

## 30 Years of Funding the Future

A crowd of about 250 enthusiastic supporters gathered at the Evanston Golf Club on Sept. 30 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund. The event, called "Funding the Future," raised more than \$380,000.

"For 30 years, this community has been supporting The Warren 'Billy' Cherry Scholarship Fund," WCSF President Bob Reece told Pioneer Press. "It is just phenomenal. It is just amazing." Reece is married to Patty Cherry Reece, Warren Cherry's sister. Both Reeces serve on the board of the fund.

During its three decades of operation, the all-volunteer Cherry Fund has made 330 awards totaling more than \$1 million. The fund's overall goal is to achieve a level of endowment that would fund \$150,000 scholarships a year.

The fund was created in memory of Evanston educator Warren "Billy" Cherry, a principal in Evanston-Skokie District 65 schools who was deeply involved in helping his students and the community. Warren Cherry died of lung cancer at age 47 in 1990. "He was a fun guy to be around," Reece said of his brother-in-law. "He was about service."

To be eligible to receive an award, an applicant must be an Evanston Township High School graduate or have attended ETHS and earned a GED. Applicants must be pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate degree in education or youth work.

At the event, award recipients spoke to Pioneer Press about what the scholarships meant to them. "I'm a first generation student so it was just great feeling that support getting to college but also through college," said Anamaria Rosales, who received four awards from the fund. "People from Cherry would reach out all the time, just to make sure things were going well, offering support whenever needed."

Leila Lemieux-Jordan expressed gratitude for the support she has received. "It's been able to provide me an education while being able to work and provide for myself and my family and just pursue my dreams." Lemieux-Jordan said. "Thank you so much for believing in educators like me and giving us the opportunity to become educators and encouraging us and supporting us, especially those who may not be able to afford it."



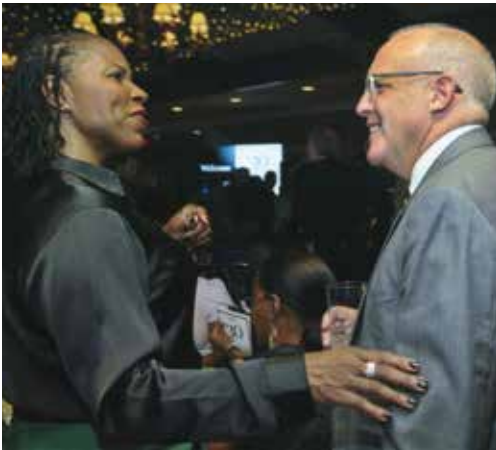
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Bolling*



*Destini  
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Delgado*



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Guy*



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Hernandez*

**Alexandria Bolling** is a senior at Howard University and is majoring in English with a minor in Secondary Education. She plans to pursue a career in Education and focus on developing skills as a dynamic teacher who will strive to make the classroom inclusive for all students. Alexandria is also working with the College Board to equip student teachers of color with tools and resources to teach Advanced Placement courses.

**Destini Brown** attends Oakton Community College, where she is studying science as a background for community health. She hopes to educate young people, especially young Black children, on the importance of overall health and wellness. Destini is passionate about wellness and believes mental health and emotional well-being are often overlooked in healthcare and in schools.

**Victoria Marie Brown** is a freshman at North Carolina A&T University and wants to major in psychology to help out in middle and lower-class minority neighborhoods. She is passionate about using her voice to speak for the voices that go unheard and takes pride in being able to help better people's circumstances, especially within Black communities. Victoria feels that minority culture is unappreciated everywhere and teenagers are misunderstood, and she wants to create a healthy environment for minority youth to be themselves.

**Michael Burrell** is freshman at Illinois State University, where he plans to study Information Systems. He is passionate about the education of African American youth and hopes to start

a non-profit organization to promote STEM career paths for African American students. Michael is described as an "active and eager leader" with a keen sense of when "to sit back and allow others to shine."

**Kalea Chatman** is attending Marquette University, where she is majoring in Secondary Education with a minor in English. Her goal is to become an educator and give back to her community. Growing up, Kalea recalls the African American teachers who had a substantial impact in her life, and she wants to be able to do the same for her future students. Kalea's

mother also was an inspiration for her passion for teaching.

