them at the annual Recognition Ceremony, where they transitioned into full-fledged Oliver Scholars, and will continue to dream bigger for the future.

75%

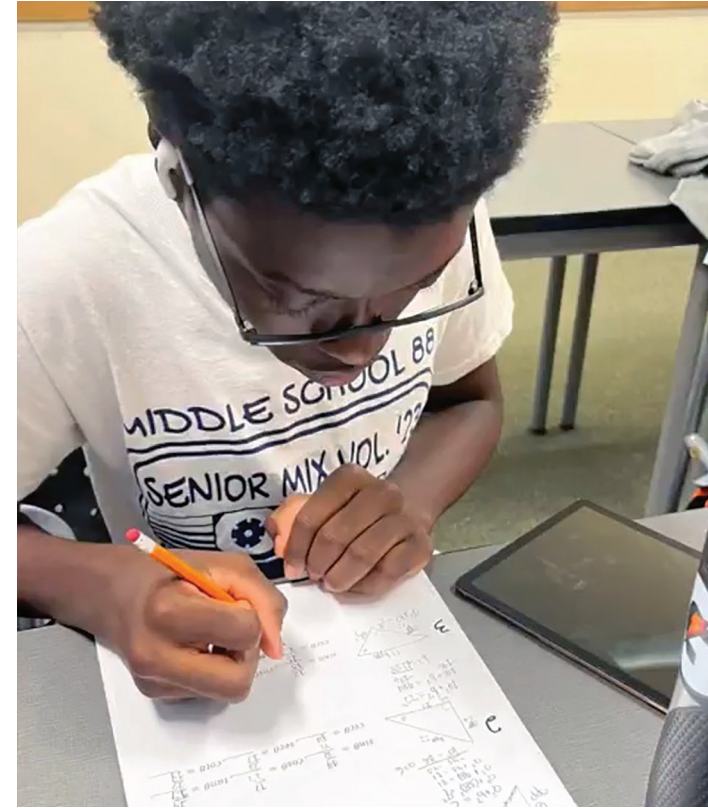
of students experienced an increase from initial benchmark SSAT score to first official SSAT score

93%

of students reported feeling emotionally prepared to enter independent school

81%

of students reported believing in their ability to change how talented they are in school (growth mindset).





A SCHOLAR'S STORY: JODANY FANORD

My educational journey began during middle school at an environmentally-focused charter school in Queens. While I performed well in my classes, I felt a lack of academic challenge. Limited by resources, I spent my afternoons at home, completing homework and thinking about the opportunities that awaited me in high school. With very little knowledge about specialized high schools and independent schools, I looked around me for guidance. When I heard about scholarship programs during middle school, I initially failed to understand their importance. However, driven by the idea of new experiences and opportunities, I applied to Oliver. Upon entering the program, I faced academic challenges that pushed me to reconsider my place in the classroom.

Through the SIP program, Saturday Academy, and the virtual SIP 2 program, I prepared for the unique environment of independent schools. Despite the rigorous high school application process, I was fortunate to secure acceptance into my top choice, Dalton. At Dalton, I was initially taken aback by the shift in demographics, academic rigor, and conversational style. However, amidst the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, I found my place in the community through club involvement, events, and sports.

Over time, I took on leadership roles such as managing editor for the school newspaper, head of the Black Student Union, and senior member of the robotics team. During the summer, alongside other experiences like my TA duties at Oliver and various internships arranged by my counselor there, I developed a passion for learning and teaching throughout my high school journey.

With these experiences in, I applied to various colleges during my junior year, keeping my eyes on a select few throughout the process. As I delved into crafting my essays and personal statement, I reflected deeply on my journey from middle school to the present and envisioned my future path. After submitting my applications, I was overjoyed to receive an acceptance from Brown University. Along with my peers, I am eager to continue expanding my horizons as a learner, engineer, and individual both in and out of the classroom.





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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.

