

**CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN SCHOOL**

# **Scholarship Ceremony**



# **Class of 2026**

**Program**



## **Introduction**

Susie Van Blaricum, Scholarship Coordinator

## **Welcoming Remarks**

Allan Gately Gehant, Principal  
David Murphy, Superintendent

## **Musical Performance**

Leila Nur

## **Presentation of Scholarships**

Scholarship Sponsors  
Allan Gately Gehant, Interim Principal

## **In Remembrance, and with Special Thanks**

On this evening we would like to remember the many individuals in whose honor these scholarships are named. Their achievements and contributions to the CRLS community will live on through the actions and achievements of the young people receiving awards tonight.

We also wish to thank the many sponsors who have been so generous in offering these scholarships to our students.





# *Alvin E. and Gloria G. Thompson Memorial Award*

Sponsored by the Thompson Family

For a CRLS senior who has turned his or her life around; planning to attend a trade-school, or a two- or four-year college; demonstrated financial need and community service.

**Awarded to:**

Orit Abel  
Priyota Imam

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## *Americo J. Francisco Scholarships*

Sponsored by The Boston Foundation

The purpose of this program is to provide scholarship support to students living in East Cambridge. Awards may be given to students attending either a four year or two year school.

**Awarded to:**

Issaiah Adams  
Jaydaan Correia  
Desmond Curran  
Kaelan Curran  
Sean Farraz  
Jordan Guerrero Murillo  
Schankie Joseph Zidor  
Samuel Pierre  
Raul Sharma  
Stefan Zahmanov

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## *Andrea Harvey Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund

This award honors students who have overcome challenges in pursuit of higher education to fulfill their dreams. Students that may not have top grades or a high GPA, but have nevertheless demonstrated great efforts toward improvement in their studies and accomplishments, are strongly encouraged to apply. Additionally, the scholarship is open to students who demonstrate a passion for the arts, a strong commitment to their community, and evidence of financial need.

**Awarded to:**  
Matilda Chabunya

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## *Leslie Kimbrough Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund

In memory of Leslie Kimbrough, CRLS teacher and administrator for more than 30 years. Mr. Kimbrough was an integral part of the CRLS Community and was an inspiration to Cambridge youth.

This award honors students who have overcome challenges in pursuit of higher education to fulfill their dreams. Students that may not have top grades or a high GPA, but have nevertheless demonstrated great efforts toward improvement in their studies and accomplishments, are strongly encouraged to apply. Additionally, the scholarship is open to students who demonstrate a passion for social justice, a strong commitment to their community, and evidence of financial need.

**Awarded to:**  
Nuwami Tesfaye

## *Anna Elizabeth Sullivan McGrath & Connie Ward McGrath Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mary McGrath Keenan

In memory of Betty McGrath, class of 1936, and Connie Ward McGrath.

A scholarship awarded to a student who has overcome obstacles in his or her own life; demonstrated financial need. Preference is given, but not limited to, studies in fine arts.

**Awarded to:**  
Dallas Jackson

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## *Anne Carroll Memorial Art Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Carroll Family

In memory of Anne Carroll, former CRLS Art Teacher.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who has faced adversity and succeeded and plans to study art in college; preference to those attending the Massachusetts College of Art.

**Awarded to:**  
Trinity Kelly

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## *Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame

The purpose of the Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals who, through participation, support, or interest have made outstanding contributions to Cambridge Athletics. These individuals have helped bring recognition, honor, distinction, and excellence to Cambridge High & Latin, Rindge Technical School and Cambridge Rindge and Latin Schools and its athletic programs.

A scholarship awarded to a student athlete.

**Awarded to:**  
Sophia Juanes Seto  
Ada LaMaster  
Joshua Pite  
Emily Anne Wintner

# Cambridge Club Community Service Awards

Sponsored by the Cambridge Club

To celebrate the efforts of students who have dedicated themselves to community service and who represent the ideals of community activism and service to the City of Cambridge.

This award was established by The Cambridge Club in honor of John R. Moot (1922-2008) and Ellen G. Moot (1922-2016), who served on numerous boards and committees, were active politically, and never saw a worthy cause they didn't embrace.

The Cambridge Club, founded in 1879, is dedicated to promoting activism and community service. Its members have demonstrated special concern for the health and well-being of Cambridge residents and institutions through extraordinary volunteer efforts. The Cambridge Club believes in encouraging young people to assume responsibility for their communities by providing a model of service and activism that guides throughout their lives.

## Awarded to:

Fernando Atencio  
Herrera

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# Cambridge Education Association (CEA) Book Award

Sponsored by the Cambridge Education Association (CEA)

A scholarship awarded to a student who is a child of a (CEA) member.

## Awarded to:

Margot Colvard  
Siobhan Devlin  
Angel Guevara Mateo  
Rosalind Patterson  
Isaiah Alan Sippel  
Aniyah Smith

## *Cambridge Falcon Scholarship*

Sponsored by an anonymous donor

A scholarship awarded to a student with demonstrated service to their community, who is committed to making the world a better place throughout their career.

**Awarded to:**  
Ava Keating

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## *Cambridge Health Alliance Estelle Paris Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Cambridge Health Alliance

A scholarship awarded to a student planning to enroll in a nursing or nursing-related program, (e.g. LPN or CAN); strong academic record; minimum GPA 80%; financial need. Preference to students with healthcare-related work or volunteer experience.

