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### **CFVI Awards more than \$375,000 in 2018 Academic Scholarships and Scholar Grants to VI Students**

**U.S. Virgin Islands-** The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is pleased to announce that **\$377,181** in 222 academic scholarships and scholar grants has been awarded to 179 graduate, undergraduate and vocational students throughout the Territory. In addition to CFVI's annual academic scholarships funded by CFVI donors, funding was made available from the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI) to provide scholar grants to students that were directly impacted by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Thanks to CFVI donors, scholarships have been made available to students for more than 20 years. To date, CFVI has awarded nearly **\$3 million** in academic scholarships to approximately **1,000** Virgin Islands students.

In the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, the Foundation recognized that many students and their families would be faced with a number of challenges that could potentially delay a student's ability to pursue post-secondary education. In response to those critical needs, the Community Foundation expanded its application eligibility requirements by making applications available to students that were displaced by the storms. Additional outreach was made to students, parents and education administrators throughout the Territory to ensure that students were made fully aware of this opportunity. In addition to extending the application deadline, the Community Foundation also hosted Saturday workshops on St. Croix and St. Thomas for applicants that had limited access to technology to complete pending scholarship applications.

Due to the generosity of CFVI donors, 179 Virgin Islands students will receive financial support to attend schools such as Cornell College, George Washington University, Interlochen Arts Academy and the University of the Virgin Islands. CFVI scholarships and grant awards range from \$700-\$8,000.

The FFVI Scholar Grants were made available through donations to the Fund for the Virgin Islands (FFVI). This Fund was established at the Community Foundation just days after Hurricane Irma's arrival in the Territory. The purpose of the Fund is to provide monies for critical needs in the U.S. Virgin Islands, both to support short-term relief efforts and to enhance the well-being of future generations.

A total of **\$250,000** in FFVI Scholar Grants was awarded to 158 students to assist with additional education expenses. Grantees were selected based on the student's financial need and their direct response to questions within the application about the impact of the storms on their personal and academic lives.

D'Briault Atemazem, the 2018 Anna Green Walsh Scholarship and an FFVI Scholar Grant recipient, expressed his gratitude for receiving these awards. "Thanks to the Community Foundation, students like me are able to pursue their dreams of higher education!" Atemazem is currently pursuing a Bachelor's degree, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, at Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania.

"We are honored to announce that the 2018 scholarship cycle represents the largest scholarship amount CFVI has awarded in a single year," said CFVI President Dee Baecher-Brown. "Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our donors, CFVI was able to provide much needed financial support to our students during this very challenging year."

In 2018 CFVI administered two new scholarship funds, the Making a Difference (M.A.D.) Scholarship and the Good Hope Country Day School Scholarship. If your organization or business is interested in awarding scholarships next year, please consider establishing a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands. The scholarship application, review and award process is managed by the Foundation. All you need to do is name your fund and begin fundraising for 2019!

Henry Wheatley, founder of the Artrelle M. Wheatley Scholarship Fund and longtime CFVI supporter, has been awarding scholarships for over 20 years! The Artrelle M. Wheatley Scholarship Fund was established in 1997 in honor of his late wife. Each year a student at the University of the Virgin Islands who exhibits

passion for community service receives a full-tuition scholarship for one academic year. “It has been such a rewarding experience to be able to provide academic scholarships to our young scholars,” said Wheatley. “I encourage others to consider establishing a scholarship fund at the Community Foundation as an investment in the future of the Virgin Islands.”

Thanks to CFVI Angels, scholarship funds at CFVI are operated without any administrative fees. Angels are CFVI donors that make an annual gift of \$500 or more to the Foundation. Because of our Angels’ generosity, one hundred percent of scholarship funds will continue to benefit students’ academic commitments.

Marie ThomasGriffith, CFVI’s Scholarship Committee Chair, stated, “We are extremely excited to be able to award one of the greatest gifts we can offer to our youth - the ability to access and pursue their dreams of higher education. I say thank you to our generous donors that continue to invest in the future leaders of the Territory.”