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2023 Partner School of the Year



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The Loomis Chaffee School
The Masters School
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Millbrook School
Milton Academy
Miss Hall's School
Miss Porter's School
Northfield Mount Hermon School
The Peddie School
Phillips Academy
Phillips Exeter Academy
Pomfret School
Portsmouth Abbey School
The Putney School
Stevenson School (CA)
St. Andrew's School (DE)
St. Mark's School
St. Paul's School
Suffield Academy

Tabor Academy
The Thacher School
The Webb Schools
Western Reserve Academy
Westminster School
Westtown School
The White Mountain School

INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOLS

Avenues-New York
Berkeley Carroll School
Brearley School
Brooklyn Friends School
Browning School
Calhoun School

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Collegiate School
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Riverdale Country School
Rye Country Day School
Spence School
St. Ann's School
Trevor Day School
Trinity School
United Nations International Schools
York Prep



COLLEGE BOUND INITIATIVES

The Oliver Scholars College Bound Initiatives department orchestrated impactful events to empower high school scholars on their college journey. The Class of 2023 embarked on a week-long College Tour in March, exploring 10 colleges and universities across five states. Oliver college scholars served as knowledgeable guides, offering insights into campus life.

During the Summer, the "High School Senior Seminar" prepared scholars for the challenges of their senior year and successful college applications. In November, the 4th Annual Virtual College Admissions Week provided a unique opportunity for scholars and their families to gain insights from multiple colleges, enhancing their understanding of admissions processes and the student experience.

COLLEGE

Oliver Scholars' commitment to ensuring college completion motivated the organization to initiate impactful programming for our scholars in college. The Winter College Conference is tailored for first- and second-year college students, equipping them with essential tools and knowledge to navigate the complexities of college life successfully. Simultaneously, the introduction of Oliver's innovative College Coach Program underscored the department's commitment, establishing meaningful connections between first- and second-year college scholars and dedicated Oliver Alumni coaches. This initiative ensures targeted guidance and ongoing support throughout the scholars' college journey. Complementing these efforts, the College Fellows Program provided invaluable career exposure and professional development support to juniors and seniors. Oliver Scholars is committed to nurturing its scholars' growth, resilience, and success.

98%

of students have enrolled in college – up to 4 times national rate for Black and Latinx students

90%

of students attend Top Colleges and Universities

100%

of students are accepted into at least five higher education institutions

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

CLASS OF 2023

Adelphi University	Queens College	Macalester College	University of Delaware
American University	York College	Manhattan College	University of Denver
Amherst College	Curry College	Marist College	University of Florida
Babson College	Dartmouth College	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Illinois
Babson University	Davidson College	Mercy College	University of Maryland
Bangor University	Delaware Valley University	Montclair State University	University of Mass Amherst
Bard College	Denison University	Morgan State University	University of Massachusetts
Barnard College	DePaul University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Miami
Bates College	Dickinson University	New York University	University of Michigan
Bentley University	Drexel University	Norfolk State University	University of New Haven
Bethune Cookman University	Duke University	North Carolina A&T University	University of North Carolina
Boston College	Emerson College	North Carolina State University	University of Pennsylvania
Boston University	Emory University	Northeastern University	University of Pittsburgh
Bowdoin College	Fairfield University	Northwestern University	University of Redlands
Brandeis University	Franklin & Marshall College	Oberlin College	University of Richmond
Brown University	Fordham University	Occidental College	University of Rochester
Bryn Mawr College	George Washington University	Ohio State University	University of San Diego
Bucknell University	Georgetown University	Pace University	University of South Carolina
Canisius College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Pennsylvania State University	University of Southern California
Carleton College	Georgia State University	Pitzer College	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	Gettysburg College	Pomona College	University of Virginia
Case Western Reserve University	Goucher College	Pratt Institute	Vanderbilt University
Chapman University	Grinnell College	Princeton University	Vassar College
Claremont McKenna College	Hamilton College	Purdue University	Virginia State University
Clark Atlanta	Hampshire College	Quinnipiac University	Virginia Tech
Clark University	Hampton University	Reed College	Washington University
Clarkson University	Hartwick College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Washington University
Colgate University	Harvard University	Rhode Island School of Design	Wesleyan University
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Haverford College	Rice University	Williams College
College of the Holy Cross	Hobart & William	Robert Morris University	Williams University
Colorado College	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Columbia University	Indiana University	Rutgers University	Xavier University of Louisiana
Connecticut College	Iona College	Saint John's University	Yale University
Cornell University	Ithaca College	Saint Louis University	
CUNY	Lafayette College	San Diego State University	
Baruch College	Lawrence University	Seton Hall University	
Brooklyn College	Lehigh University	Shippensburg University	
City College - Macaulay Honors	Lincoln University - University City		
College of Staten Island	Loyola Marymount University		
Hunter College	Loyola University		
John Jay - Macaulay Honors College	Lynn University		
Lehman College			
Medgar Evers College			

