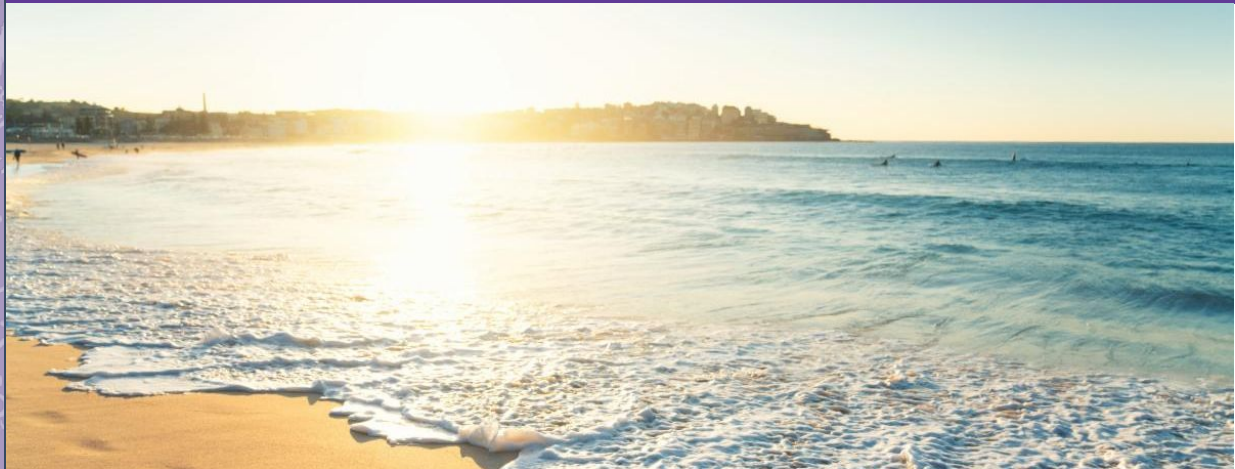


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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN JAMEECE PINCKNEY

As the Foundation enters its eighth fiscal year on October 1, I'd like to take a look back at all we've accomplished.



**OPHELIA** means **O**pportunities to **P**rovide **H**ope, **E**mpower **L**ives, and **I**nfluence **A**dvancement. We have raised more than \$37,000, supported more than 300 students, and awarded 12 scholarships totaling \$12,000 since 2014.

These are more than mere statistics; these are the concrete results of the hard work and generosity of our board members, volunteers, and donors since our official establishment in 2014.

OPHELIA continues its work in our local communities. I take great pride in our achievements thus far and look to the future, where I know amazing opportunities await us.

## IN THE NEWS



## CLASS OF 2021 OPHELIA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

For a fifth consecutive year, The OPHELIA Foundation has awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three college-bound high school seniors. The Foundation awarded the scholarships to these outstanding students to help them meet the ever-rising costs of pursuing a higher education.

To be considered for the scholarships, applicants were required to meet academic, leadership, and other criteria specified by the scholarship benefactors.

**The scholarships and awardees are:**



***Joan Gooch Scholarship:***

### **SOLENNIE MONTGOMERY**

The Joan Gooch Scholarship honors Joan Gooch, the sixth-oldest of 10 children. She was the daughter of a school custodian and a bank teller. Joan held the strong belief that education is the key to success. This scholarship is, therefore, given to a student who values education and excels academically.

Recipient Solenne Montgomery, who graduated from West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia, will attend Virginia State University. She plans to major in political science. Solenne is the daughter of Bronte and William Montgomery and graduated with a 3.71 grade point average.

### ***A Note of Thanks from Solenne Montgomery***

*Dear OPHELIA Foundation:*

*Thank you so much for selecting me as The OPHELIA Foundation's Class of 2021 Joan Gooch Scholarship recipient! I plan to major in political science at Virginia State University and hope to become a public official.*

*Thank you once again for supporting my education; I could not have done it without your generosity.*

*Kind regards,  
Solenne Montgomery*

### ***Offie Porat Soldin Scholarship***

### **DAVID KNEEBONE**

The Offie Porat Soldin Scholarship honors Offie Porat Soldin. Offie, a Georgetown Lombardi member in Washington, D.C.,



since 2003, was as associate professor in the departments of oncology, medicine, physiology, and obstetrics and gynecology. In addition to her scientific career, she completed an MBA and was a licensed pilot. This scholarship is given to an exceptional student who plans to pursue studies in arts, medicine, business, science, and technology.

Recipient David Kneebone, who graduated from Urbana High School in Ijamsville, Maryland, will attend the University of Maryland at College Park. He plans to major in business and accounting. David is the son of Guy and Lorrie Kneebone and graduated with a 4.63 grade point average.



