

Introducing the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Class of 2014



Ifeoluwa Akindele
Louisville Male High School
Murray State University



Tabitha Awoniye
duPont Manual High School
St. Louis Community
College



Katelyn Bauer
Iroquois High School
University of Kentucky



Kayla Bryant
Central High School
University of Louisville



Le' Priece Burton
Louisville Male High School
University of Kentucky



Marcus Butler
Louisville Male High School
Lindsey Wilson College



Kamaria Campbell
Central High School
University of Kentucky



Michelle Coleman
Moore Traditional High School
Murray State University



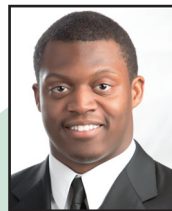
Jordan Duff
Kentucky Country Day
School
Campbellsville University



Kenneth Gray
St. Francis High School
Murray State University



Dalilah Hale
Central High School
Eastern Kentucky
University



Alston Hammond
Central High School
Jefferson Community &
Technical College



Reginald Hampton
Butler Traditional High School
Jefferson Community &
Technical College



Kasandra Hodge
Central High School
Howard University



Cedric Ivy
Fern Creek Traditional
High School
Monterey Peninsula College



Jin Soo Kim
duPont Manual High School
Purdue University



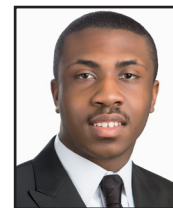
Curtis Lipsey III
duPont Manual High School
University of Kentucky



Aaron Luster
Eastern High School
University of Louisville



Ahna Matthews
Louisville Male High School
Bellarmine University



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Butler Traditional
High School
University of Kentucky



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Jeffersonville High School
University of Kentucky



Olivia Reece
Butler Traditional
High School
University of Louisville



Travis Reece
Jeffersontown High School
Murray State University



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Butler Traditional
High School
University of Kentucky



Logan Sanderson
North Oldham High School
University of Louisville



Peter Scott, Jr.
Louisville Male High School
University of Kentucky



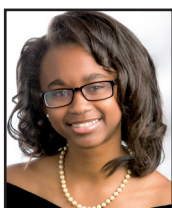
Alexandria Smith
Central High School
Murray State University



Jontane Smith
Louisville Male High School
University of Kentucky



Sharonda Stephens
Central High School
University of Kentucky



Aaliyah Taylor
Assumption High School
University of Kentucky



Ashley Wallace
duPont Manual High School
University of Louisville

Class of 2014

Congratulations to our 2013 & 2014 College Graduates

Name	Degree	College/University
Michael Adeyinka	B.S. Psychology	University of Kentucky
Yunina Barbour-Payne	M.A. Performance Studies	Texas A&M University
Delaney Bartlett	B.S. Kinesiology	University of Kentucky
Ciara Camp	B.S. Family Sciences	University of Kentucky
Quentin Childers	Bachelor of Social Work, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>	University of Louisville
Ana E. Garner	B.A. International Studies	University of Kentucky
Chasity Howard	B.S. Sociology	University of Louisville
Marcus Kelly	B.A. Criminal Justice	Ball State University
Dominique Luster	B.A. Theater, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	University of Kentucky
Jade Lynn	Master of Social Work	Western Kentucky University
Ayodele Osasona	Doctor of Medicine	University of Kentucky
Thomas A. Packer, Jr.	B.A. Biology	University of Louisville
Andrew J. Reece	B.S. Biology, <i>Cum Laude</i>	Murray State University
Josue Romero	B.S. Spanish	Georgetown College
Christien Russell	B.S. Community & Leadership Development	University of Kentucky
José Soto-Hernandez	B.S. Graphic Communications Management	Eastern Kentucky University
Matthew Wemes	B.A. Political Science	University of Louisville
Chastity White	B.A. Political Science	Fisk University
Ke'Aira Wooden	B.S. Business Administration	University of Louisville

From Adversity to Fulfilling a Dream

Fierce determination may be one way to describe Christien Russell, a member of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® Class of 2010. Her mother was an addict and suffered from bipolar and other mental health disorders. Her father was an absentee dad, making life as a child challenging. She realized early in life that she wanted a different outcome.

Thankfully, she had a caring grandmother and two loving aunts who provided the support and guidance she needed. One of her aunts learned about the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® and pushed Christien to apply. Her older brother and cousin also participated in the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® and demonstrated how the program can change a life for the better.

"I hated it at first," Christien admits. "Getting up early on a Saturday to attend the Educational Clinics was not my idea of fun."

Slowly, however, she realized that the program was one of the best things to happen to her. Becoming a Scholar provided the motivation she needed to excel academically and reach for opportunities she never thought possible.

"The teachers and educational program coordinators showed they really cared about my well-being. It became a true family environment for me," Christien says. "And there were other kids just like me in the program. It was truly a bonding experience. We all wanted to push and motivate each other to succeed."

Ms. Russell graduated in May 2014 with a degree in Community & Leadership Development from the University of Kentucky. She is now pursuing a Master of Public Admin-

istration with a concentration in Rural Sociology at Auburn University with hopes of becoming a foreign diplomat.