WELLNESS & STUDENT SUPPORT

In its inaugural year, Oliver Scholars' Wellness and Student Support Department prioritized the mental well-being of our students. The newly appointed Director of Counseling and Student Support launched a proactive Mental Wellness Program that has proven instrumental in fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for students across the continuum. Through this initiative, students engaged in activities and discussions promoting mental health, encouraging them to reflect on the impact of various aspects of their academic journey. This holistic approach underscores Oliver Scholars' commitment to academic excellence and the overall well-being of our students, ensuring they have the necessary support to thrive both inside and outside the classroom.



Danelle Hussain
Director of Counseling & Scholar Support



INTERNSHIP PROGRAM 2023

The Oliver Scholars Internship program offers 30 internships per calendar year to students prepared for professional development. Throughout the year, Oliver Scholars continued its commitment to shaping tomorrow's leaders by welcoming new students for both winter and summer terms. These interns were not mere spectators; they were collaborators, working shoulder to shoulder with Oliver professionals to immerse themselves in the fabric of their desired fields. During each term, interns were provided with professional skills training, practice-oriented instruction, and other essential tools tailored for their career journey. Oliver Scholars aims to help interns not only thrive professionally but also to outdo, outdream, and outshine in their pursuit of excellence.



"Interning at Oliver Scholars was transformative. From honing my marketing skills to gaining insights into branding and professional development, it's been an invaluable journey. Grateful for the experience and eager to keep growing!"

Avery Gilliam, Junior at American University, Communications & Marketing Intern w/ Director of Marketing & Communications

**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, LinkedIn and the Oliver Scholars YouTube channel 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, Admissions Mock Interviews, Career Exposure Conference, and Brand Camp.

ENGAGE: From our Open Houses to our signature CEO Salon Series, we offer a myriad of opportunities to learn more about Oliver's program and the broader impact of our mission. Check out our website oliverscholars.org to learn more.

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 experience for our scholars.

To make a monthly gift or one time gift, please visit 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.



ADMISSIONS AND PLACEMENT

ROAD TO ENROLLMENT

Nominations:
490

Applications:
165

Invited to
Entrance Exam:
137

Invited to
Interview:
120

Admitted:
75

PLACEMENT

95%
of students
received an offer
from a partner
school

98%
of students
enrolled in
rigorous high
schools



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FOR HELPING UNLOCK OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW YORK CITY STUDENTS OF COLOR

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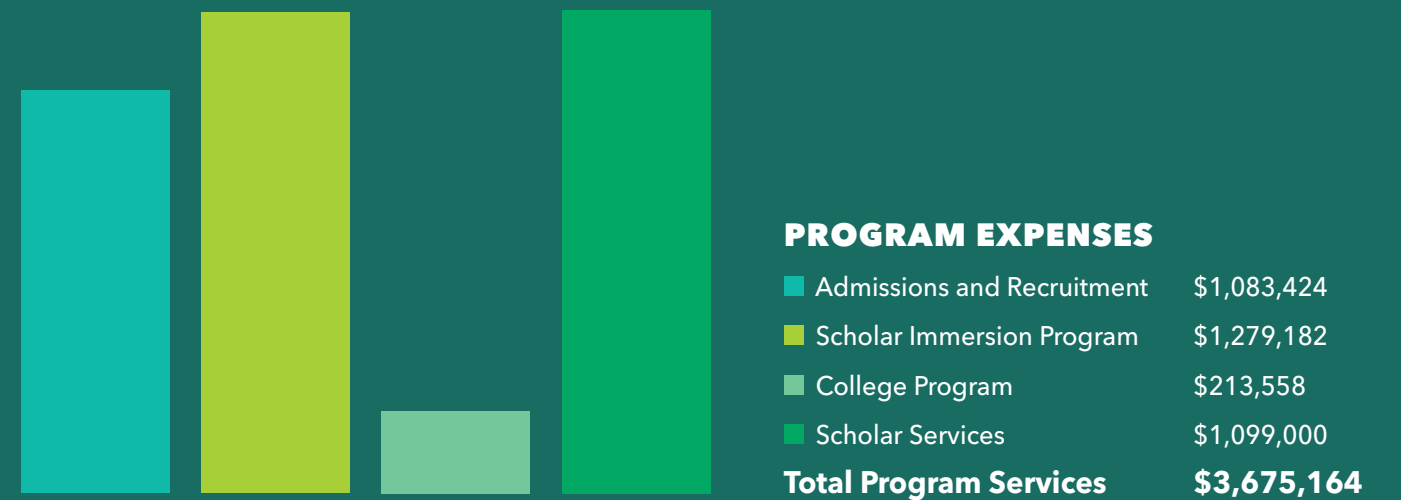
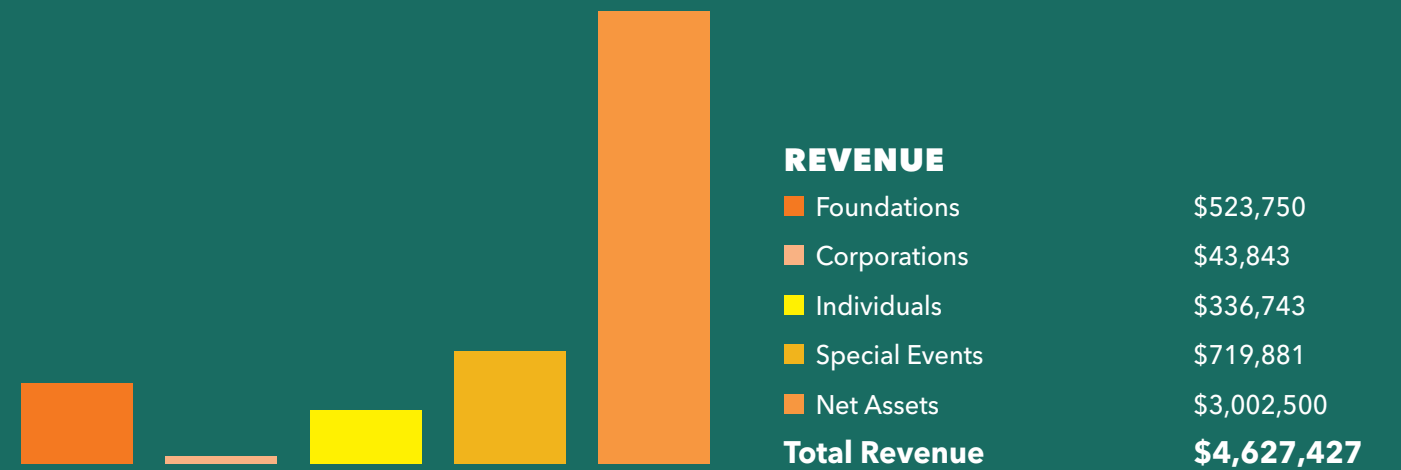
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A SCHOLAR'S STORY: KOAI SOLNO- ORTIZ

