



Cumberland Community
Foundation, Inc.

2026 Scholarship Awards Presentation

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

CAPE FEAR BOTANICAL GARDEN

CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026 Scholarship Awards Presentation

PROGRAM

Welcome and Congratulations Gail Riddle, Board of Directors

Presentation of Awards.....Vera Bell, Robert H. Short Scholarship Committee, Chair
A. Elizabeth Keever, Community Scholarship Committee, Chair
Kimmi Nettles, Scholarship Program Manager

AWARDS

Robert H. Short Scholarship
Linda Lee Allan Home Builders Scholarship Endowment
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Scholarship
Iris Duwane Andrews Memorial Scholarship (developing)
C.G. Avent, Jr. and Amelia P. Avent Memorial Scholarship*
Coach Douglas G. Averitt Memorial Scholarship
Susan Townsend Barnes Scholarship Endowment
Colonel Frederick W. Best, Jr., USA & Chief Petty Officer Frederick W. Best, Sr., USN Scholarship
Reverend Henry Hudson Bobbitt Scholarship
W. T. Brown Scholarship Endowment
Beth Bryan Creative Arts Fund
Elizabeth Carol Bunce Nursing Scholarship (developing)
Cape Fear Regional Tennis Foundation Scholarship*
Cape Fear River Assembly Scholarship Endowment
Janie Chavis-Lucas Scholarship Fund
Booker T. and Juanita E. Coley Scholarship*
Cooney-Wilderman Leadership Scholarship
Lula T. & James L. Crosby Scholarship Fund
William W. Crowell Scholarship Fund*
Cumberland Retired School Personnel Scholarship Fund
Dr. Gloria Dantzler and Sergeant First Class (Ret.) Leon Dantzler, Sr. Memorial Scholarship*
Fayetteville Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Scholarship*
Ella Smith Downing Charitable Scholarship Fund
Cosmas D. Eaglin, Sr., M. Vera Rochon Eaglin, and Paul B. Eaglin Scholarship
Brian Edkins Memorial Scholarship
E.E. Smith Class of 1999 Scholarship Endowment (developing)
Ellis-Walker Builders, Inc. Scholarship Fund*
Steven R. Elrod Memorial Scholarship
Entre Nous Scholarship Endowment
Monroe E. Evans Scholarship Fund
Cumberland County Farm Bureau Federation, Inc./J. McNatt Gillis Memorial Scholarship*
Cumberland County Farm Bureau Federation, Inc./William E. "Bill" Tew Scholarship Fund*
Cumberland County Farm Bureau Federation, Inc./Gordon M. Williams Scholarship*
Fayetteville Firefighters Scholarship for Dependent Children
Fayetteville Firefighters Scholarship Endowment

- Awards continued -

John Thomas Gibson Scholarship Fund
 Dorothy Gilmore FCCYC Scholarship
 Dr. John R. Griffin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for E.E. Smith High School
 Jim Haney Opportunity Scholarship Endowment
 Charles Calvert Holt Scholarship
 Dorothy A. Howard Memorial Scholarship
 Brenda Jernigan Memorial Scholarship
 Seema Joshi Scholarship for Health Care Professionals*
 Dr. Lu, Sylvia, and Daniel Kiang Scholarship for Chinese Students
 FCHRC / Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund
 The Kiwanis Club of Cape Fear Scholarship Endowment
 Dr. Lee Maria Kleiss Chemistry Scholarship Fund
 Organization of Korean-American Women of NC Scholarship Endowment
 Justin Richard Lopes Soccer Award
 Justin Richard Lopes University of South Carolina Award
 Frank R. Lopes, Sr. Memorial Scholarship
 Maxine Cook Manger Scholarship Fund
 Manning Family Scholarship Endowment
 Dr. Edwin B. Martin Scholarship Fund
 Brenda C. McFadyen Scholarship Fund
 Pay It Forward Scholarship*
 Gurney and Olive McLaughlin Scholarship
 Leonard G. McLeod Theatre Scholarship Fund
 Shantilal and Indumati Mehta Scholarship Endowment*
 E. E. Miller Scholarship Fund
 Pamella S. and Douglas R. Moll Scholarship Fund
 Paul and Frances Monroe Scholarship Endowment for Music
 Fire Chief Benny Nichols Scholarship Fund
 Carter Ray Nimocks & Barbara Detreville Nimocks Fund
 Ellen Koonce Parker Scholarship Fund
 Melvin and Helen Pierce Scholarship (developing)
 Rita J. Pope Memorial Scholarship*
 Durham and Lucy Riddle Scholarship Endowment
 Robert N. Shuller/SfL+a Architects Scholarship Fund*
 Anne Barnes Sternlicht Memorial Scholarship Fund*
 Calvin Swinson Jr. Scholarship Fund*
 Curtis E. and Rosa Lee Torrey Memorial Scholarship
 Walter Lee "Jack" Tucker Scholarship Fund
 Thurman Williams, Jr. Scholarship Fund
 John W. Wyatt, Jr. Memorial Scholarship*

