

NORTH CAROLINA
INDEPENDENT
COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

- Barton College
Wilson
- Belmont Abbey College
Belmont
- Bennett College
Greensboro
- Brevard College
Brevard
- Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
Concord
- Campbell University
Buies Creek
- Catawba College
Salisbury
- Chowan University
Murfreesboro
- Davidson College
Davidson
- Duke University
Durham
- Elon University
Elon
- Gardner-Webb University
Boiling Springs
- Greensboro College
Greensboro
- Guilford College
Greensboro
- High Point University
High Point
- Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte
- Lees-McRae College
Banner Elk
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
Hickory
- Livingstone College
Salisbury
- Louisburg College
Louisburg
- Mars Hill University
Mars Hill
- Meredith College
Raleigh
- Methodist University
Fayetteville
- Montreat College
Montreat
- N.C. Wesleyan College
Rocky Mount
- Pfeiffer University
Misenheimer
- Queens University of Charlotte
Charlotte
- St. Andrews University
Laurinburg
- Saint Augustine's University
Raleigh
- Salem College
Winston-Salem
- Shaw University
Raleigh
- University of Mount Olive
Mount Olive
- Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem
- Warren Wilson College
Asheville
- William Peace University
Raleigh
- Wingate University
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**CIC/UPS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AT NORTH CAROLINA
PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ANNOUNCED**

RALEIGH, NC – Thirty-six students at North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) have each received CIC/UPS Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2020-21 academic year. The scholarships were made possible by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in Washington, DC, through the CIC/UPS Educational Endowment.

“UPS has been a valued supporter of independent higher education for more than 40 years,” said Hope Williams, president of NCICU. “The scholarships they provide to students at each of our 36 campuses are significant and help make it possible for students to meet their educational goals.”

Nationally, CIC provided more than \$1.5 million in student scholarships through statewide offices of private higher education to make private colleges and universities more affordable and accessible to underserved students.

Recipients of the CIC/UPS Scholarships this year from **NCICU** are:

La'Haua Thomas of Charlotte, NC, a sophomore at Barton College majoring in Criminal Justice

Layla Figueroa of Gastonia, NC, a junior at Belmont Abbey College majoring in Psychology

Jessica Bolden of Durham, NC, a junior at Bennett College majoring in Psychology

Morgan Rice of Asheville, NC, a sophomore at Brevard College majoring in Health Science

Hannah Schelling of Midland, NC, a sophomore at Cabarrus College of Health Sciences majoring in Nursing

Elizabeth Moncerath Bucaro Vasquez of Sanford, NC, a senior at Campbell University majoring in Criminal Justice Pre-Law

Andrea Valeria Garrido Lecca of Salisbury, NC, a Freshman at Catawba College majoring in Political Science

Ulyses Orteg-Espino of La Grange, NC, a freshman at Chowan University majoring in Graphic Design

Airen Ellis of Greensboro, NC, a senior at Davidson College, major Undeclared

Ayana Paul of Waxhaw, NC, a senior at Duke University majoring in Biology

Kendra Johnson of Fuquay Varina, NC, a senior at Elon University majoring in Acting and Art Administration

Brittany Ray of Morganton, NC, a freshman at Gardner-Webb University majoring in Chemistry

Teiko Joe'el Ruffin of Ramseur, NC, a freshman at Greensboro College majoring in Biology

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Terry Dixon of Concord, NC, a sophomore at High Point University majoring in Business Administration

Chaz Gwyn of Winston-Salem, NC, a freshman at Johnson C. Smith University majoring in Business Administration

Jessica Cervantes of Spruce Pine, NC, a junior at Lees-McRae College majoring in Elementary Education

Aspen Bilal of Shelby, NC, a junior at Lenoir-Rhyne University majoring in Political Science

Shania M. Scott of Maxton, NC, a sophomore at Livingstone College majoring in Social Work

Tayari Allen of Raleigh, NC, a sophomore at Louisburg College University majoring in Business

India Staley of Gastonia, NC, a senior at Mars Hill University majoring in Integrated Health Sciences

Zanaia Lynn of Garner, NC, a junior at Meredith College majoring in Interior Design

Jazanae Billings of Pittsboro, NC, a sophomore at Methodist University majoring in Social Work

Zyere Harris-Long of Statesville, NC, a senior at Montreat College majoring in Psychology

Thomas Clark of Cape Carteret, NC, a junior at N.C. Wesleyan College majoring in Criminal Justice

Tyquon Jackson of Lumberton, NC, a junior at Pfeiffer University majoring in Business Administration

Carla Lopez-Cervantes of Marion, NC, a freshman at Queens University of Charlotte majoring in Spanish

Jykeis McLean of Goldsboro, NC, a senior at Saint Augustine's University majoring in Business Administrations

Melissa Cisneros-Damaso of Winston-Salem, NC, a sophomore at Salem College majoring in Business Administration

Damita Warren of Raleigh, NC, a sophomore at Shaw University majoring in Social Work

Asa Moretz of Taylorsville, NC, a senior at St. Andrews University majoring in Business Administration

Eian Hines of Elizabethtown, NC, a senior at University of Mount Olive majoring in Graphic Design

Frantasia T. Hill of Stella, NC, a junior at Wake Forest University majoring in Sociology

William Wilson of Valdese, NC, a junior at Warren Wilson College majoring in Outdoor Leadership

Brandi Bowers of Louisburg, NC, a junior at William Peace University majoring in Psychology

Tamiria Thomas of Conyers, GA, a junior at Wingate University majoring in Biology

“Independent colleges and universities in this country are remarkably effective at educating and graduating low-income and first-generation students in less time, with less student debt,” said Richard Ekman, president of CIC.

“Helping these students afford a private college education is a truly critical need in our society, and it is rewarding to be a partner with the UPS Foundation and NCICU as we help to support deserving students.”

The CIC/UPS Scholarships Program has made a private college education possible for more than 21,000 low-income, first generation, and minority students and has had a transformative impact on individuals, families, and communities across the country.

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About the Council of Independent Colleges

The **Council of Independent Colleges** (CIC) is an association of nonprofit independent colleges and universities, state-based councils of independent colleges, and other higher education affiliates, that works to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of independent higher education's contributions to society. CIC is the major national organization that focuses on services to leaders of independent colleges

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and universities and state-based councils. CIC offers conferences, seminars, publications, and other programs and services that help institutions improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, student outcomes, and institutional visibility. It conducts the largest annual conferences of college and university presidents and of chief academic officers. Founded in 1956, CIC is headquartered at One Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. www.cic.edu

About The UPS Foundation

Since its founding in 1907, UPS has built a legacy as a caring and responsible corporate citizen, supporting programs that provide long-term solutions to community needs. Founded in 1951, The UPS Foundation leads its global citizenship programs and is responsible for facilitating community involvement to local, national, and global communities. In 2019, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$123.8 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found at UPS.com/Foundation and [@UPS_Foundation](https://twitter.com/UPS_Foundation) on Twitter.

About NCICU

North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities is comprised of the state's 36 private, nonprofit liberal arts, research, and comprehensive colleges. NCICU represents independent higher education in matters of state and federal public policy, in addition to being an advocate on issues with other sectors of education in the state. NCICU provides research and information to and about private colleges and universities, offers staff development opportunities, and coordinates collaborative programs among the colleges and universities.