**Awarded to:**  
Amaiya Ervin  
Edberlinda Desius

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## *Cambridge High and Latin Alumni: Class of 1965 Scholarship*

Sponsored by the CHLS Class of 1965

A scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior enrolling in post-secondary education or training and demonstrating financial need. Preference will be given to students related to graduates of CHLS Class of 1965 or whose parents or grandparents graduated from CHLS, but is open to students related to members of other alumni classes.

**Awarded to:**  
Madelyn Montestime

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## Cambridge Tennis Club Rick Rose Scholarships

Sponsored by the Cambridge Tennis Club

In honor of Rick Rose, a CRLS graduate, beloved member of the community and dedicated tennis professional who has taught Cambridge residents for over 25 years at the Cambridge Tennis Club, including underserved youth players through the club's Community Outreach Program.

A scholarship will be awarded to CRLS Tennis Team players who are planning to continue their education beyond CRLS and who demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to applicants hoping to play tennis at the college level and who have volunteered or worked at the Cambridge Tennis Club during high school.

### Awarded to:

Nusrat Setu  
William Wei

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## CHANCE Scholarship

Sponsored by Jackson F. Gardner Fund, Harvard College

Scholarships will be awarded to two graduating seniors that have participated in PBHA's CHANCE program. These students embody the program's commitment to academic excellence through personal growth, and the pursuit of one's full potential

### Awarded to:

Amy Chen  
Matthew Shokoti

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## Christian M. Caldaroni Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the family and friends of Christian Caldaroni

A scholarship awarded to a student who has overcome obstacles in his or her own life and will attend a technical or certificate program. Preference is given, but not limited, to computer studies.

### Awarded to:

Malik Mouthif

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## *CRLS Class of 1953 Ecology Prize*

Sponsored by the CRLS Class of 1953

Student who has best demonstrated a clear commitment to the pursuit of environmental, ecological and ecosystem problem solving.

**Awarded to:**

Ryan Sutthoff-Pena

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## *CRLS Raised Bed Project Lead Award*

Sponsored by the Cambridge Community Foundation Innovation Award

This award is given for outstanding leadership in organizing and running the CRLS Raised Bed Project. Leaders coordinate with members of the Cambridge community, CRLS classes, businesses and volunteers to organize construction, delivery and setup of Free Raised Bed Gardens to people in the community who want to grow their own food.

**Awarded to:**

Tseyona Mekonen

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## *David Li Scholarship for Future Business Leaders and Entrepreneurs*

Sponsored by David Li, a CRLS graduate

A scholarship awarded to a student with the intention of pursuing a four-year college degree in business, finance, economics, and/or entrepreneurship. The scholarship will be awarded to a highly motivated high school graduate with outstanding academic performance (minimum GPA of 90%), demonstrated leadership, and impact to the community. The recipient will also receive future mentorship, career planning advice, and business networking opportunities. Preference will be given to a student with demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**

Ermias Mengiste

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## *DiDomenico Foundation Scholarship*

Sponsored by the DiDomenico Foundation

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior going onto a 2 year or 4 year college and has contributed to their community through public service work.

**Awarded to:**  
Alaa El hamdouni

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## *Dr. Elizabeth Boyce Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Dr. B. Elizabeth R. Boyce Scholarship Fund

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior planning to attend college with a major in Social Studies.

**Awarded to:**  
Fernando Atencio  
Herrera

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# Dupee Family Foundation presents the Harold Nelson Dupee, Black Boy Brilliance Scholarship

Sponsored by the family and friends of Harold Nelson Dupee, Sr.

Harold Nelson Dupee, Dup, as he was affectionately called, was a well known and loved Cantabrigian from the coast, who loved STEM studies, debate and people.

After graduating from Rindge Tech, he received a pharmaceutical degree from Northeastern University and then his Juris Doctor from Suffolk Law. He enjoyed tutoring in math and science in his community gratis and later taught Chemistry at South Boston High School. He was inducted to the Cambridge Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017 for his athletic performance at Rindge. He overcame some life challenges and celebrated 18 years of sobriety before his death in 2017.

The Dupee Family Foundation seeks to award black males that emulate Black Boy Brilliance through scholarly work in STEM or Legal Studies and a commitment to community service.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is attending a four-year college or university who has demonstrated financial need, academic promise and contributions to their community. Applicant's transcript must demonstrate commitment to excel in the areas of study that fall under the purview of STEM or legal studies with a B average or better. Priority will be given to male students of African-American descent who have been traditionally underrepresented in higher education. The ideal candidate(s) should exemplify the qualities of Black Boy Brilliance.

**Awarded to:**  
Mathias Mengistu

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## East Cambridge Savings Bank Scholarships

Sponsored by the East Cambridge Savings Bank

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior planning to attend a two- or four-year college or technical school with an outstanding commitment to community and school and a demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**  
Nina Isabela Montorzi  
Tarah Vernal

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## *East Cambridge Savings Bank Scholarship School Bank Program*

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who has successfully completed the East Cambridge Savings Bank School Bank Program.

**Awarded to:**

Abdullah Shaikh  
Sean Ferraz

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## *Edward Hopkins Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Edward Hopkins Trust.

A scholarship awarded to the top six students in the CRLS graduating class based on the cumulative GPA at the third term marking period.

**Awarded to:**

Tiffany Goh  
Oliver Henke  
Onyx Hopwood  
Min-Jae Kuo  
Nathan O'Connell  
Sinead O'Gorman-Jones

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## *Edward J. Shea Award*

Sponsored by the Edward J. Shea Memorial Fund

A scholarship awarded to a member of the CRLS graduating class who is "cognizant of the obligation of a good citizen, law abiding, and a diligent student."