* Scholarship renewing academic year 2026/2027

Thank you to the incredible donors who made these awards possible!

*Scholarship
Committee Members*

Ray Baker	Cindy Leeks
Reshma Beal	Frank R. Lopes, Jr.
Gale Bell	April Mata
Vera Bell	Derrick McArthur
Jeriel Bogan	Antione McGill
Jonathan Breitzer	Mattie McLaurin
Muriel Brooks	Cassandra McMillion
Mary Kate Burke	Sharon McNair
Billy Buckner	Sandy Monroe
Cheryl Burns	Gloria Moore-Carter
Shirley Burt-Chrishon	Wynella Myers
Janice Carnahan	Virginia Oliver
Christopher Chisholm	Cathy Ory
Donna Cooper-Craig	LaVern OxenDine
Rene Corders	Zach Pritchett
Carolyn Dawson	Barbara Richardson
Glenda Dowdy	Gail Riddle
Karen Felton	Nicole Ryan
Jane Fields	Courtney Samuelson
Susie Godwin	Wilhelmena Sapp
Jennifer Hammond	Victor Sharpe
Elaine Bryant Hayes	Melissa Smith
Betsy Hubbard	V. Lee Spruill
Jana Humphrey	Marcia Stryker
A. Elizabeth Keever	Tim Yardley
Shirley Konneker	

*Outside
Selection Committees*

E. E. Smith High School
Scholarship Committee
 FCHRC/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Scholarship Committee
 FSU Chemistry Department
Scholarship Committee
 Jack Britt High School
Scholarship Committee
 Massey Hill Classical High
School Scholarship Committee
 Pine Forest Middle School
Scholarship Committee
 South View High School
Scholarship Committee
 Terry Sanford High School
Scholarship Committee

Light refreshments and opportunity for personal photos following the presentation

Share your photos with us.
#cumberlandcf



Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

308 Green Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301
Parking and entrance in back

MAILING ADDRESS:

P.O. Box 2345, Fayetteville, NC 28302

910.483.4449 phone

910.483.2905 fax

www.cumberlandcf.org

Board of Directors

Larry Bass, Jr.
Vera L. Bell
Jerial H. Bogan
Bruce G. Dantzler
Carol "Lani" Dickey
John "Mac" Healy

A. Elizabeth Keever
Frank R. Lopes, Jr.
Brian Pearce
WC Powers
Janet M. Prewitt

Kelly D. Puryear
Gail A. Riddle
Wilhelmena Sapp
Emily K. Schaefer
Melissa S. Smith

Brenda C. Sparks
SGM (Ret.) Jabbar Surles
Lockett Tally
Joseph J. Vonnegut
Max J. Weinstein

CFNS



ACCREDITED
FOUNDATION

Confirmed in Compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations