

Inclusion & Diversity Endowed Scholarships & Funds

B. Keith Fulton and Jacquelyn E. Stone S.T.E.A.M. Endowed Scholarship

In April 2016, BK Fulton '89 and his wife, Jacquelyn E. Stone, established B. Keith Fulton and Jacquelyn E. Stone S.T.E.A.M. Endowed Scholarship to provide support to underrepresented undergraduate students majoring in science, technology, engineering, architecture or mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) disciplines.

Bartholomew Butler and Brian Roberts Student Leadership Scholarship

Created by Bartholomew Butler '84 and Brian Roberts '85, this Fund awards scholarship aid to students who exemplify the values of academic achievement and student activism. Preference is given to an undergraduate student who is a resident of Washington, D.C., Fairfax, Arlington, and Prince William counties in Virginia, or Prince George's and Montgomery Counties in Maryland. Recipients of the Fund's scholarship aid will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, good character, financial need, and active participation in Virginia Tech campus or community organizations.

Black Alumni Endowed Scholarship

The Black Alumni Scholarship provides scholarship support for students who have a proven record of academic excellence and leadership potential. In making awards from this fund, consideration may be given to students who offer a meaningful, potential contribution to the diversity of the campus as demonstrated by a written statement from the applicant.

Black Leaders of Excellence Memorial Fund

Drs. Wayne '82 and Glenda '96 Scales established the Black Leaders of Excellence Memorial Fund in June 2016 to provide support for Inclusion and Diversity at Virginia Tech. The fund honors Dr. Zenobia Hikes (2008), Rev. Dr. Lisa Tabor (2010), Ed McPherson (2011), Dr. Haywood "Woody" Farrar (2013) and Dr. Herman Warren (2015).

Black Cultural Center Alumni Scholarship

Created by A. Jerome Fowlkes and members of the Black Cultural Center Advisory Board, the recipient of this award shall be a student who takes part in and supports the Black Cultural Center's activities and programs, or who participates in activities and programs that have similar missions to that of the Black Cultural Center. Consideration may be given, but it not limited to the student representative to the Black Cultural Center Alumni Advisory Board.

Bruce C. Carver Multicultural Arts Fund

Bruce C. Carver '83 has a deep sense of the importance of the arts for education, understanding human culture. This endowment is an example of his recognition that the arts are the most direct expression of cultures and that they provide access to the understanding of cultural differences through universal expression. It is his hope that this endowment will attract others to the university who share his love of the arts and the goal of supporting universal ideals and diversity through the arts. This Fund will be used to provide support for performances, artists-in-residence, exhibits, and other initiatives that will provide an opportunity for all students to have exposure to artists and art of the highest caliber.

Dr. Benjamin Stallings and Kimberly Stallings Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Benjamin Stallings '84, and his wife Kimberly Stallings, established this scholarship to provide opportunities for students to receive a Virginia Tech education and to achieve their educational dreams. Preference is given to students who anticipate a career in the medical profession. In addition, students from Petersburg High School are also particularly encouraged to apply.

Greta Harris Excellence Fund for Inclusion and Diversity

In July 2015, Greta Harris '83 established the Greta Harris Excellence Fund for Inclusion and Diversity to allocate funding where it can be most effective. This fund will enhance existing programs, finance new initiatives, and provide opportunities for student-leadership by supporting training and professional development.

Groove Phi Groove Scholarship

The Groove Phi Groove Scholarship Endowment Fund was created by Dr. James D. Watkins '71 in honor of the first all African-American organization formed at Virginia Tech in 1968. Annual distributions from the Fund are to be used to award scholarship aid to a student who may not qualify for other scholarship aid. Preference will be given to students who exemplify the values originally espoused by Groove Phi Groove. Recipients of the Fund will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, good character, financial need and a demonstrated potential for leadership.

James A. Newton, Jr. Excellence Fund for the LGBTQA

This fund was created by James A. Newton, Jr. '69 to promote a more understanding and welcoming environment for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender people of Virginia Tech and within the community at large. Specifically, this fund provides program support for the LGBTQA at Virginia Tech and is used to provide campus and community programs which raise awareness, community visibility, and support for the general population.

John E. Dobbins Endowed Scholarship

In August 2014, the Dora and Deitra Dobbins set up the John E. Dobbins Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide scholarship support for Virginia Tech. Dora Dobbins is the wife of the late Virginia Tech alumnus, John E. Dobbins, and Deitra Dobbins is their daughter. Their wish was to create this endowment at Virginia Tech in loving memory and in honor of John, the first African American scholarship football player at Virginia Tech.

The Dobbins family hopes that the endowment will aid undergraduate students who are members of an underrepresented population of students at Virginia Tech and who are student athletes, with preference given to students participating in intercollegiate football. This fund is also intended to assist the university in maintaining and improving the educational benefits that all students receive from a diverse student body.

Manervia W. and Major F. Riddick, Jr. Scholarship

Major F. Riddick '72 and Manervia W. Riddick established this Fund to provide scholarship support for students at Virginia Tech. Recipients shall be undergraduate students in any program of study who are members of an underrepresented population of students at Virginia Tech and will be chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, good character and financial need.

Nolen Family Scholarship

This scholarship, created by George Nolen '78, provides scholarship support for first generation students at Virginia Tech. Recipients shall be first generation undergraduate students who are residents of Virginia and is renewable to those recipients who continue to qualify.

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Eta Lambda Chapter Stanley Alvin Harris '80 Memorial Scholarship

Organized by D.K. Brockett '81, awards scholarships to student(s) who are a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and who may not qualify for other scholarship aid. Recipients are chosen on the basis of scholastic achievement, good character, financial need, and a demonstrated commitment to community and public service.

Overton R. Johnson Scholarship

As a professor of Agriculture, Dr. Overton R. Johnson (1923-1982) was Virginia Tech's first African-American academic faculty member; he served as Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and was the first president of the Black Faculty/Staff Caucus. Most notably, Dr. Johnson was Virginia Tech's first African-American Dean, serving as the Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from July- December 1975. Friends and colleagues of the late Dr. Johnson donated several gifts to Virginia Tech in order to establish a university-wide scholarship in Dr. Johnson's memory, and the scholarship became endowed two years later.

Rhonyll Seballos Endowed Scholarship

Established by the Filipino-American Student Association (FASA), the Rhonyll Seballos Endowed Scholarship is named after Rhonyll Seballos who passed away in January 2000. Rhonyll was a key member of FASA and his appreciation for his culture was evident and inspired other young Filipino-Americans to follow suit. The scholarship is intended to keep his spirit alive while helping others to reach their scholastic dreams. Recipient(s) shall be currently enrolled students at Virginia Tech with at least a 2.5 overall quality credit average (QCA).

Robichaud Family Presidential Scholarship

Paula J. Robichaud '77 was motivated to establish this fund because of her firm belief that higher education provides life-altering benefits to students. This endowed scholarship is part of the VTPSI, and by supporting this initiative with her endowment, Ms. Robichaud is creating a permanent resource to provide expanded opportunities for academically talented and dedicated students who have the most need.

Wayne H. Robinson Endowed Scholarship

Wayne H. Robinson '80 created this fund to assist Virginia Tech in maintaining and improving the educational benefits that all students receive from a diverse student body. This endowed scholarship is part of the VTPSI, and by supporting this initiative with his endowment, Mr. Robinson is creating a permanent resource to provide expanded opportunities for academically talented and dedicated students who have the most need. Preference may be given to students who offer meaningful, potential contributions to the diversity of the campus, and is renewable to those who demonstrate their active participation in university activities that promote and/or enhance diversity on campus.