**Jaheim Cochrane** is a freshman at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign majoring in community health with a minor in kinesiology. His goal is to attend medical school and study physical therapy and human physiology. Jaheim wants to use athletics to help children find structure and support as happily and healthily as they can. Jaheim has worked with children for years at Family Focus and the Chandler Center.

**Graciela Amada Mendoza Corona** is a freshman at DePaul University, where she plans to study Exercise Science. She hopes to create a platform that presents exercise science, health and wellness in a positive and engaging way for young people. Graciela believes practicing healthy eating and self-care should be viewed as something one looks forward to and wants to provide support and guidance to young people.

**Ava Nicole Daye** is a freshman at Northern Illinois University, where she studies Early Childhood Education. Ava plans to return to the Evanston area and teach kindergarten or first grade upon graduation. She will use a child-centered approach in the classroom to create a welcoming space for all students. Ava is passionate about equity in education and will work to ensure all students receive a quality education.

**Sadaya Deeble** is graduating from ETHS and plans to study nursing in college. She would also like to pursue a Masters of Science in Nursing (MSN). Sadaya would use her advanced knowledge and skills to provide high-quality healthcare services to young people. In addition to providing medical care, Sadaya wants to inform young people about wellness by providing health education in her community.

**Wendy Becerra Delgado** is a junior at Lake Forest College working towards a double major in Spanish and Psychology. She plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Masters in Social Work and have a career as a social worker. Wendy is passionate about working with youth in the community and volunteers with Youth and Opportunity United, where she serves as a mentor and role model for young people.

**Andrea Guy** is a 4-time winner of the Cherry Scholarship. She is a former pre-school teacher and works with Evanston Scholars as a College Access Associate. Her goal is to focus on improving the retention and persistence rates of historically underrepresented groups in higher education through a nonprofit lens. Andrea believes providing students with support and resources can help them overcome obstacles and succeed academically.



# Cherry Scholars

**Michelle Paola Hernandez** is a junior at Marquette University, studying in the College of Nursing. She has learned that nurses take on many roles, including teacher and patient advocate, and has seen firsthand the health disparities that exist in underserved communities. Michelle would like to use her Spanish-language skills and cultural background in her work and aspires to be a culturally sensitive leader in healthcare.

**Rachel Amanda Holmes** has been relentless in pursuing her college degree, all while taking care of her four children. She achieved her goal after 17 years and has begun pursuing a Masters at the Keller Graduate School of Business. Rachel hosts confidence conferences and personal development workshops for middle school girls, and her goal is to develop programs that provide strength, direction, influence, love and confidence to the community.

**Leila Gwendolyn Lemieux-Jordan** is a student at Oakton Community College and has completed more than half of her general education requirements. She plans to transfer to Northeastern Illinois University and earn a Bachelors degree in Special Education. Leila also works as a paraprofessional in District 65, working with students on the autism spectrum. Leila is determined to obtain her degree so she can become a lead Special Ed teacher and have a greater impact on the lives of her students.

**Marcus Louis-Charles** attends Northwestern University, majoring in Biological Sciences. He hopes to attend medical school after graduation and become a pediatrician. Marcus plans to work at a children's hospital and use his degree doing research to improve human health. Marcus is hard-working and focused on becoming the first in his family to graduate from college.

**Kaia Magno** is a graduating senior at ETHS and plans to attend the University of Illinois-Chicago to pursue a nursing degree. While at UIC, she hopes to work with underrepresented young children, helping them access health-related resources. Kaia hopes to specialize in pediatrics after college and build lifelong relationships that will make a difference in peoples' lives.

**Aryel Mason** (*Honorary Pat Doyle Scholarship*) is a sophomore at Howard University, where she studies Nursing and plans to be a pediatric nurse. In addition to a nursing career, Aryel hopes to one day open a school for African American youth to serve as a role model and help them achieve their dreams. Aryel is focused, determined and motivated, and she is most passionate about her siblings, who push her to be the best version of herself.

