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Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund (KLHESF) & The Columbus Kappa Foundation Black & White Gala FEBRUARY 25, 2023



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Call to Order

Mr. Kerry Charles Master of Ceremony NBC4 Anchor Host Emcee

Welcome Brother Jeffrey Ushry Polemarch - CAC

Invocation Brother Mark Ervin

Greetings Brother Matt Ridley Co-Chairman Black & White Ball Committee

Dinner is Served

Keynote Speaker Elaine Byrant Chief of Police Columbus Division of Police

Listing of Scholarship Recipients

Brother Clayton Wrighter KLHESF Chair & Brother P.R.West, Sr. KLHESF Chair Emeritus

Silent Auction Closes

Special Recognition

Byron L. Potts CKF President P.R.West, Sr. Co-Chair Black & White Ball Committee

Silent Auction & Raffle

Brother Timothy Parker and Black & White Ball Committee

> Closing Remarks Brother Jeffrey Ushry Polemarch

Black & White Ball Entertainment & Refreshments D.J. Dommy "Huge Deal" Styles





KLHESF SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023 | 11:00 AM Columbus Africentric Early College Auditorium 3223 Allegheny Ave, Columbus, OH 43209

Opening Prayer	Al Merriweather	
Greetings: The Occasion	Clayton Wrighter	
History of the KLHESF	Derrick Greenwade	
Reflections From a Past KLHESF Awardee	Alex Ushry	
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Cliff Wrighter	
Academic and Moral Preparation Prevents a Lifetime of Future Regrets	Kenny Glenn	
Talent Selections from Candidate	P.R. West, Sr.	
Kappa League College Signing Ceremony	Virgil White & Deon Washington	
Awarding of Scholarships & Review of Profiles	CKF President Byron Potts & KLHESF Committee	
Community Sponsorship Statement	P.R. West, Sr. on Nehemiah House of Refuge	
Final Thoughts / Thanks	Jeffrey Ushry Polemarch - CAC	
Closing Prayer	Derrick Greenwade	

Group photos will be taken immediately after the event.



KENNETH L. HOWARD

COLUMBUS KAPPA

rother Kenneth L. Howard was only 48 years old when he passed away suddenly. He was born March 16, 1949 in Bluefield, West Virginia, and died November 4, 1997 here in Columbus at the Ohio State University Medical Center. He was a graduate of West Virginia State College in 1971 with a Bachelor Degree is Psychology. Brother Howard was married to Ginger Williams January 1970 who later became proud parents of a son, Kenneth II.

Kenneth was employed by Nationwide Insurance Company for 26 years where he became Urban Marketing Manager. Ken received his Certified Property and Casualty Underwriting designation in the early 80's. He was a member of numerous organizations and boards. He was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church where he served on the Deacon Board for many years. Ken was appointed by Ohio Governor George Voinovich to the Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board (PUSTRCB). He held positions on the New York Insurance Plan Board; Pennsylvania Automobile Insurance Plan Board; and was a member of the Ohio Fair Plan Board of Directors.

Ken Howard was initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. at West Virginia State in December of 1968. He served as Polemarch of the Columbus Alumni Chapter in 1988 and 1989. He held other leadership positions in the Columbus Alumni Chapter. During Brother Howard's administration, the Columbus Alumni Chapter membership rolls were increased dramatically. Brother Howard stressed Leadership and Brotherhood all through his tenure in office. He was dedicated to the purpose of achievement. More importantly, Brother Howard felt that black men needed to be more involved in helping young black men face and overcome barriers to their success. He was fun-loving and knew how to have a good time but not until after work was done. There was no foolishness until the task at hand was complete. He did not stand for half-stepping when it came to the business of Kappa. \blacklozenge









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Tyrone Ushry Strategus

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Board Members Robert Smith Kojo Kandi Mark Ervin Christopher Taylor Matt Ridley

P.O.Box 151232 Columbus, OH 43215 Congratulations to our 2023 Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund awardees. The Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and I are so proud of your academic accomplishments.

The theme for 2023 of "Academic and moral preparation prevents a lifetime of future regrets" leads me to thinking about exercising one's mind and one's spirit.