**Awarded to:**

Christopher Beasley

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## *Edward Kingman Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Edward Kingman Trust Fund

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS college-bound senior student with the highest cumulative GPA at the third term marking period.

**Awarded to:**  
Min-Jae Kuo

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## *Edward P. Galligan Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by K. George and Carolann Najarian

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior with a GPA of 85%, a demonstrated financial need, and service to school or community.

**Awarded to:**  
Priyota Imam  
Eyob Mulualem  
Neicka Philippe

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## *Elisaveta and Ivan Tsonevski Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Teodora Kalcheva

A scholarship given to a graduating CRLS student who is an immigrant or child of immigrant parents.

**Awarded to:**  
Mustafa Paktiawal  
Victoria Vivien  
Stefan Zahmanov

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# *Falcon Pride Scholarships*

Sponsored by CRLS Parents, Alumni,  
and Cambridge Community Foundation

Envisioned by parents and alumni of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS), in partnership with the Cambridge Community Foundation, the Falcon Pride Scholarship supports CRLS students who have expressed the desire and demonstrate the passion to pursue postsecondary education and have also demonstrated financial need. The Scholarship was founded in 2017 by parents of students in the Cambridge Public School system who observed how income gaps greatly impacted post-graduation academic and vocational opportunities for CRLS graduates. The Scholarship is supported by CRLS parents and community members so that students in their community can pursue post-secondary degrees without financial barriers.

The 13 Falcon Pride Scholarships, include 4 named Scholarships as follows:

The Falcon Pride Bushner Breakthrough Scholarship designated for a scholar who benefitted from the Breakthrough program; The Falcon Pride Enroot Scholarships designated for two scholars who benefited from the Enroot program; The Falcon Pride Karen Engels Scholarship and the Falcon Pride Wislande Pierre Scholarship, named in honor of Cambridge Public School teachers to recognize their work on behalf of educational equity.

## **Awarded to:**

### **Falcon Pride Scholars:**

Emmanuel Alemu  
Elijah Bartholomew  
Joseph Derege  
Zihaam Jama  
Ashley Kim  
Madelyn Monestime  
Fatima Najri  
Nazrawit Napir

**Falcon Pride Bushner Breakthrough Scholar:** Shakia Afrose

**Falcon Pride Enroot Scholar:** Neicka Philippe

**Falcon Pride Enroot Scholar:** Victoria Vivien

**Falcon Pride Karen Engels Scholar:** Jannatun Tajrin

**Falcon Pride Wislande Pierre Scholar:** Damiyah Marshall

## *Florence M. Russell 1978 Prize*

Sponsored by Ms. Claire Russell Megan

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who will graduate in the top 10% of the graduating senior class. The student plans to attend a four year liberal arts college, and at college, plans to pursue studies in a foreign language (preference given to a student who will be studying the French language) or to a student who plans to study international relations.

The student will have spent the last five academic years as a student in the Cambridge Public School system.

**Awarded to:**  
Hazel McDiarmid

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## *Friends of Cambridge Athletics (FOCA) Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Friends of Cambridge Athletics

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has been involved with at least one CRLS season during at least three of their four years (Exceptions may be considered). All applicants should have demonstrated commitment, team membership, and sportsmanship.

### *FOCA Most Improved Athlete Awards*

A scholarship awarded to both a male and female student-athlete who has shown outstanding athletic development over time.

**Awarded to:**  
Abdulah Abuelgaseem  
Sarah Fekadu  
Samir Zazai

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### *FOCA Student-Athlete Courage Awards*

A scholarship awarded to both a male and female student-athlete who has shown courage in overcoming hardship or adversity in their life, and how this relates to participating in athletics at CRLS..

**Awarded to:**  
Priyota Imam  
Dallas Jackson

## *FOCA Team Spirit Awards*

A scholarship awarded to both a male and female student-athlete who has demonstrated selflessness and support for their teammates and team success.

**Awarded to:**

Rose Freedman-Riles  
Finn Graham

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## *Friends of the CRLS Scholarships*

The following scholarships are sponsored and/or administered by Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School.

Please visit [focrls.org](http://focrls.org) to learn more, donate, or inquire about establishing or sponsoring a scholarship. Please email [info@focrls.org](mailto:info@focrls.org) if you have any questions.

In 2026, Friends of CRLS is awarding 59 scholarships totaling \$113,710 all made possible by our donors and sponsors.

Special thanks to our sponsors honoring and remembering loved ones. Thank you to our awardees for showing us a brighter future!

## *Aurora M. (Ciccariello) Leydon Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by John P. (Jack) Leydon and Family

A scholarship awarded to a resident of East Cambridge (ZIP code 02141) who has demonstrated academic achievement and will enroll in a 2- or 4-year college in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Ayan Bashir

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## *AVID Scholars Award*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

An award to recognize a student who has used the resources of the AVID program to excel and achieve college acceptance.

**Awarded to:**  
Joseph Derege

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## *Bristol Myers Squibb Scholarship for Science*

Sponsored by Bristol Myers Squibb

A scholarship to a graduating senior who has excelled in biology, chemistry, physics, or environmental science and will major in science at college. This scholarship will be awarded in four annual installments.

**Awarded to:**  
Isla Agnew

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## *Calvin Hicks Memorial Award for the Study of Music*

Sponsored by family, friends, and colleagues of Calvin Hicks

An award to take lessons, a class, a workshop, or a summer program at an accredited music school or lessons independently with a credentialed instructor. Requirements are a love of music and a commitment to learning.

**Awarded to:**  
Dallas Jackson

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## *Cambridge Day Sue Reinert Scholarship for Journalism*

Sponsored by Cambridge Day

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has been engaged in journalism during high school and intends to continue in college.

