



A LETTER FROM OUR CEO, KAREN STERK

Dear Rankin Foundation Friends -

Thank You for your support and investment in the Rankin Foundation. The important work we do is done because of you. We call you our Scholar Support Team, because you are.

We welcome you to join us at our big celebration of the year. Our Annual STAR Party fundraiser is happening on Thursday November 3, from 8-9PM EST, 7-8PM CST, 6-7PM MST, and 5-6PM PST. We are LIVE and in person in both Athens, GA and Missoula, MT. Our studio is in Atlanta, and we'll have a studio audience there too. The event is raising Dollars for Scholars. Join us for complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres in person or sign up for online viewing.

A GINORMOUS Thank You to our Presenting Sponsor, Assurant, and to all the other wonderful sponsors listed in the newsletter.

Check out our two Shining STAR Honorees - Scholar Alum Margaret Hall and Dr Johnnetta Bertch Cole. We are excited to share their stories with you!

Thank You Thank You Thank You!

Karen





STAR PARTY

Shining Star Award Winners



Dr. Johnnetta Betsch Cole

Johnnetta Betsch Cole is a noted anthropologist, educator, author, speaker and consultant on inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in educational institutions, museums, corporations and other workplaces. After receiving a Ph.D. in anthropology, Dr. Cole held teaching positions in anthropology, women's studies, and African American studies at several colleges and universities.

Dr. Cole served as President of both historically Black colleges for women in the United States, Spelman College and Bennett College, a distinction she alone holds. She also served as the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art, as a Principal Consultant at Cook Ross, and as a Senior Consulting Fellow at the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



Margaret Hall

Margaret Hall graduated from Arizona State University with her Master's Degree on May 12th this year. She was honored to be asked to speak at the graduation ceremony. Margaret is an inspiration, receiving three degrees (AA, BA, MA) in five years. It was a bittersweet moment for her as she lost her 18-year-old son in a rollover car crash on Feb 15th. She was devastated but persevered. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a 3.9 GPA. Thank You to the foundation for believing in me.... your investment in me change my life and the lives of my family. Six years ago I was sitting in federal prison and on May 12th I will be standing in the palace.

Join Us on November 3, 2022
8-9PM EST – 6-7PM MST

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Please RSVP to one of this year's STAR Party by clicking one of the options below:



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Click the button below to purchase tickets for a chance to win:

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MEJURI

Welcome New Board Members



Alecia Bailey

Alecia has volunteered with JRF for five years. The past three years she has been STAR Party Co-Chair. Alecia was initially introduced to JRF by Board of Director Chair, Libby Pollock, through Assurant. Alecia said that our mission

is what drives her to continue volunteering and supporting our Scholars: "Empowered women, empower other women. That is my mantra and drive!" JRF welcomes you, Alecia! Thank You for serving!



Kunal Verma

Kunal has a background in Business Finance with emphasis on businesses financial health. Kunal believes that finance and social responsibility go hand-in-hand. By implementing Corporate Social Responsibility

initiatives in businesses health impacts the client engagement and employee fulfillment. Kunal was introduced to JRF by current Board of Directors through his work and served on the Rankin Foundation Finance/Investment Committee for the past year. JRF welcomes you to the Board of Directors, Kunal! Thank you for serving!



Scholar Profiles



AHWAHNEE W. - Montana

Ahwahnee is attending Salish Kootenai College and is working on her bachelor's degree. She is majoring in Tribal Historic Preservation and plans to continue her education at the University of Montana to earn her master's degree.

"After obtaining a baccalaureate degree in Tribal Historic Preservation from Salish Kootenai College in June 2023, I hope to continue my education at the University of Montana in the graduate program for Public Administration and Policy. My career goal is to ensure Indigenous representation is influencing public policies that pertain to the Indigenous cultural heritage. Through my education I hope to make a positive impact for Indian Country."



BRENDA V. - Montana

Brenda is attending Helena College at the University of Montana. She is majoring in Criminal Justice and would like to get into a paralegal program!

"I'm currently majoring in Criminal Justice, while looking into getting into a self paced paralegal course. My goals are to be proactive in the corrections world dealing with co-occurring offenders seeking resolution and remedy!"



NICOLE L. - Montana

Nicole has already completed two Associate Degrees in Business Administration and Business Technology! She is now attending the University of Montana to finish her Bachelor's Degree in Business.

"This scholarship will help open the path to my future. I am drawn to school; I love being a student. This means the world to me and my little family. We have seen so much hardship and dealt with so much loss in the recent years. This scholarship will give light for our future. I am excited to provide for my daughter while still improving my chances in this world."

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2022-23 JRF Scholars - 133 Scholars from 37 States

Adriene B.
Ahwahnee W.
Aleta F.
Alexis G.
Allison H.
Ama A.
Amanda B.
Amanda J.
Amber S.
Amber R.
Amy M.
Andrea M.
Angel C.
Angela F.
Angela A.
Angela O.
Annie B.
April S.
Ariana L.
Ashley S.
Ashley K.
Ashley M.
Audrey H.
Autumn H.
Avalon J.
Billie M.
Brenda P.

Brenda V.
Camille P.
Cara J.
Crystal M.
Cynthia B.
Dana S.
Davidyne D.
Delight T.
Delphine E.
Donna N.
Doyin C.
Elisa P.
Elizabeth S.
Elizabeth B.
Elva H.
Elyzabeth I.
Erica C.
Fanisha H.
Fatema M.
Heather D.
Holly K.
Homa D.
Janna B.
Javon J.
Jaymie W.
Jeanette A.
Jeanna H.

Jeanna C.
Jeannie F.
Jennifer H.
Jennifer L.
Jennifer A.
Jennifer L.
Jennifer G.
Jennifer C.
Jenny O.
Jessica I.
Jessica D.
Jessica H.
Juleiyah W.
Julie G.
Julie W.
Karen V.
Katrina H.
Keevela M.
Kenyata T.
Kiesha F.
Kimberly D.
Kimberly B.
Kimberly S.
Kristi P.
La'jimes W.
LaKisha N.
Lanisha L.

Latanya S.
Le Dien Chau T.
Leah B.
Leesha D.
Lena F.
Lisa A.
Lisa Marie B.
Lori S.
Luiza N.
Mandy C.
Margaret M.
Mary E.
Mary I.
Melanie D.
Melissa D.
Melissa F.
Melissa T.
Michaela R.
Michelle W.
Naomi B.
NaSharee D.
Nicole M.
Nicole L.
Nicole C.
Nikki N.
Nneka W.
N'neka G.

Paulisha D.
Rachel F.
Rebecca M.
Renee P.
Rianyn F.
Rosemarie H.
Roxanne A.
Ruby F.
Ruth H.
Ruth S.
Sarah B.
Sarah M.
Sarah T.
Shavauna H.
Sondra D.
Suann E.
Suong N.
Susannah C.
Tara B.
Theresa M.
Traci S.
Tracy L.
Trina R.
Valerie P.
Victoria G.



**Shout out to Kim from Strut Daddy
in Roxboro, NC for helping us fix
Scholar Keevela 's car so she could drive
40 minutes to and from school
and graduate in December!**

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