She already has an impressive resumé to help her dream become a reality. Christien spent two months in South Africa as part of a study abroad program, and she traveled to Prague and the Czech Republic learning about different forms of leadership. She also had the opportunity to work on both the 2008 and 2012 campaigns of President Barack Obama. In the last presidential campaign, she served as a vetting intern at the campaign's headquarters in Chicago before being offered a position as a field organizer in Florida.

A successful college graduate pursuing a postgraduate degree, Christien now understands why it was good for her to participate in the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. "I have even gone back and thanked my aunt for signing me up," she laughs. "I really appreciate her making me do it."

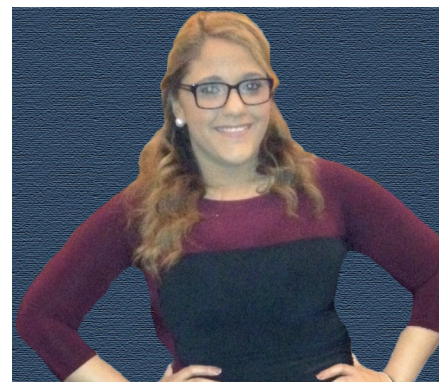
The experience has helped open many doors. Lincoln Foundation President, Larry McDonald, introduced her to an internship opportunity with McCarthy Strategic Solutions. It was an opportunity she feels would not have occurred had it not been for the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. The firm was impressed with Christien's work ethic, and her interpersonal and communications skills. "Christien was a plus to our firm," says McCarthy Office Manager Jane Corder. "Her work during the 2013 Legislative Session helped McCarthy Strategic Solutions stay on target with their legislative agenda and to com-

plete various assignments in a timely manner. She is someone who will do great things and would be a plus to any organization she is placed."

What's next for Christien? Besides completing her graduate degree, Christien plans to seek certification in election administration. She is also determined to travel to Ghana for her third international experience. "There are a lot of NGOs (Non-governmental Organizations) there that I would like to get involved with. My passion is active service and finding ways to give back."

No matter how high her dreams soar, Christien says she ultimately wants to get married, raise a family, and create the life she did not have growing up.

Similar to the sentiments in the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® Scholar Oath, Christien says she stays grounded with the words from her favorite quote, "Always remember who you are and what you represent."



Christien Russell

2013 Annual Report

Financial Report

Fiscal Year: January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013

REVENUES, GAINS AND SUPPORT

Contributions	\$310,943
Rental Income	467,930
Grants	176,795
Program Fees	6,540
In kind Contributions	150,936
Special Events, net	12,006
Investment Gains (Losses)	1,050,126
Other	39,380
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	2,214,656

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	867,494
Operating Expenses	185,169
Fundraising Expenses	129,158
Grants and Scholarships	60,200
Total Expenses	1,242,021
Change in Net Assets	972,635
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	7,243,878
Net Assets at End of Year	\$8,216,513

Annual Statistics

- ▶ Approximately 424 students served
- ▶ 64 elementary/middle/high schools served
- ▶ 1,863 volunteer hours

Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®

- ▶ 100% of the class of 2013 (37) graduated from high school
- ▶ 97% attended college
- ▶ \$1,250,891 in college scholarship awards
- ▶ 272 total Scholars (grades 7-12)
- ▶ 5 years - average time in program
- ▶ 70% Black; 13% White; 10% Hispanic; 4% Asian; 3% Other
- ▶ 3.0 average senior G.P.A.
- ▶ 20 average senior ACT score
- ▶ 3 - Beta Club
- ▶ 2 - National Honor Society
- ▶ 1 - Class Officer
- ▶ 1 - Governor's Scholars Program

College Scholars

- ▶ \$60,200 in Lincoln Foundation scholarship awards
- ▶ 22 Scholars graduated from college in 2013 (19 Bachelors; 2 Masters; 1 Medical School)

Educational Opportunity Scholarship Awards

- ▶ \$73,989

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Our Mission

To provide educational enrichment programs that develop and support youth in overcoming barriers to achievement



Dear Friend,



It is an honor to reflect back on the many successful careers and lives of the youth who have benefited from the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program®. The story of Christien Russell is just one of many inspiring stories Lincoln Foundation will be sharing over the course of the next year as we celebrate the program's 25th Anniversary.

In keeping with the anniversary, I am delighted to share news of the emergence of the Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Alumni Association. Ms. Faye Owens established a steering committee of Scholar alumni to help formalize the group. They will officially kick-off a membership drive on December 20 at the annual Holiday Brunch. If you are a Scholar and are in town for the holidays, please save this date and make plans to join us.

The Whitney M. YOUNG Scholars Program® continues to show the transformational difference it makes in the lives of the very deserving young people we serve. The Class of 2014 has kept with tradition achieving a 100% high school graduation rate. The most impressive fact is that all 32 Scholars were

accepted into an accredited college or university, collectively earning \$3.05 million in scholarship awards. This achievement reflects the impact of the Scholars program and speaks to what Lincoln Foundation aspires to do through all its educational programs – empower students to overcome barriers to achievement.

We cannot continue the great work without the generous support of our many donors, educational partners, and volunteers. We thank you for your gifts and support of our educational programs and the 19th Annual Evening of Jazz fundraiser.

Best regards,

Larry M. McDonald
President



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