I am Koai Solano Ortiz, a senior and student leader at Deerfield Academy. My journey of discovery began at Oliver, where I delved deep into humanities classes that educated me thoroughly on Latine and Black activism, literature, and feminism in the U.S. This experience ignited my passion for creative writing and politics, with a particular focus on restructuring educational spaces to empower historically marginalized identities. I have a track record of organizing impactful events, such as my school's first Latin American Dance and leading several Martin Luther King Day Workshops. Currently, I hold leadership positions as the chair of the Gender-Sexuality Alliance and Latin-American Student Alliance at Deerfield Academy. Additionally, I serve as a student outreach leader for Democrashe, a non-profit organization that inspires young women to pursue politics.



Koai Solano-Ortiz, Deerfield Academy
(Class of 2024)



GALA 2023

The Annual Oliver Scholars Gala was a night of celebration and gratitude, honoring our scholars, alumni, and generous donors. This year's event marked a significant milestone, raising an impressive \$1,000,000, making it the highest-grossing Gala in Oliver Scholars' history! A special thank you goes to our esteemed honorees Eric Epstein and Terry Ann Burrell '95. With over 300 distinguished guests in attendance, the evening was filled with entertainment, music, dining, and dancing. Renowned Comedian Chuck Nice once again showcased his dynamic hosting and fundraising talents. Megan Alexander from CBS Network's Inside Edition presented the Alumni Awards and the musical entertainment for the evening was provided by The Collective, accompanied by the legendary DJ Tony Touch.



ALUMNI GALA AWARDEES

Oliver Scholars Alumni recognized for their outstanding achievements in Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, core pillars of the organization, and for their dedication to giving back.



JAMILLAH HOY-ROSAS '94

Head of Population Health & Healthcare Experience for Ronald McDonald House

Jamillah Hoy-Rosas demonstrates an unwavering commitment to driving positive change and empowering individuals through transformative education and healthcare initiatives. Having completed her tenure as an Oliver Scholar from 1990 to 1994, Jamillah is an alumna of the Packer Collegiate Institute, where she now serves as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Jamillah received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a Master's degree in Public Health Nutrition from New York University.

Over her career, Jamillah has championed initiatives to reduce healthcare disparities and improve health outcomes for underserved populations. She is particularly passionate about women's health, completing a project exploring the topic of maternal health disparities with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program, entitled "Maternal Health Matters". As a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Care & Education Specialist, Jamillah specializes in translating scientific evidence and medical guidelines into practical, engaging, and culturally appropriate lifestyle management programs. Her evidence-based approach aims to improve the physical, mental, and emotional health of individuals with chronic medical conditions.

Jamillah is married to another Oliver Scholar, Dr. Jason Rosas, and is the mother of two wonderful children, Olivia & Samuel. She enjoys reading, taking long walks to the beach with her dog Nova, and volunteering in her beloved borough of Brooklyn.

PAUL WILLIAMS '02

Senior Vice President, Technology and Risk Control, Citi

Paul Williams is an Associate Director of Compliance at the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC), where he works in technology compliance, data governance, and records management. Prior to this role, he spent two decades working in the fields of Financial Risk Management, Risk & Financial Modeling, and Enterprise & Insurance Risk Management. Mr. Williams has a BA in Government & Public Policy from Franklin & Marshall College, an MBA from William Paterson University, and several certifications in risk management and internal audit. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, and currently lives in New Jersey with his wife and two children.



CHYMEKA OLFONSE '92

Managing Director, Robin Hood Foundation

Chymeka Olfonse has dedicated her 25+ years of nonprofit service to empowering individuals through educational and economic opportunities. She currently serves as the Robin Hood Foundation's Managing Director of Adults and Household Supports. The \$23 million portfolio makes investments to help households escape from poverty by bolstering their safety net and helping adults build skills and careers.

