

“Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther
King, Jr.
Scholarship

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St. John's Baptist
Church
Woburn, MA

A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Our Program

Saint John's Baptist Church offers the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Program to recognize high school students who embrace the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program provides financial assistance for high school seniors who are committed to social justice and have demonstrated leadership or active participation in community service.

Embracing the
Community

2021 Recipients

Ms. Christie Delanois

Ms. Sophia Matthews

Mr. Jaiden Farrington

Mr. Michael West

Christie Delanois



Introduction

Ms. Christie Delanois is a graduating senior at Woburn Memorial High School.

This Fall, she intends to pursue a degree in Public Health at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell.

Christie is a member of the National Honor Society.

Christie Delanois

Leadership

Christie has held leadership roles in several organizations. Her leadership roles include President of the embRACE club, Captain of the Step Team, Core leader in Surviving the Drive, and Peer leader in the Dating Violence Task Team.



Christie Delanois



Community

Christie is an active member of the Woburn community. Her activities include working as a translator at SCI Woburn, and raking at the senior center, and participating in a student panel discussing issues related to social justice at the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Christie Delanois

Accomplishments



As a member of the Philly Lions Pathfinder Club, she placed first in the Oshkosh International Pathfinder Camporee of 2014 as a drill team member. She placed second in the Oshkosh International Pathfinder Camporee of 2019 as a drum corps member.

Sophia Matthews



Introduction

Ms. Sophia Matthews is a graduating senior at Woburn Memorial High School.

This Fall, she will be attending Bentley University.

Sophia is a member of the National Honor Society.

Sophia Mathews



Leadership

Sophia has served in several leadership positions. Her leadership roles include President of the embRACE, President of the Spanish Honor Society, and Vice-president of Marching.

Sophia Matthews



Community

Sophia has been an active member of the Woburn community. She served as a student panelist at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She served as a host for the Woburn Unites Vigil to support the Asian American Pacific Islander Community.

Sophia Matthews



Accomplishments

Sophia is also an accomplished student-athlete. She has twice received recognition as an athlete selected to the Globe and Herald All-scholastic as a Woburn Memorial High School's Varsity Wrestling team member.

Jaiden Farrington



Introduction

Mr. Jaiden Farrington is a graduating senior at Boston Collegiate Charter School.

This Fall, he will be attending Hampton University, where he intends to pursue a degree in criminal justice.

Jaiden Farrington



Academics

Jaiden received several academic recognitions, including being on the honor roll all four years in high school.

In addition, he qualified for college credits by passing the Advanced Placement U.S history exam.

Jaiden Farrington



Community

Jaiden has a strong interest in changing the impact criminal justice has on the black community.

His desire to change the criminal justice system, making it more equitable and inclusive for people within the black communities, fuels his passion for pursuing his college degree.

Jaiden Farrington



Accomplishments

Jaiden has participated in several varsity level sports, including basketball, baseball, and flag football.

His most prized accomplishment was earning the Massachusetts Charter Sports Association Organization all-star during his junior year of basketball.

Michael West



Introduction

Mr. Michael West is a graduating senior at Chelmsford High School.

This Fall, he is attending Bridgewater State University.

Michael West



Experience

Michael has participated in computer science programs specializing in developing gaming systems.

ID Tech and Emagination computer camps held at Bentley University and the University of Massachusetts in Lowell taught the students how to use technology to expand their creative instincts

Michael West



Community

Michael has traveled abroad to London and Paris as a member of the People-to-People program, a program started by President Lyndon Johnson to help develop student ambassadors.

In the program, Michael participated in several community services and raised funds to travel abroad.

Michael West



Accomplishments

Michael is a member of the Tennis team and an active participant in town basketball and soccer programs.