Exercising one's mind academically means the practice of developing good study habits. This starts early on in life and can be attributed to positive reinforcement from parents, guardians or loved ones.

We exercise good morality by deciding what company one keeps. As an academian, I wish to keep the company of fellow scholars. One doesn't become a scholar by making poor decisions and being of poor moral fiber. Good decision making becomes habit as we are faced with life situations over the course of time.

Good mentorship helps develop good decision making.

As graduating seniors headed to the next chapters of your lives, it is now time to take your academic prowess and good morality and put it to better use in college or with the trades.

The Columbus Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. not only has the charge of helping you enter your next steps as academians but to see you through to graduation.

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You indeed HAVE prepared yourselves academically and morally.

Please go and serve yourselves well!

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ushry

Jeffrey A. Ushry Polemarch Columbus Alumni Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.









To the scholarship recipients, family members and friends, and the Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi:

It is an honor to welcome you to the 2nd Annual Black and White Scholarship Fundraiser. Our theme, "Academic and Moral Preparation Prevents a Lifetime of Future Regrets"

The fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is achievement in every field of human endeavor. Therefore, it is our obligation to lift up the young men who follow in our footsteps and are from our community. Congratulations on your success.

The academic and moral preparation is tantamount to our youth being successful in whatever career choice they make.

We, the members of Kappa Alpha Psi, believe it is our duty to pay it forward, not only monetarily but with our time and our example.

We also want to congratulate the parents who guided and motivated these young men to do their best. THANK YOU!!!

As the President of the Columbus Kappa Foundation, along with the Board Members, we congratulate you and your families.

DARE TO BE GREAT !!!

IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

Respectfully,

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Byron L. Potts, Esq. President, Columbus Kappa Foundation

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Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund (KLHESF)



February 5, 2023

Dear Scholarship Recipients:

To all the awardees and your families of the 25th Annual Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund. The KLHESF committee, the Columbus Kappa Foundation (CKF) and the Columbus Alumni Chapter (CAC) of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. are proud to honor you!!!

When your parents send you off to college, understand that Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. as a fraternity, and the broader Columbus metropolitan community for which we live and serve are also sending you off. We hope that the partial scholarship provided through the CKF and CAC's KLHESF proves to be extremely beneficial in assisting you meet the steep fiscal obligations that college tuition, room & board and associated fees may cost.

You are part of the legacy and KLHESF alumni/alumnae who total 211 students strong who have earned over \$186,250.00 in scholarship money. You are the latest beneficiaries of the Columbus community's support for our scholarship program.

To further honor you, we invite you and your parents to our annual KLHESF and Kappa League Brunch to be held on Saturday, March 11th at Columbus Africentric High School. The Brunch will start at 11 a.m. We wish you continued success and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Clayton Wrighter

Clayton Wrighter KLHESF – Chairman







Kappas Award Eleven Students as 2023 KLHESF Scholars

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(Columbus, OH)

he Columbus (OH)Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Incorporated. thru their Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship (KLHESF) program, is awarding nine new, and two returning students as 2023 KLHESF scholars. The newly named scholars in alpha-

betical order include: Asher Akens of Newark High School: Michael-Steven Fraizer of Westerville Central High School; Khari Kennedy of Columbus Africentric Early College, Zachary McDowell of Olentangy Orange High School: Carter O. Robinson of Fort Haves Career Center; Hansen Somuah of Westerville South High School; Baset Zawumya Tahiru of Columbus Alternative High School; Kenneth Thompson, also of Olentangy Orange High and Thierno Welle, also of Columbus Africentric.

Two current KLHESF returning scholars designated as John P. Cockrell

scholars - reserved for students majoring in careers in K-12 education such as counselors and teachers - are also, upon completing the reapplication process, eligible for continued fiscal support. The John P. Cockrell Scholarship is named after the late 20-plus year career educator of the Columbus City Schools. The establishment of this renewable scholarship is an attempt to help develop/grow our own educators for placement within area school districts, especially





JACOB WHITE

school districts with a sizable population of people of color. Rising sophomore Jacob White, University of Cincinnati, (Reynoldsburg) is on track for additional scholarships having selfreported a 3.4 grade point average during his first semester of study. Rising third year student Landymn Steele, Morehouse College, (Columbus) is on track for additional support as well during the 2023-24 academic year.