Most recently, Chymeka launched the entrepreneurship education nonprofit, BUILD NYC, having served as its Founding Regional Executive Director for nearly seven years establishing relationships with key stakeholders and setting the organization's strategic direction. Prior to BUILD, Chymeka served as the National Executive Director of Minds Matter National Inc., an academic mentoring nonprofit. During her tenure, Minds Matter doubled the number of students served and successfully launched four of its then 12 chapters. Over the years, Chymeka has worked in programming, development, and management capacities at several nonprofits and government agencies including the New York City Department of Education (DOE) and at The After-School Corporation (TASC) now known as ExpandEd. At the DOE's Office of Strategic Partnerships, she oversaw a number of large efforts to bring private-sector philanthropy into public schools. While at TASC, Chymeka led an effort to advance the after-school workforce through the creation of credit-bearing certificate programs in partnership with the City University of New York. Earlier in her career, Chymeka also worked at New York Cares and Jumpstart for Young Children.

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ALUMNI REUNION

Oliver Scholars alumni and friends gathered in New York City to celebrate the third Annual reunion in June. The atmosphere overflowed with warmth, nostalgia, and the joy of shared memories. Undoubtedly, a reunion highlight was witnessing Founder John Hoffman and the first graduate of Oliver Scholars, Richard Ray '85 reunite and reconnect!

The festivities kicked off with music by DJ Big Lex, followed by welcome remarks from Alumni Council President, Josina Reaves '91, and Vice President, Paul Williams '02. Oliver Scholars CEO, Dr. Danielle R. Moss Cox emphasized the accomplishments of Oliver Scholars and the importance of continuing support for the program.

The afternoon program and leadership spotlight featured Dr. J. Alexander Martin, Founder of the iconic apparel brand, For Us By Us (FUBU), and Derrick Webster '93, CEO of Vanguard Consulting for a timely discussion on entrepreneurial leadership. Martin and Webster emphasized the importance of leaders having a clear vision and purpose, as well as a constant desire for growth and innovation. They shared their experiences and the value of perseverance and resilience. Both speakers highlighted the importance of entrepreneurial leadership to create positive change in the world.

The reunion was a huge success, serving as a reminder of the Oliver Scholars spirit, legacy, and the profound impact on Black and Latinx students since 1984. We look forward to connecting with and welcoming alumni back during the 40th Anniversary year of Oliver Scholars in June 2024.

Special thanks to our generous reunion sponsors, partners, and contributors For Us By Us Network, aloft Hotel (Harlem), Harlem Blue, Tiffany Canton '02, Latoya Massey '98, Antoine Gray '13 and Alumni Council (Executive Leadership) 2023 Alumni Council Executive Leadership Committee Josina Reaves '91, President, Paul Williams '02, Vice President, Tiffany Caton '02, Secretary, Jeffrey Garcia '09, Organizational Support, Co-Chair, Johnny Araujo '09, Scholar Support, Co-Chair, and Melvin Boone '10, Scholar Support, Co-Chair.



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The Oliver Scholars community of supporters continues to expand, resulting in more and larger contributions, each year.

Over the course of 2023, we ran a variety of creative campaigns designed to encourage support and engagement at every level. From the spring Gala that raised a record \$1 million to our Berkshire campaign for our pre-scholars' summer boarding experience, to a fall crowdfunding campaign in which volunteers raised over \$10,000 - our community showed up! We received over 500 individual gifts, including generous corporate event sponsorship and over half a million dollars in Foundation grants. Thanks to YOUR generosity - individuals and institutions, alike - Oliver Scholars enjoyed one of our strongest fundraising years in recent history, securing \$1.885million in gifts and pledges - a nearly 20% increase over last year!

As we gear up for our 40th Anniversary year, we look forward to continued fundraising growth and success. To our generous community, THANK YOU for all that you do in support of our critical mission and the incredible young people we serve!

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