**Emily Minerof** will be graduating from the

University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she studies Communication Sciences and Disorders (speech pathology and audiology). She hopes to pursue an advanced degree in pediatric nursing. Emily is passionate about helping others; she is a Certified Nursing Assistant and volunteers to work with children with special needs.

**Stephanie Munoz** will be graduating from ETHS and plans to teach Spanish at the high school level or as a kindergarten teacher. Stephanie is passionate about helping others, especially the Latinx/Hispanic community. She helps out at the "Books and Breakfast" and TWI programs at Dewey School, and says that it feels good to be a volunteer and give back to a program that once helped her.

**Chassa Pratt** is majoring in Social Work with a minor in Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She hopes to attain an understanding why people commit certain crimes, and plans to work with incarcerated youth. Chassa would also like to partner with social workers in the community to help young people find resources they need through group therapy and one-on-one sessions.

**Ba'niah Robinson** (*Honorary Paul Zelinski Scholarship*) will be receiving her degree in legal studies from College of Lake County and will pursue a BA in Criminal Justice at DePaul University. Ba'niah wants to become a Juvenile Criminal Defense Attorney, support and advocate for troubled youth in low-income communities, and work to protect the vulnerable.

**Jaydlyn Rogers** attends the University of Illinois-Chicago, majoring in Teaching English. After graduating, Jaydlyn will be studying at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in the Education Policy, Organization and Leadership program, with a concentration in Diversity & Equity. Jaydlyn's passion for education, student development and English literature has encouraged her to work to improve educational outcomes for Black and Brown students.

**Reina Waters** is a sophomore at Eastern Illinois University, majoring in Elementary Education, and plans to become a kindergarten teacher. She wants to create a healthy learning environment for children, and thinks more young African American students should take advanced math and reading classes. Her goal is to empower students and show them they can do anything.



*Rachel Amanda Holmes*



*Leila Gwendolyn Lemieux-Jordan*



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*Reina Waters*

## ETHS leader takes on equity, technology at annual dinner

Evanston-Skokie High School District 202's first Black superintendent was the keynote speaker at the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund's awards dinner held on April 30.

The dinner honored the 2023 Class of Cherry Scholars. The group of 23 were awarded \$130,000 in college scholarships.

Dr. Marcus Campbell's 20-year career at Evanston Township High School began as an English teacher, while he completed his graduate education. While acknowledging the challenges of racial inequity, gun violence and political polarization, he expressed gratitude for being in a position to serve the ETHS school community. He also spoke directly to the Cherry scholars, congratulating them and wishing them success.

Dr. Campbell's address focused on societal inequities, global advances in technology and what our schools and community must do to meet these challenges. He said rapid evolution of technology poses a particular challenge for educators—for example, how to prepare students for jobs, created by advances in technology, that may not yet even exist. Dr Campbell referred to a prediction that 97,000 technology-driven jobs will be created via artificial intelligence in the near future, as 80,000 traditional jobs are eliminated.

Dr. Campbell also challenged the community to focus on racial inequity and the role education can play in meeting this challenge. He views early childhood education as critical to fostering racial equity. He said we must continue to invest in and nurture all our students, regardless of their race or gender. As an example, he spoke of advances made at ETHS, including impressive growth in the number of black and Hispanic students making the honor roll and enrolling in advanced placement classes.



See more photos and articles about scholars and donors on pages 8 and 9.



# scholars!



# Doyle, Zelinski scholars have high hopes for future

**Aryel Mason**, a sophomore at Howard University in Washington, D.C., was awarded the Cherry Scholarship Fund's Pat Doyle Memorial Scholarship at the annual awards dinner in April.

Aryel is studying nursing, with a goal of becoming a pediatric nurse. She is the daughter of a teenaged single mother and the oldest of six children. She had this to say in accepting the award:

"I learned early in the role of 'big sister' how to nurture, protect and guide the needs of my siblings. I know that they look up to me so that continues to keep me motivated and inspired. They were there through some of the hardest but best times of my life. Such as my first cheer competition, my graduations, my first little heartbreak, the death of a close friend, and many more things that most don't see from the outside.

"Life has been hard and had it not been the direction of a strong determined single mother, my desire to be a positive influence in my siblings' life, and scholarship programs like the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund, I'm sure things would look different for me.