This is the 25th consecutive year the Columbus (OH) Alumni Chapter and their philanthropic arm, the Columbus Kappa Foundation (CKF) have awarded local students scholarships.

The KLHESF student scholarship brunch and college signing day ceremony for students in the fraternity's Guide Right Program will be held at the Columbus Africentric High School auditorium on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Brunch tickets are \$25.00 per person and the event is open to the public. The keynote speaker for the brunch is author and entrepreneur Kenny Glenn. Mr. Glenn will present autographed copies of his book *Question Everything*: *Advice For Students and Graduates* to student awardees.

This year's awards bring the total for all scholarships awarded to high school and college students by the Columbus (OH) Alumni Chapter and the Columbus Kappa Foundation's **KLHESF** to 211 students and **\$188,250.00 since 1986**. Community sponsor **Nehemiah House of Refuge** through their *Fathers Giving Back* scholarship and corporate sponsor the **T. Marzetti Company** have financially contributed to these scholarship efforts.

The local scholarship competition is the first of three such events that lead to a regional competition in



LANDYMN STEELE

Cincinnati during the first week of March and the National Student of the Year Competition at the Kappa Alpha Psi's Grand Conclave in Tampa, Florida on Saturday, July 22, 2023. One local 2023 KLHESF high school awardee will represent Columbus at the regional level at the East Central Province (ECP) Student of the Year Competition on Saturday, March 4th. If the local candidate wins that competition, he will represent the local chapter and East Central Province at the Fraternity's National Student of the Year Competition during the summer competition. The last local national

winner to win on all three levels was Joe Luis DuBois Porter in 2017. ♦

INTRODUCING 2023 KLHESF Student Profiles

ASHER AKENS

sher Akens is a stellar student who has maintained an unweighted 4.1 accumulative grade point average at Newark High School while also taking both AP classes and two college courses at Central State University. He scored a composite 23 on his ACT. Akens serves as a Project 7 Leader (Bible Club) at his high school, which is a nationally ran student organized club which allows students to lead their peers to completion in Christ through the environment we are in and the lessons taught. While at NHS, Asher also participated in Cross Country and Indoor Track. His summer employment has included working for Gummer Wholesale in Heath, OH as a picker. Akens will major in manufacturing engineering and plans on attending either Central State or Morgan State University. Mr. Akens has been se-



lected as the Columbus (OH) Alumni Chapter's student representative in the provincial (regional) **Student of the Year Competition** (STOY) in Cincinnati, OH on March 4th. ◆





2023 KLHESF STUDENT PROFILES

ichael-Steven Fraizer is a wellrounded young man. He has held a 3.15 accumulative grade point average while attending Westerville Central High School as a student athlete. He scored an 1190 on the SAT exam. Fraizer has been a four-year member of the Track and Field team, and a three-year member of the Westerville Central Bovs Basketball Team. Mr. Fraizer also served as the vice president of the Alpha Esquires youth group whose volunteer work within the greater Columbus community includes working at a food pantry. He has worked as a host and server at the Olive Garden restaurant on Polaris Parkway and has worked approximately 22 hours per week since August of 2022. Mr. Fraizer has been accepted at Morehouse College, Ohio University, Northern Kentucky University and Central State. He will study biomedical sciences/biology. ♦

ahari Kennedy is a dual enrollment student at Columbus Africentric Early College and Columbus Sate Community College (CSCC). He has earned a



MICHAEL-STEVEN FRAZIER



KAHARI KENNEDY



ZACHARY MCDOWELL

3.195 unweighted grade point average and a total of five credit hours at CSCC. He was a section leader in the school's band and a National Honor Society officer. Additionally, Mr. Kennedy has gained invaluable insights by being a participant in both the Envision Intensive Law and Trial program at Stanford University and the Law and Leadership Institute. He has also worked as a seasonal employee of Kohls and stocked shelves at a local Giant Eagle supermarket for six months. Mr. Kennedy wants to study law after completing his baccalaureate studies and will major in sociology. He has applied to Clark Atlanta, Ohio State, Tennessee State and North Carolina A & T.

achary McDowell carried an unweighted 3.47 accumulative grade point average while taking multiple AP classes as a student athlete who played football for four years at Olentangy Orange High School. As a two-year letterman, McDowell earned an Ohio Capital Conference second team award. McDowell was also a member of his high school's National Honor Society. Mr. McDowell is also a member of the Columbus (OH) Alumni Chapter's youth mentorship group the Kappa League. His community service included the 12th annual CAC community turkey giveaway last Thanksgiving. Like many of his peers, Mr. McDowell has secured work experience while in high school. He has worked as a host at the Winking Lizard Tavern during the summer of 2021. He plans to attend the University of Dayton and major in business. He will play football while there as well. ♦





CARTER O. ROBINSON



HANSON SOMUAH



BASET ZAWUMYA TAHIRU

arter O. Robinson has earned 2.75 а accumulative grade point average as a student at Fort Hayes Career Center in Columbus. This budding community activist has future political aspirations. He has served both as a youth presenter for the NCAAP Education Task Force's virtual summit and has led his Kappa League peers as the current president. Robinson has successfully completed an internship for the Columbus Fashion Alliance during the Fall of 2022 were he focused on social media. He plans to major in political science and will attend Central State University in the Fall.

anson Somuah is a first generation Ghanaian American who has earned an unweighted 3.3 accumulate grade point average as a student athlete at Westerville South High School. He has played one season of soccer during his sophomore year. Additional school activities include participating in his school's Black Student Union and Black History Month program. Hanson works for Chipotle Mexican Grill and has averaged 12 hours per week during the past six months. Mr. Somuch has applied to North Carolina A & T, Ohio State, The University of Dayton and Tuskegee University. He is undecided about a major. ♦

2023 KLHESF STUDENT PROFILES

aset Zawumya Tahiru is also a first generation Ghanaian American who has maintained a 3.0 grade point average while attending Columbus Alternative High School. Embracing academic rigor during his last two years, Mr. Tahiru has taken one Advanced Placement course and five International Baccalaureate courses and scored a 1380 composite on the reading/math portion of the national SAT exam. Spurred by a family member's condition, Tahiru's community involvement includes raising funds for the LUV Michael Autism Awareness campaign, a nonprofit that educates, trains, and employs autistic adults. He has worked as an intern (8 hours per week) for the Accenture & Junior Achievement program in his newfound passion, app development. Baset is following his role model, older brother Mustapha (2017) as a KLHESF scholar. He will major in computer science. Mr. Tahir's final college selection is still under review at this time. \blacklozenge

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2023 KLHESF STUDENT PROFILES

enneth Thompson is another well-rounded student athlete. Like fellow KLHESF Scholar and teammate McDowell, Thompson played and lettered



twice in football for Olentangy Orange High School. He also lettered in Track and Field as a member of the track team and played basketball his freshman year. Assistant Principal Joshua Battistone praises Thompson for his leadership, determination to improve academically and maturity. He has earned a 2.63 accumulative grade point average and been heavily involved in the "life" of the student body. In addition to participating in interscholastic athletics, Thompson has been employed at three different fast food entities: Wendy's, Angie's Pizza, and Long John Silver's/KFC on Polaris Parkway during the last calendar year. Thompson has worked as many as 30 hours a week. He will be the first member in his family to attend college. He will attend either Walsh University or Ohio University and major in sports management. Thompson also plans to compete on the gridiron while in college. \blacklozenge

hierno Welle is both a high school senior and college student taking dual enrollment classes between Columbus Africentric High School and Capital University. He currently has earned a 3.73 unweighted accumulative grade point average while collecting 2.33 college credits between Columbus State Community College and Capital University. More impressive is that Mr. Welle's academic prowess has remained strong despite being employed by Kohls as a store associate for six months and as a crew person at Chipotle during the past eight months. He has worked at times as many as 30 hours per week. Mr. Welle will continue his studies at Capital University and he is undecided about a major. **Thierno Welle** is both a high school senior and college student taking dual enrollment classes between Columbus Africentric High School and Capital University. He currently has earned a 3.73 unweighted accumulative grade point average while collecting 2.33 college credits between Columbus State Community College and Capital University. More impressive is that Mr. Welle's academic prowess has remained strong despite being employed by Kohls as a store associate for six months and as a crew person at Chipotle during the past eight months. He has worked at times as many as 30 hours per week. Mr. Welle will continue his studies at Capital University and he is undecided about a major. **•**