**Awarded to:**  
Fabiola Campos

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## *CambridgeSeven STEAM Scholarship*

Sponsored by CambridgeSeven

A scholarship to a student who will be the first in their family to attend a 4-year college, whose transcript demonstrates commitment to excel in the areas of study that fall under the purview of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, or Mathematics.

**Awarded to:**  
Jahmari Yakubu

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## *Cambridge Youth Soccer Haitham Mansour Awards*

Sponsored by Friends of Cambridge Youth Soccer

These awards honor legendary youth soccer coach Haitham Mansour, who has worked with Cambridge children for over 20 years, sharing his enthusiasm for the game and providing a wise and gentle expertise at the field every Saturday morning. Awardees have participated in Cambridge Youth Soccer and have shown leadership and love for their community.

**Awarded to:**  
Emmanuel Alemu  
Zihaam Jama

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## *Charlene Holmes Memorial Award*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

These awards are given in memory of Charlene Holmes, CRLS Class of 2014.

Recipients were nominated by faculty members for exemplifying Charlene's spirit of generosity and caring toward their fellow students.

### **Awarded to:**

Neicka Philippe (LC C)

Victoria Vivien (LC R)

Marvens Philogene (LC L)

Musie Futsum (LC S)

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## *Cheri Kamen Targoff Memorial Scholarship in the Humanities*

Sponsored by Ramie Targoff and Stephen Greenblatt

A scholarship to a graduating female student who has demonstrated academic achievement and plans to study history, language, literature, or another humanities subject in college.

### **Awarded to:**

Farha Samira

## *Colonel & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by The New York Community Trust

Awards recognizing graduating male seniors who have achieved in AP US History and have demonstrated civic engagement by volunteering to help others in Cambridge or nationally.

**Awarded to:**

Washington Blask  
Camron Firouzbakht  
Aroon Kang

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## *CRLS Core Values Scholarships*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

Scholarships to awardees who have demonstrated two or more of the CRLS core values: "Opportunity, Diversity, Respect."

Each awardee has shown academic achievement and will enroll in an accredited college or technical program in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Eyob Muluaem  
Emily Jane Nolan  
Leila Poor  
Raul Sharma

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## *Dr. Christopher Saheed & Stephen Z. Nonack Future Educators Scholarships*

Sponsored by family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Christopher Saheed

Scholarships to awardees who are planning to pursue careers in education. Awardees have demonstrated academic achievement and will enroll in accredited 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Gwen Rori Nerich  
Jannatun Tajrin

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## *Dr. David A. Link Scholarships for Health Professions*

Sponsored by the family, friends, colleagues, and patients of Dr. David A. Link

Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors of excellent character and academic achievement who demonstrate commitment to social justice in Cambridge and the greater community and are interested in pursuing careers in healthcare. Awardees will enroll in accredited 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Shakia Afrose  
Fatima Najri

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## *Earl M. Gardner Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Gardner Family

Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated dedication to community service and academic achievement. Awardees must enroll in accredited 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Abdulah Abualgaseem  
Adib Morshed

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## *Elaine Schear “Voice of the First Generation” Scholarship for Creative Writing*

Sponsored by Elaine Schear  
(Friends of CRLS co-founder and parent of Nessarose and Ariela Schear,  
CRLS 2010 and 2014) and Friends of CRLS

A scholarship to a graduating senior who has a talent for and an interest in  
creative writing and who will be a first generation college student.

**Awarded to:**  
Nevaiah Cius-Imbert

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## *Elizabeth Vernon Scholarship for Volunteerism and Community Service*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

A scholarship to a graduating senior who demonstrates a long-term  
dedication to volunteer work in the Cambridge community and will  
enroll in an accredited 2- or 4-year college in the fall.

**Awarded to:**  
Abenezzer Benniame

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## *Fresh Start Contracting Corporation Award for Carpentry*

Sponsored by Ben O’Sullivan Pierce and Nick Stamos  
(co-founders of Fresh Start Contracting Corp. and CRLS graduates)

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled  
in the RSTA carpentry program.

**Awarded to:**  
Kamai Green

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## *Friends of CRLS “First Scholars”*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

Scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and will be the first in their families to attend 4-year colleges.

**Awarded to:**

Sara Atikem  
Apollo Barua  
Ayan Bashir

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## *Friends of CRLS First Scholars Sponsored by Eastern Bank*

Sponsored by Eastern Bank

Scholarships to graduating seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and will be the first in their families to attend 4-year colleges.

**Awarded to:**

Schankie Joseph Zidor  
Nusrat Setu

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## *Friends of CRLS STEAM Scholarships*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

Five scholarships awarded to graduating seniors each demonstrating commitment to and achievement in one of the STEAM fields: Science, Technology, Engineering, (the visual and performing) Arts, and Mathematics. Awardees will enroll in 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Sayeda Ulfat (Science)  
Naveen Tuyo (Technology)  
Min-Jae Kuo (Engineering)  
Winter Shou (Arts)  
Morris Lichtenstein (Mathematics)

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## *It Takes A Village Multi-Year Scholarship*

Sponsored by Friends of CRLS

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who plans to attend a Massachusetts public or community college (UMass, Salem State, Bridgewater State, Mass College of Liberal Arts, Bunker Hill, etc) in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Betel Zewude

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## *John D. Zagarella, Sr. Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Zagarella Family

Scholarships to hardworking graduating seniors who have participated in youth or high school sports, have overcome challenges, and plan post-high school education.