"I always live with the motto 'Be the change you want to see in the world,' and I'll forever think about that with everything that I do. I know that people look up to me and I want to be able to show people who look like me that if I can do something and go after my dreams, then so can you.

"Thank you to the Warren Cherry Scholarship program for helping me fulfill my dreams."

Each year, the Cherry Fund awards a scholarship in memory of Pat Doyle. Pat began her career as a teacher at Lincoln School in the mid-1970s and worked closely with Warren Cherry when he

was principal. She retired in 1997 and moved to California, but continued to show love and support for WCSF, including a generous bequest to help it continue its work.

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Cherry Scholar **Ba'niyah Robinson** was awarded the Paul Zelinski Memorial Scholarship at the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund annual awards dinner in April. She will be receiving her degree in legal studies from College of Lake County. She hopes help young people as a criminal defense attorney in the juvenile justice system.

She had this to say about the honor she received: "For me, the Cherry Scholarship means resilience and the ability to love others no matter my story. I say this because my story — and desire to give back to the youth community — is how I was blessed with the opportunity to be awarded this scholarship. The Warren Cherry Fund made me feel heard, seen and understood through the whole interview process, and even after receiving an award. Not only have I luckily been allowed the chance to attend school for free this year, I have made wonderful new relationships with some amazing and genuine people.

"The Cherry Scholarship means more than just financial assistance to me, it means I have a new family. Thank you."

Paul Zelinski, in whose memory the scholarship is dedicated, believed in the importance of education and the Cherry Fund's mission. He and his wife, Patricia, were long-time supporters of WCSF.

Following his passing, Patricia and their daughter, Paula Zelinski, past President of the District 65 Educator's Council, have continued to be strong supporters.



*Aryel  
Mason*



*Ba'niyah  
Robinson*



## Celebrating our



# Cherry donors gladly find reasons to give

**Paul and Mary Finnegan** of Evanston are longtime supporters of the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund. They believe it's a cause well worth their contributions.

"We have given regularly for I don't know how many years," said Mary Finnegan. "It's a way to help change the life trajectory for these students by helping them to go to college."

She believes the goal of reaching college, and graduating, is critical for Evanston's young people — so much so that she is on the board of Evanston Scholars, a nonprofit that supports students' efforts to navigate higher education. It was through her work there that she made a personal connection with the Cherry Fund.

"I mentored an Evanston Scholar who got a scholarship from the Cherry Fund," Mary said. "She went through four years of college. She was always grateful for the support."



Mary Finnegan



Paul Finnegan

The Finnegans also have other ties to the Cherry Fund. Mary said they have known Bob and Patty Cherry Reece for many years. When they moved to Evanston in the late 1980s, their house was near Lincoln School, where Warren "Billy" Cherry was principal. "Our kids missed him, but when we moved here everybody in the neighborhood said we were so lucky."

Over the years, she has observed the positive impact Cherry Scholars have had. "I know a lot of them come back. They're passionate about it, they want to give back," she said. "It's been going on for 30 years. That's impressive. It's an all-volunteer organization, and all the money goes for the scholarships."

She looks forward to the Cherry Fund continuing its efforts: "They're passionate about what they're doing, and they're helping the students and they're helping the community by doing the work that they do."

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According to **Walter Perrin**, supporting the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund is a slam dunk.

Known to many as "Pookie," Walter Perrin was born and raised in Evanston and attended Evanston Township High School. A member of the ETHS team that won a state basketball championship in 1968, he embarked on a path that led to playing basketball in college, becoming a coach, and rising to executive in the National Basketball Association. After working for years for the Utah Jazz, he is now assistant general manager for the New York Knicks.



Walter Perrin

His connection to the Cherry Fund is through his relationships with many Evanstonians, including Bob and Patty Cherry Reece. "I contribute to help young kids with their higher education and get degrees that allow them to not only impact their own lives but the lives of others," he said. "I've been blessed in my life and employment; I've made a little bit of money. I try to pay it forward. My parents raised me in the correct way. They always talked about helping out other people."

