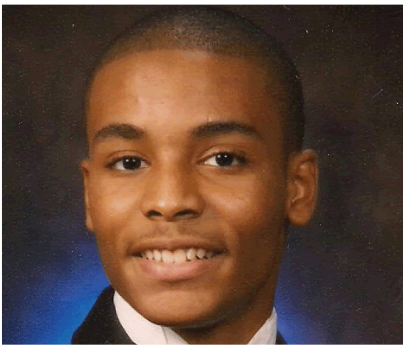


# CGCS-BERNARD HARRIS MATH AND SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



# ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP



Bernard Harris, center, was joined by former Council Executive Director Michael Casserly and former Council Chair Carol Johnson in 2009 as they display the \$25,000 oversize check for the CGCS- Bernard Harris Math and Science scholarship program, which was previously funded by ExxonMobil.



Each year, African-American and Hispanic male and female high school seniors who attend urban public schools are selected to receive \$5,000 CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarships. The students are chosen from several hundred applicants in urban school districts across the nation for their academic performance, leadership qualities, and community involvement.

The scholarship program was created in 2010 by former NASA astronaut Dr. Bernard Harris, the first African- American to walk in space, to encourage and assist promising students of color who plan to pursue science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) studies after high school.



Since 2010, urban students have received scholarships to help them pursue math- and science- related degrees at prestigious universities across the country such as Cornell University, Harvard, Stanford University, Duke University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Morgan State University, Brown University, and the University of Pennsylvania.



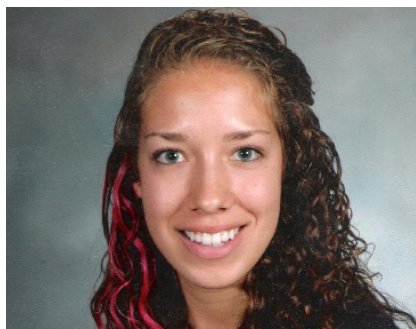
# PAST SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



“ Studying at Stanford University is an expensive privilege. The generous CGCS-Bernard Harris Scholarship made it possible for me to better focus, concentrate more on my academic studies, and enjoy other non-academic aspects of school life without the financial burden of having to worry or work to meet many of my college financial obligations. ”

**Eliska Peacock**

2020 Scholarship Recipient  
District of Columbia Public Schools



**Aileen Lerch**

2011 Scholarship Recipient  
Pittsburgh Public Schools



**Leonardo Sanchez-Noya**

2014 Scholarship Recipient  
Miami-Dade County Public Schools



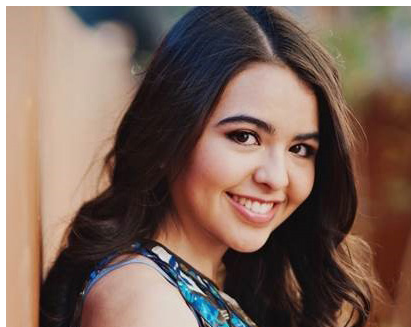
**Matthew Guillory**

2015 Scholarship Recipient  
Long Beach Unified School District



**Summer Kollie**

2015 Scholarship Recipient  
The School District of Philadelphia



**Diana Moreno**

2017 Scholarship Recipient  
El Paso Independent School District

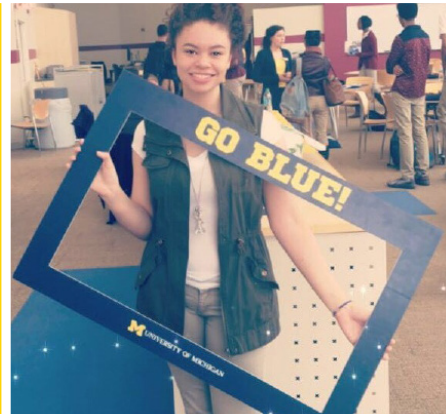


**Abani Neferkara**

2020 Scholarship Recipient  
Portland Public Schools

## STEM-Related Fields Scholarship Recipients Have Majored in:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Biochemistry
- Bioengineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Biology
- Biophysics
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Programming
- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics



### SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



#### **LeAngelo Hall, M.D.**

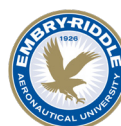
2010 Recipient, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

LeAngelo Hall, M.D., is an ophthalmology resident physician at Johns Hopkins - Wilmer Eye Institute. He majored in ecology and evolutionary biology at Princeton University and then earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He went on to complete his medicine internship at Washington Hospital Center in Washington D.C., followed by an ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute/Johns Hopkins Hospital. Hall's research interests include glaucoma surgical outcomes and disparities in glaucoma care.





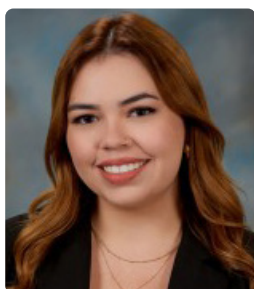
Here are Just a Few of the Post-Secondary Institutions Scholarships Recipients Have Attended:



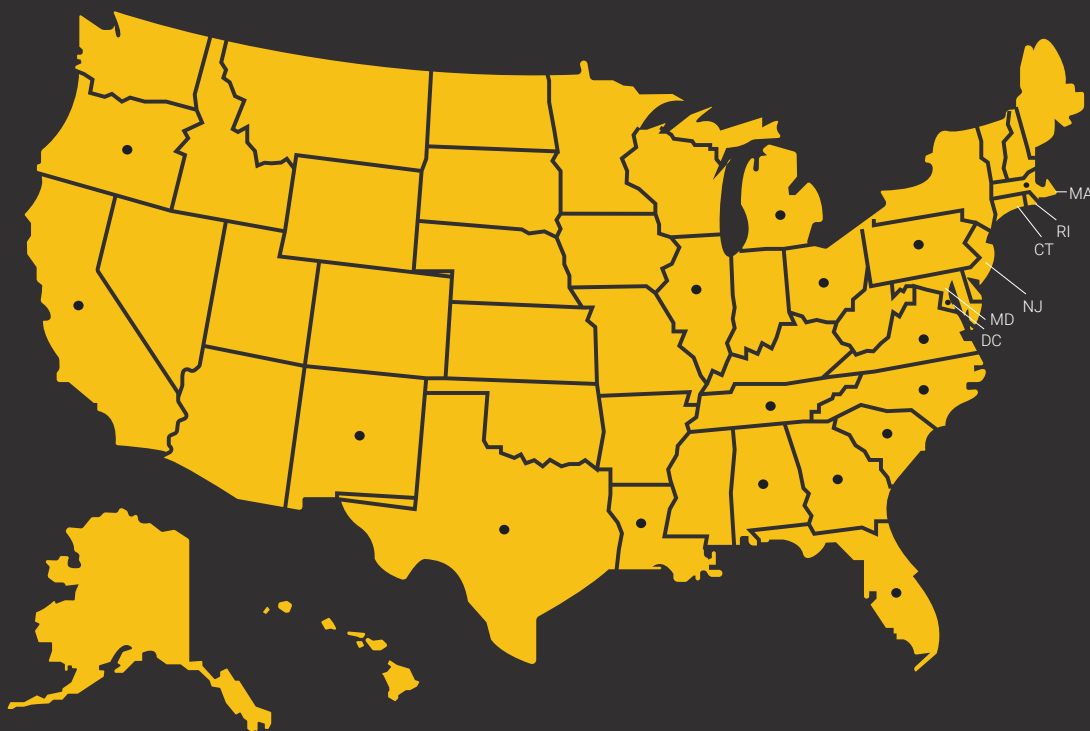
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### Kaitlyn Quesada

2019 Recipient, Los Angeles Unified School District



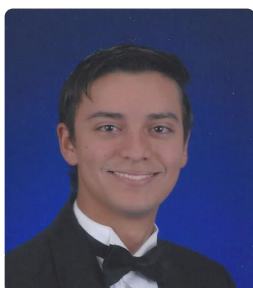
Kaitlyn Quesada received a degree in bioengineering from UCLA. At UCLA she was a member of the Society of Latinx Engineers and Scientists and president of mentorSEAS, UCLA's engineering mentorship program for freshmen students. Quesada is currently a Global Plan Supply Chain Analyst at Johnson & Johnson, where she hopes to broaden her engineering skills, explore new pathways in bioengineering, and work to strengthen equity, diversity, and inclusion in healthcare.