### ***A Note of Thanks from David Kneebone***

*Dear OPHELIA Foundation,*

*I want to thank you so much for awarding me The OPHELIA Foundation's Class of 2021 Offie Porat Soldin Scholarship. I was so excited to find out that I was chosen to be the recipient of it! I am part of a very large family and have six older sisters, so I will be paying my own way through college. This scholarship will help me out a lot, so thank you!*

*I will be a freshman at the University of Maryland this fall and will be majoring in business and accounting. I have known for years that I am good at math, but it was not until I took an accounting class in school last fall that I realized how my math skills could play a part in a future career. I hope to become a CPA after I graduate from Maryland.*

*Thank you again for your investment in helping me achieve my dream of becoming an accountant. I promise to work hard at Maryland to be deserving of it.*

*Sincerely,  
David Kneebone*



### ***SJB Academic Scholarship:***

## **SKYELAR MONTGOMERY**

The SJB Academic Scholarship honors Sheryl J. Brown, a longtime educator. For more than 40 years, Sheryl Brown was an exceptional leader dedicated to educating students from kindergarten through grade 12. It has always been her mission to inspire all of her students with a love for learning that will last a lifetime. This scholarship is given to a high-achieving student with exceptional leadership potential and a commitment to their community.

Recipient Skyelar Montgomery, who graduated from West Springfield High School in Springfield, Virginia, will attend the University of California, Berkeley. She plans to major in political science. Skyelar is the daughter of Bronte and William Montgomery and graduated with a 3.88 grade point average.

### ***A Note of Thanks from Skyelar Montgomery***

*Dear OPHELIA Foundation,*

*Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to receive this scholarship! It is greatly appreciated, not only by me, but by my parents as well. It will assist me with my academic endeavors at the University of California, Berkeley. It will allow my parents and me to experience financial ease as they prepare to send two children to college! Words cannot describe my*

*Skyelar Montgomery*

OPHELIA Founder Jameece Pinckney said, "The Foundation is extremely pleased to award scholarships to Solenne, David, and Skyelar. We want to help our young people achieve their educational goals and excel in their chosen careers, and we believe these three outstanding students will go on to achieve great things."

Fawn Coleman, Chair of the OPHELIA Scholarship Committee, noted, "Solenne, David, and Skyelar are exceptional students with bright futures. They serve as an example for their peers. We congratulate them for their commitment to excellence."

The OPHELIA Foundation Board of Directors would like to thank all of our donors, volunteers, and directors for their continued and unwavering support. Special thanks go to the Nellis Group, Dawn and Richard Roman, and Karen Rosser for their generous donations to establish named scholarships to honor loved ones and support our future trailblazers.

If you are interested in creating a named scholarship for the class of 2022 to honor a person or an organization, please contact the Foundation at [scholarships@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@opheliafoundation.org) for details.

## FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN

August 23 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of our fabulous Founder and Chairman, Jameece Pinckney. As anyone who has met her already knows, Jameece is a powerhouse. Her philanthropic spirit and vision led her to create The OPHELIA Foundation in 2010, with the goal of improving the educational and health outcomes of youth in our communities. The Foundation officially became a 501(c)(3) in 2015, and Jameece continues to be a driving force in making a difference to those in need.

The Foundation wishes her a fantastic year ahead!



### THANKS TO OUR DONORS

The Foundation opened its 2021 - 2022 fiscal year on July 1, not with a bang, but with a pop — a popcorn fundraiser, that is!

We held a hugely successful Fourth of July virtual fundraiser from July 1 - 5, selling delicious Double Good gourmet popcorn. The total sales from this pop-up store event totaled \$6,596 from 149 supporters in 19 states. One hundred and twelve of our supporters designated their donations to go to first responders. Thank you once again for your overwhelming support. In helping the Foundation, you help those most in need.





## STEP UP TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER/PARTNER

Over the years, The OPHELIA Foundation has been blessed with the support of numerous volunteers and community partners and organizations. We thank each and every one for their invaluable help.

If you are interested in becoming an OPHELIA volunteer or member of our board of directors please click the following links and submit an application for consideration.

[Volunteer Application](#)

[Board Member Application](#)

Whether you are a young person who needs to accrue community service hours or someone who simply wants to help others, we'd love to have you join us.

If your organization would like to partner with the Foundation to help us with an event or fundraiser, please contact Chairman Jameece Pinckney at [chairman@opheliafoundation.org](mailto:chairman@opheliafoundation.org).

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## VERA BRADLEY COMPANY RECOGNIZES JAMEECE PINCKNEY

The Vera Bradley company has recognized Jameece Pinckney as one of its four 2021 Women of Inspiration. The company selected her for this honor from among many applicants based on her spirit of community service and personal history and awarded her \$2,500 for the charity of her choice. She will use these funds to further the Foundation's mission.

We thank the Vera Bradley company for their generosity and for recognizing Jameece as a woman who inspires others.

Congrats!



to **OPHELIA Foundation Founder and Chairman**  
*Jameece Pinckney*  
on Receiving the Prestigious Vera Bradley Award!

More About Our Vera Bradley Woman of Inspiration [HERE](#)

*The Foundation wishes you a great remainder of the summer and a productive start to the new school year, in whatever form it takes. While times are challenging for parents and students, we hope for the best possible academic year for everyone.*



The OPHELIA  
Foundation  
will soon have a  
NEW WEBSITE.

Stay tuned!!

## STAY IN CONTACT

Stay in contact with us through our website, Facebook, and Twitter for updates on our activities throughout the year.



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