**Awarded to:**

Jahmari Yakubu  
Samir Zazai

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## *Joy Zagarella Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by family and friends of Joy Zagarella

A scholarship to a graduating CRLS senior who exemplifies our school's core values of "Opportunity, Diversity, Respect" and lives with kindness in the school community and beyond.

**Awarded to:**  
Jacqueline Goh

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## *Kathleen M. Kelley Scholarship*

Sponsored by Kathleen M. Kelly, retired Cambridge School Committee member

A scholarship to a graduating senior who self-identifies as a woman or with womanhood (including transgender, gender-fluid, or non-binary), has demonstrated academic achievement, and will be the first in their family to attend college.

**Awarded to:**  
Emmanuela Orancy

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## *Larry Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Friends of Larry Rosenberg

A scholarship to a graduating senior demonstrating commitment to addressing the existential threat of climate change while at CRLS and enrolling in a 2- or 4-year college in the fall.

**Awarded to:**  
Tiffany Goh

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## *Lucas J. Warner (CRLS '14) Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Elissa & William Warner, parents of Lucas J. Warner

Scholarships to graduating seniors committed to public service within the greater Cambridge community during their time at CRLS. Awardees will enroll in 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Orit Abel  
Fernando Atencio Herrera  
Abenezzer Benniame  
Santiago Creuheras  
Anoke Deitg Blanchard

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## *Maria J. Tavares Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mary Tavares Sutula and Family

A scholarship to a graduating senior who is a child of immigrant parents and will be a first generation college student enrolling in a 2- or 4- year college in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Priyota Imam

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## *Mary Francis Monti Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Neil B. Rosenberg, Cambridge High & Latin '76  
(Friends of CRLS Treasurer and Scholarship Committee Chair)

A scholarship to a graduating senior demonstrating personal growth and academic achievement. The awardee will enroll in an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Madelyn Monestime

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## *N Rahman Scholarship*

Sponsored by Naveed Rahman and Caroline Butler-Rahman

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior of South Asian descent (Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indian, Afghan, Pakistani, Nepali) who has demonstrated academic achievement. Awardee will enroll in an accredited 2- or 4-year college in the fall.

**Awarded to:**  
Adib Morshed

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## *Next Step Multi-Year Scholarship*

Sponsored by the O'Neil Family

A scholarship to a graduating senior who demonstrates a commitment to their education, personal growth, and future goals. Awardee will enroll in 2- or 4-year college or a trade/technical program in the fall.

**Awarded to:**  
Abenezzer Benniame

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## *Patrick Ewing Scholarship*

Sponsored by Patrick Ewing, CRLS '81

A scholarship awarded to an African American graduating senior of West Indian birth or descent who has demonstrated academic achievement and will attend an accredited 4-year college in the fall. The awardee may have been born or have parents and/or grandparents and/or descendants from Jamaica, Haiti, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guyana, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, the Bahamas, or any of numerous other Caribbean Islands.

**Awarded to:**  
Neicka Philippe

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## *Rose and Victor Rifkin Family Scholarships*

Sponsored by friends, family and descendents of Rose & Victor Rifkin (grandparents of Friends of CRLS co-founder Donna Spiegelman and great grandparents of Nessarose and Ariela Schear, CRLS 2010 and 2014)

Scholarships to graduating seniors who are children of immigrants, have demonstrated academic achievement, have career aspirations, and will enroll in 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Nuwami Tesfaye  
Jahmari Yakubu

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## *Scholarships for Equity and Social Justice*

Sponsored by Eileen Taxe Levine and Irving Lee Levine

Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrate dedication, commitment, and activism towards equity and social justice at CRLS and/or in the greater Cambridge community. Awardees demonstrate academic achievement and will enroll in accredited 2- or 4-year colleges in the fall.

**Awarded to:**

Santiago Creuheras  
Ashley Kim

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End of FOCRLS Scholarships

# Gene Haas Foundation Grant Scholarships

Sponsored by the Gene Haas Foundation

A scholarship awarded to a student currently enrolling in a CNC Machining Technologist training or manufacturing engineering (machining-based) engineering program at the postsecondary level or the costs of attending CNC machining classes at the secondary level career center.

**Awarded to:**

Sebastian Ruiz-Samojluk  
Bronwyn Johnson

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## General Turk, Jr. Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the family of the late General Turk, Jr.

A scholarship awarded to a college-bound CRLS graduating senior who is a graduate of the Tobin School/Vassal Lane Upper School and is interested in jazz, technology, or culinary arts.

**Awarded to:**

Naveen Tuyo

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## Muriel W. Turk Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the family of the late Muriel W. Turk

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who is a graduate of the Tobin/Vassal Lane Upper School who is attending college and is interested in pursuing a career in education or the arts.

**Awarded to:**

Gwen Rori Nerich

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## Gomatos Brothers Memorial Scholarship

Sponsored by the families of John, Stavros and George Gomatos

In honor of the Gomatos Brothers who emigrated from Sparta, Greece and became Harvard Square business owners. A scholarship awarded to a CRLS college-bound student who has a parent of Greek heritage.

**Awarded to:**

Naia Tabakovic

## *Helen & Walter Fabianski Engineering Scholarship*

Sponsored By The Family of Helen and Walter Fabianski

The Helen & Walter Fabianski Engineering Scholarship is given to a senior who has participated in RSTA's Engineering program for at least two years and has earned a B grade or better. The recipient must intend to attend a 2- or 4-year college/institution and major in an Engineering related area.