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ARE GRADUATES OF THESE COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICTS

- Albuquerque Public Schools
- Atlanta Public Schools
- Austin Independent School District
- Birmingham City Schools
- Boston Public Schools
- Broward County Public Schools
- Charleston County School District
- Chicago Public Schools
- Cleveland Metropolitan School District
- Dallas Independent School District
- Detroit Public Schools Community District
- District of Columbia Public Schools
- East Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools
- El Paso Independent School District
- Fort Worth Independent School District
- Guilford County Schools
- Hillsborough County Public Schools
- Houston Independent School District
- Kansas City Public Schools
- Long Beach Unified School District
- Los Angeles Unified School District
- Memphis-Shelby County Schools
- Metro Nashville Public Schools
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Newark Public Schools
- Norfolk Public Schools
- Orange County Public Schools
- Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Portland Public Schools
- Puerto Rico Department of Education
- Santa Ana Unified School District
- The School District of Palm Beach County
- The School District of Philadelphia
- Wichita Public Schools

### SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



#### **Michael Benben**

2016 Recipient, Broward County Public Schools

Michael Benben received a bachelor's and master's degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is currently a design engineer at Boeing in Huntsville, Alabama. Benben is very passionate about volunteering with FIRST Robotics, an organization that encouraged him to pursue a career as a mechanical engineer when he was in high school, and he actively looks for opportunities to mentor future engineers.

# BECOME A SPONSOR

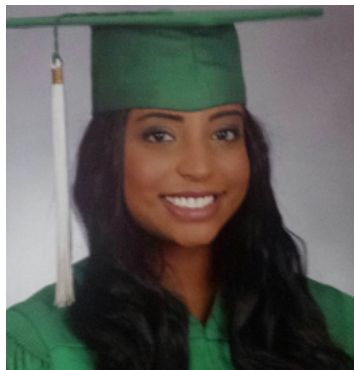
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## Benefits of Becoming a Sponsor

Your company/foundation logo and description will be:

- Featured in the 2025 CGCS-Bernard Harris application brochure distributed in January announcing the scholarship.
- Featured on the Council's social media channels and the Council's monthly digital newsletter, the Urban Educator.
- Included as a sponsor in the June press release and on the Council's social media channels announcing the scholarship winners.
- Recognized on the Council's website, Annual Report, and Fall Conference mobile app and program.

If you would like to donate to the CGCS-Bernard Harris Math and Scholarship Program, please contact the **Council's Director of Communications Tonya Harris** at: [tharris@cgcs.org](mailto:tharris@cgcs.org).



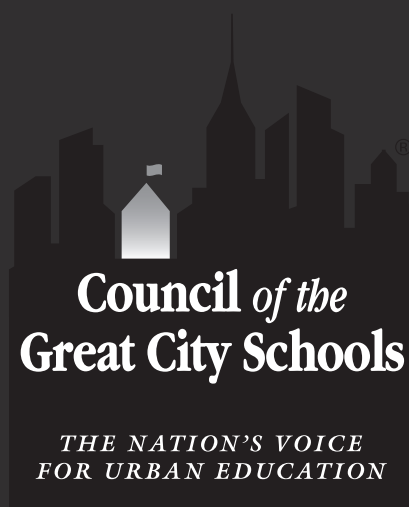
## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



### Reauna Walker

2023 Recipient, Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Reauna Walker is majoring in engineering/physics at Morgan State University in Baltimore. She is a member of the university's honors program, treasurer of the physics club, and a member of the intramural volleyball team. Walker attended East Tech High School in Cleveland, where she was the valedictorian of her senior class and captain of the volleyball team.



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