



#### 2019 Scholarship Reception





# Congratulations Class of 2019 Bridge Builder Scholars





## Melinda attended Jones High School where she was a member of the National Beta Club, POPS (Professional Opportunity Program for Students), Jones High Choir, and Chess Club.

#### MELINDA ALCIUS



Attended Seminole High School, he was a member and officer of the Young Political club and the EMBODI program sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Sanford Alumni Chapter. He is a classical pianist and composer since the age of 10. He volunteered over 286 hours as counselor/Tutor at the Westside Boys and Girls Club of Sanford. He plans to attend the University of South Florida.

#### ZAHIR BAKER



Jeremiah attended Seminole High School where he was a member of the "Young Men of Excellence" organization and volunteered at Breaking Bread Beyond LLC. He was a member of the varsity Lacrosse team for four (4) years. Jeremiah plans to attend Florida A.& M. University and major in Financial Management.

#### JEREMIAH BENJAMIN



Lynneshia attended Jones High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society and National Beta Club. Additionally, she was a member of the Teen Achievers and the International Baccalaureate program. She performed over 500 hours in community service. Lynneshia plans to attend Florida A.&M. University.

#### LYNNESHIA BRIGHT



#### YALE BRUCE

Yale attended Olympia High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society.



Briana attended Maynard Evans High School where she was captain of the varsity Lacrosse team, member of book and poetry club, member of Interact club, Co-founder of EMPOWERED LADIES and a member of the National Honors Society. Briana plans to attend Spellman College and focus on becoming an Attorney.

#### BRIANNA DACEUS



Jajuan attended Wekiva High School where he played varsity football and basketball. Jajuan dedicated many hours to serving and volunteering at the Park Avenue Childcare Center in Apopka. He plans to attend Albany State University to pursue a degree in Communications.

#### JAJUAN GORDON



Edward attended Seminole High School where he was voted Student Dividend of the year and he provided leadership skills to middle school students by volunteering at Wicklow Elementary School. Eddie plans to go to Bethune-Cookman University to major in Finance.

#### EDWARD GARCIA



Attended Apopka High School where she was captain of the field and track teams. She was lead Senator of student government annual and served as the student director, student librarian, and class leader of the orchestra program. Sydney plans to attend the University of Florida to major in forensic pathology.

#### SYDNEY FOWLER



Da' Zahuan attended Hagerty High School where he was a member of the National Achievers Honor Society. Da'Zhaun volunteered many hours with the Oviedo Police Department City of Oviedo Youth Council and Global Touch Foundation. He plans to attend college and medical school to pursue degree a degree in Radiology.

#### DA'ZAHUAN HICKS



Makela attended Edgewater High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club National Society for High School Scholars (NSHSS), the recipient of the 2019 Citizenship award, and Captain of the Volleyball team.

Makela plans to attend New Hampshire Institute of Arts to obtain a bachelor's degree of Fine Arts in Studio/Interior.

#### MAKELA LEE



Joseph attended Edgewater High School where he was a member of the honor roll, Beta club, National Honor Society, a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Joseph plans to attend Florida A.M. University to purse a law degree or degree in Civil Engineering.

#### JOSEPH MARTIN



Derrick attended Olympia High School where he was a member of the varsity football team and served as Captain his senior year. A 4- year Honor Roll student, Derrick volunteered as an assistant at Noah Broward Preparatory School football camp. He plans to attend college to become a Health Sports/Athletic Trainer or a Physical Therapist.

#### DERRICK MAYS, JR.



Amon attended Seminole High School where he was President of the YOUNG MEN OF EXCELLENCE and served two years on the Student Government Association. He participated in the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. of Sanford Alumni Chapter EMBODI Program. Amon plans to attend Florida A & M University to study political science.

#### AMON MCKINNEY



Makel attended Seminole High School where he was member of the National Honor Society, dual enrollment at Seminole State College. He was a mentee in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Sanford Alumni Chapter **EMBODI** program. He plans to attend college to obtain a degree in business/ (MBA).

#### MAKEL G. MCCLENTON



Bri attended Hagerty High School, and was President of the Black Student Union and Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc. G.E.M.S Leaders of Tomorrow. Bria put in over 140 hours of community service. She plans to attend Florida A & M University to major in political science then on to law school to pursue a degree in civil law.

#### BRIA MCCRAY



Sydney attended Olympia High School and was a member of the National Honor Society and served as historian of the Charmette Club of Orlando. She plans to attend Florida International University to get a degree in Biology and a Master's Degree in Pharmaceutical Nanotechnology.

#### SYDNEY SIMMONS



Jorge attended Cypress Creek High School where his leadership lead him to be elected as **President** of Student Government his Senior year and **District President of District III SASC**. Jorge participated on varsity basketball team for three consecutive years. He plans to attend the University of Central Florida.

### JORGE E. SOUSA, IV



Jessica attended Dr. Phillips High School where she was a member of the National Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, and National Spanish Honor Society. Additionally she was a member of Student Council for 2 years and Varsity Golf Team. Jessica plans to attend college to major in mathematics or science.

#### JESSICA VASQUEZ



Ezekiel attended Seminole High School where he was a member of Youth Employment and Leadership Development Academy. Ezekiel has clocked many hours through volunteering at the Westside Community Center, Goldsboro Front Porch organization. Ezekiel plans to attend college and major in Pre-Medicine.

#### EZEKIEL WOODS











Sarah Louis 2018 Scholarship Recipient Reflection

Thank you to the Bridge Builders Foundation's scholarship committee for choosing me to be a recipient of your scholarship. As a first-generation college student, your scholarship has eased the burden and stress of paying for my tuition and other college expenses.

I am a Political Science major on track to minor in African American Studies at the University of Florida. I am waiting to receive my final grades for my Spring semester, but during the Fall I received a 4.0 GPA while being extracurricular involved. My involvement from this past year includes the following: being a member of the University Multicultural Mentor Program (UMMP); being a council member of the Freshman Leadership Council (FLC); being a member of the Leadership Development Institute(LDI) under the Black Student Union (BSU); becoming a student ambassador; and serving in Student Government.





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