**Awarded to:**  
Nathan O'Connell  
Sebastian Ruiz-Samojluk

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## *Jacqueline Goodrum-Tynes Scholarships*

Sponsored by the family of Jacqueline Goodrum-Tynes

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior from the "Port" (Area IV) that is active in the community, has a minimum GPA of 3.5, and a demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**  
Aniyah Smith

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## *Jesse McKie Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by family and friends of Jesse McKie

In memory of former CRLS student Jesse McKie. A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who shows evidence of talent and achievement in music or the performing arts and plans to continue his/her education in these fields. Additionally, the ideal student will demonstrate a commitment to racial equality and goodwill toward all.

**Awarded to:**  
Leila Nur

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## *Jesse Sparks Adversity Scholarship*

Sponsored by Jesse Sparks and The Bridge Project

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS senior.

**Awarded to:**  
Semira Cherisme

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## *Jim and Penny Peters Scholarship*

Sponsored by the friends and family of Jim and Penny Peters

The Peters have been both Cambridge Public School parents and grandparents. They have contributed positively to the lives of students and alums in many ways, from serving as formal and informal mentors, tutors, and volunteers, to being surrogate parents and grandparents. This scholarship is presented in their honor.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior with demonstrated need who has immigrated to the United States and will be attending post-high school education, whether college or technical.

**Awarded to:**  
Emmanuela Orancy

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## *John A. Rutter Memorial English Literature Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mr. John Rutter's family and friends

In memory of John Rutter, who was an English teacher at CRLS for 25 years.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS student who excels in the study of English Literature. The English Language Arts Department nominates a junior for this scholarship award.

**Awarded to:**  
Shruti Shil

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## *John M. Tobin Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Trust of John M. Tobin

A scholarship awarded to a student who will attend Boston College.

**Awarded to:**  
Noah Weinberg

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## *John Morgan Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mr. John Morgan's family and friends

In honor of John Morgan, Technical Supervisor in the Cambridge Public Schools Management Information Systems (MIS) Department.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior planning to study technology.

**Awarded to:**  
Ayan Bashir

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## *Kevin Jameel Parker Art Student Scholarship*

Sponsored by the friends and family of Kevin Jameel Parker

In honor of Mr. Kevin Jameel Parker, former CRLS Art Teacher.

This scholarship is awarded to a CRLS student who will be attending a four year university/college for their undergraduate degree in a visual arts related field. The student must have a 3.0 average.

Preference will be given to a matriculated student taking at least 9 credit hours with a full-time course load.

**Awarded to:**  
Anoke Deitg Blanchard  
Trinity Kelly

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## *Kito Jackson: Light Someone's Way*

Sponsored by the Kito Jackson Scholarship Fund

The Kito Jackson: Light Someone's Way Scholarship was created to honor the memory of Roderick L. Jackson Jr., known as Kito by his family.

The scholarship's mission is to support youth in Cambridge by inspiring hope, bringing care, and providing opportunities to those who need them. In addition to the financial award, Ms Norma Asprilla, mother to Kito, will offer guidance and mentorship to awardees as needed.

This scholarship is for a CRLS senior with demonstrated financial need who is planning to attend a trade-school, or a two- or four-year college. The student should demonstrate a true commitment to their education, but need not have a high gpa. Preference is given to students who share some of Kito's interests, including athletics, the culinary arts, and/or fashion and visual art.

### **Awarded to:**

Issaiah Adams  
Fernando Atencio Herrera  
Nia'yel Daily  
Dallas Jackson

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## *Kramer Family Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Kramer Family

This scholarship is for a student to further his/her study at a two- or four-year college or trade school. The scholarship is awarded to a CRLS motivated graduating senior, who is serious about continuing his or her education, is low income, and who has experienced family disruption in one or more of the following ways: has been or is currently in the foster care system; is adopted formally or is being raised by a family member other than birth parents; or is an emancipated individual legally or because parents cannot legally immigrate to the United States.

### **Awarded to:**

Jahmari Yakubu

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## *L.E.A. Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by Mrs. Louise Adler

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior of Haitian descent with a minimum GPA of 3.0, at least one year of school or community service volunteer work, and a demonstrated financial need.

### **Awarded to:**

Widson Joseph  
Tarah Vernal

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## *Legends Live Forever Scholarship*

Sponsored by the family and friends of Xavier Louis-Jacques

The Fund is established in honor of the late Xavier Louis-Jacques, of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

A graduate of Cambridge Rindge and Latin (CRLS) High School, Xavier was a talented young man who connected with everyone he met. Xavier was an athlete, having played for the CRLS Falcons, and was also an artist, with exceptional talent in ceramics. Before his life was tragically cut short at the age of 19, Xavier had been accepted to Xavier University in Louisiana, a private and historically black, Roman Catholic University in New Orleans, and was saving his money to become an engineer. The purpose of the Fund is to support the ability of Cambridge Rindge and Latin graduates like Xavier to attend college or university.

Preference, for this scholarship award, will be given to candidates who plan to attend a historically black college or university (HBCU), with additional preference given to candidates who demonstrate talent in athletics and/or ceramics, and to those who may have difficulty attending university without support. High past academic achievement is not a prerequisite for qualification – rather, the emphasis is on supporting the ability of young individuals like Xavier to attend college in fulfillment of their dreams and potential.

### **Awarded to:**

Jasen Thomas

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## *Lisa M. West Scholarship*

Sponsored by the West Family

In honor of Lisa M. West, Class of 1985, Captain of the Cheerleading Squad

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS female student athlete.