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Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship Endowment Fund Fact Sheet

Founded:	1986	IRS	Tax ID:	31-1404807
IRS designation:	July 29, 1994 501 (C-3) through the Columbus Kappa Foundation.			
Renamed:	In 1998 the Columbus Kappa Scholarship Fund was renamed to the Kenneth L. Howard Scholarship Fund after Kenneth's passing in late 1997. Howard served as Polemarch (president) of the local alumni chapter in 1988 and 1989 and was instrumental in establishing the current scholarship program.			
Extension:	In 2001 the scholarship committee voted to extend the scholarships to include at least one current undergraduate student/fraternity member (sophomore-senior year) in need of financial assistance from any chapter under the jurisdiction of the Columbus Alumni Chapter (Ohio State University or Ohio University).			
Gender equity:	In 2006 working in conjunction with the Columbus Alumni Chapter's Scholarship Committee, the Columbus Kappa Silhouettes (women's auxiliary) sponsors scholarships for <i>female</i> high school graduates under similar criteria.			
Funding:	Raised through: 1.) corporate/community donations, 2.) raffle ticket sales by fraternity members and 3.) open-to-the-public fundraisers like the Annual Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. Spring Sip as sponsored by the Columbus Alumni Chapter.			
Scholarship Eligibility:	Graduating high school students are selected from accredited high schools in the State of Ohio. All student applicants are judged in: scholarship, social awareness, community activities/participation, career preparation and a student's statue and bearing. Selected students are awarded scholarships regardless of race/ ethnicity, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender or creed.			
Scholarship				
Awards:	Academic Years 1986-1992 1993-1999 2000-2020 2021-	Number or awards 7 students/1 per year 30 students (multiple) 146 students (multiple) 28 students (multiple)	Total : \$ 7,00 \$20,00 \$131,0 \$ 28,2	0.00 00.00
Grand totals:		211 students		250.00





KEYNOTE SPEAKER 25th Annual KLHESF Scholarship Brunch

Mr. Glen will be signing copies of his book and giving copies away to every 2023 KLHESF Scholarship Awardee and to all seniors in the CAC Kappa League!!!

enny Glenn is a student success strategist and the awardwinning author of the educational book Question Everything: Advice for Students & Graduates. Kenny graduated high school at age 16, and then



achieved his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Accounting from Miami University. While at Miami, he was a leader on the track & field team, where he set records in the long jump and became a 3-time national championships qualifier. Later on, as a professional athlete, he set records for the Central American country of Honduras.

By age 22, Kenny served as a School Board Member for his alma mater, Mt. Healthy City Schools (OH). Today, in addition to being a professional speaker, he works as a Program Associate with the Leading Men Fellowship in Cincinnati. The group

is sponsored by The Literacy Lab, which aims to improve Pre-K to 3rdgrade educational success and increase the number of male teachers of color.

Mr. Glen was a Spring 2018 initiate of the Kappa Delta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc. @ Miami University in Oxford, OH and he works with other Brothers supporting the Kappa League of Cincinnati Alumni. ◆



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We like to acknowledge our partnership with the Columbus (OH) Alumni of Kappa Alpha Psi's Kenneth L. Howard Endowed Scholarship Fund (KLHESF) for their dedication to provide opportunities to area high school graduates to further their education. The Nehemiah House of Refuge is honored to support, assist and fund recipients from the KLHESF program. Our contribution will give them financial support to attend an institution of their choice.

The Nehemiah House of Refuge/KLHESF scholarships will provide multiple of *Father's Giving Back* scholarships to deserving high school students with a 2.8 or higher GPA. This opportunity celebrates their academic excellence while supporting their future pursuit at either a 2-year technical college or 4-year traditional college or university. Two Class of 2023 recipients will receive a non-renewable, one-time scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00.

The honorees will be awarded the scholarships in acknowledgement of Mr. Robert "Bo" Chilton, CEO of IMPACT Community Action for his diligence in promoting education, workforce development, self-sufficiency.