In the upcoming week, the Community Foundation will be launching its Scholar Spotlight series. Interviews with our scholarship and scholar grant recipients will be available on CFVI’s [website](#) and the following social media platforms:

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CFVirginIslands](http://www.facebook.com/CFVirginIslands)

Instagram: [www.instagram.com/CommunityFounVI](http://www.instagram.com/CommunityFounVI)

Twitter: [www.twitter.com/CommunityFounVI](http://www.twitter.com/CommunityFounVI)

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/CFVIYouTube>

CFVI scholarships are managed at <http://cfvi.fluidreview.com/>. The list of all recipients and their awards is available below. For more information, contact Khadija de Lagarde, CFVI Grants and Programs Manager at [kdelagarde@cfvi.net](mailto:kdelagarde@cfvi.net).

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*For more than 25 years the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands has been a catalyst for positive change in the Territory through initiatives committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of programs that ensure opportunity and sustainability for current and future generations. Most*

recently, CFVI has been serving as a vehicle for receiving and distributing funds to support hurricane relief efforts throughout the Territory. In addition to providing administrative oversight to over 100 named funds and programs, CFVI is focused on meeting the emergency, intermediate and long-term needs of children, youth and families in the aftermath of two Category 5 hurricanes. CFVI is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning.

**2018 Academic Scholarships/ FFVI Scholar Grant Recipients**

Recipient	Scholarship/ Grant	Island
K'Nesha Thomas	Alexander A. Farrelly Scholarship	St. Thomas
D'Briault Atemazem	Anna Greene Walsh Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
George Francis II	Artrelle M. Wheatley Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Aaliyah Babrow	CAHS Class of 1951 Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Linae Daniel	CAHS Class of 1951 Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Najae Harris	CAHS Class of 1951 Scholarships  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Jernijah Isaac	Coral World Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Keren Gonzalez	Good Hope Country Day Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jenia Augustine	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Iris Battiste	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Amal Bryson	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Alex Cintron	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Shaquanee Fenton	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jalen Francis	Heavy Materials Scholarship	St. Thomas
Ammiel Francis	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Adonis Fung	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Ajani Gordon	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Estelle Jules	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Lakeysha Murray	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Chanae Ottley	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Malachi Peterson	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jada Romer	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Kadysha Schoonmaker	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jenisha Stapleton	Heavy Materials Scholarship	St. Thomas
Jeanna Sujanani	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Jasmine Turbe	Heavy Materials Scholarship	St. Thomas
Chelsea Valery	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Esther Wood	Heavy Materials Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix

Joash Lake (2015)	Isaac and Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship	St. Thomas
Tommy Wise (2016)	Isaac and Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship	St. Thomas
Diamond Lewis (2017)	Isaac and Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship	St. Thomas
Gwendeline Pimentel (2018)	Isaac and Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship  Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Gia Freeman	Junior Angels Scholarship	St. Thomas
Addis Miller	Kitty-Koenig Probyn Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Ammal Abdullah	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship	St. Thomas
Jeremy Bellot	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Schneider Bredy	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship	St. Thomas
Kisha Coulanges	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship	St. Thomas
Briana Cromwell	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship  Making a Difference Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Briana Fuentes	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship	St. Thomas
Twanique Gordon	Kyms Kids Caribbean Scholarship	St. Thomas
Jan-Alexis Barry (Graduate)	Lana Vento Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Nirisha Commodore (Graduate)	Lana Vento Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Jendayi Edmeade (Graduate)	Lana Vento Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Lisa Ekpo (Graduate)	Lana Vento Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Nisha Hodge (Graduate)	Lana Vento Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas



Shamyah Joseph	Next Generation Scholar Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Angelina Prince (Graduate)	NSL Graduate Studies Fund Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Ella Barr	Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship	St. Thomas
Isis Collier	Prior Family Foundation Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Hezekiah George	Prior Family Foundation Scholarship	St. Thomas
Keshawn Hardy	Prior Family Foundation Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jahkyra Carrington	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tasha Freeman-Arnold (Wheatley Skills Center)	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship	St. Thomas
Ketura Harrigan	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship  FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Lakesha Hillhouse (Wheatley Skills Center)	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship	St. Thomas
LeeAnn Horsford	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship	St. Thomas
Shenice Labadie	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Juchara Margetson	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship	St. Thomas
Aria Rawlings	Senator Marvin A. Blyden Scholarship	St. Thomas
Briana John-Baptiste	Theodore E. Sharp Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Ja'Viere Morris	Tunick Family Fund Scholarship FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

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Michelle Adams (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Briana Adams (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Jakeem Adrien	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Amber Alcindor	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Uricka Alexander	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Himoi Andrew	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Laurie Armstrong	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ariana Athanase	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Lemiah Bates	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Elizabeth Beck (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Churon Bernier	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Brianna Berry	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Julian Bishop	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ali Boucenna	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Rysa Bryan	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
VerNele Callwood	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Michael Caracciolo	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Sh'Nae Carr	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Pooja Chainani	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Rayann Charlery	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Desla Charlery (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Chinique Charles	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
C'aylah Charleswell	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Hilrianna Chooran	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Amber Clark	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Ashley Clendenen	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Danielle Coleman	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Isis Collier	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kaitlyn Cummings	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John

Mecca Danet (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kayla Daniel	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Delva Daniel	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Zion Esprit	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Crystal Fahie	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Suleika Farquhar	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Kishelle Francis	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Amos Francis	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Louisa Fredey (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Lester Frett	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Nina Garcia (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Karen Gauriloff	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Addison Georges Jr.	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Soleil Gessner	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
Samuel Gittens Jr.	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Afffa Gordon	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Thelca Guishard Bedminster (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Adesha Gumbs	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
P'Azhae Harrigan	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Harris Aaron	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Osayande Herelle	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Micah Hill	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Jordan Huyghue	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tyler James	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Sardline Jean	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Nisha Jones (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Summer Jose	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Serena Joseph (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Jahdel Jules (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Nafeesa King	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Leeann Knight	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Shareen Lang (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ronald Lee	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
NiQuay-Imanie Leonard	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Dalissa Lettsome	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
De'Umee Liburd	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kima Lloyd-Jarvis (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tekettay Ludvig	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Vanshika Lulla	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Julisa Marcel (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Sparkle Mark	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Diamond Mark	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ashlee Martinez	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Brianna Matthew	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Charmaine Mayers (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Marina Meersman	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Adonis Mercedes	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ayana Milligan-de Lugo (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thonas
Varuna Mirchandani	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas

Elyse Mitchell	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Sylvana Montealegre Hutchins	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Carissa Moses	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tywreh Nelson	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Denali Nicholas	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ashante Norville	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Shirmara O'Garro	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Naomi Papin	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Sidharth Parwani	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Ilive Peltier (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
Ajayi Pickering-Haynes	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Dumoi Pole	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Rashida Powell	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
Angelina Prince (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Faith Prosper	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Reata Randolph	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Chasen Richards	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Sumaiyah-Nadira Richardson	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Akima Richardson	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tsedek Roberts (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Loron Robles	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Tanya Rodriguez	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Luz Santiago	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Ly'Nese Setorie	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Khnuma Simmonds-Esannason (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix

Riisa Simon	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Krystal Singh	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Zohar Sofer-Greer	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
Aliyia St. John	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. John
Kimo St. Luce	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Mark Sterling	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Shelomoth Stoutt	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Aleisha Thomas	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Kimberly Todman (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kyanna Torrens	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Croix
Sheeniqua Venzen	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Love Djaline Vergland	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kayana Walters (Graduate)	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Kayla Webster	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas
Sherwin Williams	FFVI Scholar Grant	St. Thomas