**Awarded to:**  
Emmanuela Orancy

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## *Local 1611 Union Scholarship*

Sponsored by Local 1611 Cambridge School Department  
Maintenance and Custodial Union

A scholarship awarded to a senior student with preference given to but not limited to RSTA students attending a technical or trade school. The candidate must have a GPA of 80 or higher.

**Awarded to:**  
Jahmari Yakubu

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## *Lucas James Lincoln Gibson Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by Pete and Debbie Lincoln, grandparents of Lucas Gibson

This scholarship was established in memory of  
Lucas James Lincoln Gibson, a 2016 CRLS graduate.

This scholarship will be presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated a love and ability for the performing arts and has acted or sung in the CRLS Theater. Lucas had a passion for the theater arts, and this scholarship is given to a student who has shared this joy.

**Awarded to:**  
Leila Nur

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## *Luke Bailey Santos Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by the family and friends of Luke Bailey Santos

The scholarship is given in memory of Luke Bailey Santos, CRLS class of 2021, in honor of his tireless leadership, extraordinary civic action, deep compassion, and commitment and service to his community.

Open to students with a 2.5 GPA or higher, pursuing a 4-year college degree in the fields of Political Science, Government Studies, and/or Economics. Candidates should demonstrate the following qualities:

- High degree of civic responsibility and leadership, as evidenced by active work in local and/or statewide politics
  - Strong commitment to and involvement in service to their local community
- Individual, who through their civic action and community service, has demonstrated unity as a guiding principle.

**Awarded to:**

Eva Asraf

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## *Mack Davis Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Mack I. Davis II Memorial Fund, Harvard College, and administered by the Phillips Brooks House Association.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior with demonstrated strong public service volunteer work and a financial need.

**Awarded to:**

Orit Abel  
Adib Morshed

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# *Mara Gibbs Memorial Photography Awards*

Sponsored by Lauren Gibbs and the late Steven Flax, and awarded by a committee of Mara's friends

Mara Gibbs '15 was a student who considered the Photography Department her home at CRLS. Mara developed her eye and her technique at CRLS under the tutelage of Archy LaSalle and Deborah Milligan. This award goes to a student who shows great promise and may have need.

Both of Mara's parents and Mara's friends support these students as they go forth into the world.

Two students of photography will be selected from those students submitting portfolios and/or websites with photography.

**Awarded to:**

Anoke Deitg Blanchard  
Sadia Gilreath  
Walter Hopwood

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## *Mark D. Levine and Nina Pattek Scholarship Award*

Sponsored by the Estate of Mark D. Levine

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior with a minimum GPA of 87% and who is involved in community service or peace and justice work.

**Awarded to:**

Mathias Mengistu

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## *Mary A. Blessington Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mary A. Blessington Scholarship Fund

A scholarship awarded to the graduate with highest cumulative GPA at the third marking period who attended the Fletcher School or the Fletcher Maynard Academy.

**Awarded to:**

Calder Russell

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## *Mary Canavan McKearney Memorial Award for the Trade Professions*

Sponsored by family members, friends, classmates, and neighbors of Mary Canavan McKearney, Cambridge High & Latin School Class of 1965

An award to help a Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA) graduating senior pursue a career in the trades. Funds may be used toward any expenses to equip them for their chosen field or enroll them in a training program.

**Awarded to:**

Lex Beal

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## *Mary C. and Michael A. Sullivan Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by the Sullivan family

A scholarship awarded to CRLS graduating seniors planning to attend post-secondary education who have demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**

Eberlinda Desius  
Jordan Guerrero Murillo

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## *Metrowest Black Catalyst Scholarship*

Sponsored by Metrowest Black Catalyst ABSW

The Black Catalysts of Massachusetts is a collective of Black social workers and mental health professionals rooted in the African diaspora, dedicated to advancing social and racial justice while promoting health, wellness, and connection among professionals in Massachusetts. Our mission honors the legacy of the Black Social Work movement through shared learning, research, and collaborative service, providing a space for advocacy and reflection while engaging in regular volunteer work and partnering with local agencies. To further this commitment, we sponsor the Black Catalyst Scholarship, designed to support individuals who demonstrate a strong dedication to education, community service, activism, leadership, and advocacy related to equity and social justice, as they pursue higher education, a trade program, or entrepreneurship

**Awarded to:**

Fatima Najri

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## *Milligan-Pate Photography Award*

Sponsored by CRLS Photography Teacher Deborah Milligan and her sons, Ian and Zach Milligan-Pate, who are both graduates of CRLS

A scholarship awarded to a graduating senior who has excelled in photography.

**Awarded to:**

Ethan Oren  
Anoke Deitg Blanchard

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# MIT Impact Scholarships

Sponsored by MIT

The MIT Impact Scholarships are awarded annually to six CRLS graduating seniors who have demonstrated positive impact in their communities. The \$10,000 award is distributed over four years and supports the recipients as they continue their education at a college or university nationwide. We are excited to announce the ninth cohort of CRLS Impact Scholars this evening.

## **Awarded to:**

Santiago Creuheras  
Jacqueline Goh  
Walter Hopwood  
Priyota Imam  
Naveen Tuyo  
Alexandra Zelony-Cramer

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# NAACP Awards

Sponsored by the NAACP Cambridge-Branch

The NAACP Award will be awarded to a CRLS scholar. The NAACP Cambridge Branch is under the leadership of former Mayor Kenneth Reeves, City Councillor Ayesha M. Wilson and School Committee Member Richard Harding Jr. The goal of this scholarship is to support the youth as they prepare to advance into adulthood as social and racial justice members of the Cambridge Community.

A scholarship awarded to a student committed to social and racial justice, committed to attending a 2-year or 4-year college or university, and need-based (free or reduced lunch). Interviews of the candidates will be conducted as well. The NAACP will interview selected candidates who have submitted an essay.

## **Awarded to:**

Krissie Alexis  
Fernando Atencio Herrera  
Zihaam Jama  
Elijah Bartholomew  
Eva Asraf

## *Pearl K. Wise Memorial Scholarships*

Sponsored by the family and friends of Pearl K. Wise

In memory of former school committee member and city councilor  
Mrs. Pearl K. Wise.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who has been accepted  
at Harvard College and who has performed school or community service.

**Awarded to:**

Lalo Garskof  
Zihaam Jama

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## *Professional Ambulance Service Scholarship*

Sponsored by Mr. Lawrence Stone, Professional Ambulance Service

A scholarship established to honor health careers. This scholarship is awarded  
to a CRLS graduating senior who intends to pursue a career in health care and  
has a demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**

Emmanuela Orancy

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# Reservoir Church Scholarships for CRLS students

Sponsored by Reservoir Church (the Church that sponsors Soccer Nights)

A scholarship awarded to a Cambridge resident who is attending, has received admittance to, or has an application pending at an accredited education institution or vocational training program beyond the high school level prior to the award date (May 2024). Preference given to first-generation college applicants, North Cambridge residents, and North Cambridge Soccer Nights volunteers and alumni. Awards may be given for students attending either four-year or two-year schools.

## Four Year Scholarship Awarded to:

Apollo Barua  
Betel Zewude

## One Year Scholarship Awarded to:

Barkot Bayessa  
Bilal Shaikh

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# Roland Farinato Memorial Scholarship Fund

Sponsored by the family and friends of Umberto Roland Farinato

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Roland Farinato. Mr. Farinato grew up in East Cambridge. He graduated from Cambridge High and Latin in 1964 and went on to Boston College, where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Mathematics. He brought his passion for math to the classrooms of Cambridge High and Latin and Cambridge Rindge and Latin. This scholarship honors his love for math as well as the city he grew up in.

This scholarship is awarded to a student who is: (\*) a resident of East Cambridge (area bordered by the railroad tracks to Broadway, to the Charles River and the Cambridge/Somerville Line); (\*) has attended CRLS for 4 years; (\*) has a minimum GPA 85%; (\*) will be attending a college/university and focusing on fields related to Mathematics; (\*) has received admittance to, or has an application pending at an accredited 4-yr educational institution prior to the award date (May 2023); and (\*) his/her transcript must demonstrate a commitment to excel in areas of Science, Technology, Mathematics. The scholarship will be based on overall achievements to include academic performance, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

**Awarded to:**  
Ayan Bashir

## *Ruth K. Stone Education Scholarship*

Sponsored by Ms. Wendy Stone

This scholarship is given in memory of Ruth K. Stone, a teacher and mother and grandmother to teachers.

A scholarship awarded to a student with financial need who intends to pursue a career in teaching. Preference will be given to students who are in the first generation of their family to attend college.

**Awarded to:**

Damiyah Marshall  
Jannatun Tajrin

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## *S&S Restaurant William & Charlotte Wheeler Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by S&S Restaurant and the Wheeler/Mitchell Families

In honor of the founders of the S&S Restaurant and its 100th year in business.

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who plans to attend a post-secondary educational institute with an interest in food service management, a minimum GPA of 80%, and a demonstrated financial need.

**Awarded to:**

Jonathan Sanchez  
Melendez

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## *Sharif Moustafa Memorial Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Sharif Moustafa Memorial Fund

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior with a financial need. Preference is given to a student involved with the West Cambridge Youth Center as a volunteer or member.

**Awarded to:**

Rajul Basnet

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## *Sid and Ad Tocman United Market Scholarship*

Sponsored by Howard Tocman

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior student who is in financial need and lives in the Cambridgeport neighborhood and is a graduate of the Morse School.

**Awarded to:**  
Nazrawit Napir

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## *Vincent A. DiClemente Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Sponsored by the DiClemente Family

This scholarship has been established in memory of Vincent A. DiClemente, a lifelong East Cambridge resident and a graduate of the Rindge Technical School. He was a welder/metal fabricator by trade and became an educator and technical school administrator.

The scholarship will be awarded to an East Cambridge resident. Preference will be given to a student of Italian descent, and a RSTA student who has completed at least level 2.

**Awarded to:**  
Ayan Bashir

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## *Walter Knight Sturges Visual Arts Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Cambridge Community Foundation

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who has demonstrated talent in the visual arts including painting, drawing, graphic arts, sculpture, video, or photography and a demonstrated financial need. The recipient is not required to major in art.

**Awarded to:**  
Anoke Deitg Blanchard

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## *Ward Gay CRLS Boys Tennis Scholarship*

Sponsored by Ward Gay's Family, Marilyn, Jason, and Chris

A scholarship awarded to a CRLS graduating senior who is a member of the CRLS Boys Tennis Team. The student may not have chosen tennis originally, but has played with his heart. The student who was taught and who really benefited from being part of the team.

**Awarded to:**

Yona Shapiro

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## *Webster First Federal Credit Union Scholarship*

Sponsored by Webster First Federal Credit Union

A scholarship to support a student who is working toward college while carrying real responsibilities at home and pushing forward despite limited support.

**Awarded to:**

Eyob Mulualem

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## *Webster H. Thierry History Prize*

Sponsored By Trust Fund established in 1925 by Adelaide R. Thierry

Awarded to an outstanding student in Advanced Placement U.S. History.

**Awarded to:**

Faye Rosenberg

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