The best thing about the Cherry Fund, he said, is that it "gives deserving, underappreciated kids an opportunity to further their education, further their involvement in the society of today, and give them hope of a better life." He believes support for the Fund and its goals is critical: "We are all humans on this one earth, who have a responsibility to help those coming up behind us."

## scholars!





# Golf outing raises \$100K

A total of 130 golfers turned out on June 26 at the Wilmette Golf Club, raising \$100,000 for the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund.

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Golf winners were:

First place gross: Tim Burke, Steve Gilford, Willie Miller, Ron Whitmore

First place net: Bill Debes, Kevin McGovern, Jim McIntosh, Joe Marias

Second place gross: Pete Argow, John Hasman, Michael Levine, Garrett Rothe

Second place net: Dionne Diaz, Bethany Mullins, Bill Speth, Danny Speth

First place Senior Division: Steve Goranson, Don Gwinn, Russ Kohnken

Men's longest drive: Pat Brown

Men's closest to the pin: Will Moore

Men's longest putt: Hank Thompson

Women's longest drive: Maggie Doyle

Women's closest to the pin: No Winner

Women's longest putt: Addie Dieckmeyer

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The hard-working 2023 Golf Committee included: Bill Bridges, Lynn Hammell, Jan Hazlett, Tom Hazlett, Danny Hughes, Pat Hughes, Sr., Judy Iacuzzi, Matthew Jamieson, Timon Jandora, Tony Keitel, Marcy Nicholson, Kennedy Reid, Bart Rocca, Oliver Ruff, Pam Schanette, Gerri Sizemore, Mimi Spivack, Rommie Taylor and Courtney Wolley. Bob Reece and Joe Keitel were Co-Chairs.



Don't miss next year's golf outing, to be held Monday, June 24, 2024 at the Wilmette Golf Club.



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Zivin Trust

# Cherry Scholars 1993-2023

|  |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>1993</b><br>Danny Brown<br>Jasmine Harris   | Albert Smith<br>Jennifer Combs<br>Sherelle Roach-McGee<br>Jason Trippel   | Anastasia Hildner<br>Rachel Holmes<br>DanYale Locke<br>Pamela McGee<br>Glenn Smith<br>Brandi Williams<br>Olivia Yates   | Matias Orbea<br>Alexandria Saunders<br>Sage Siler<br>Chantel Washington<br>Alanna Williams   | Dajah Russell<br>Yuli Salgado<br>Aisha Steele<br>Alanna Williams   | Brianna Jenkins<br>Ryan Johnson<br>Leila Lemieux-Jordan<br>Jeremy McCray<br>Jasmin Medina<br>Jose Morales-Martinez<br>Nathan Norman<br>Rachel Patino<br>Jennifer Rodriguez-Gomez   |
| <b>1994</b><br>Toly Walker<br>Nathaly Ranger   | <b>2005</b><br>Jonathan Bradley<br>James Bowen<br>Justin Conley<br>Ida Payne<br>Matthew Hunter<br>Oyuki Miranda<br>Dema Sabbara<br>Jasmine Frazier<br>Alissa Melczer<br>Christopher Shelby                                      | <b>2010</b><br>Tilly-Ana Ceriser<br>Ruth Etrenne<br>DanYale Locke<br>Marcus Miller, Jr.<br>Deon Thompson<br>Jonathan Van Treeck<br>Olivia Yates   | <b>2014</b><br>Faith Bradford<br>Marcus Brown<br>Denise Clarke<br>Preston DaCosta<br>Tyler Dixon<br>Ruby Garcia<br>Andrea Guy<br>Anna Long<br>Alando Massie<br>Jessica Nelson<br>Taina Oliver<br>Matias Orbea<br>Anamaria Rosales<br>Alexandria Saunders<br>Ashley Smith   | <b>2017</b><br>Jocelyn Becerra<br>Adrianna Carter<br>Alexandra Cesar<br>JesseChatz<br>Denise Clarke<br>Arianna Dennison<br>Jessica Garcia<br>Andrea Guy<br>Ryan Johnson<br>Alanté Massie<br>Janice Mullins<br>Nathan Norman<br>Karen Reynosa<br>Anamaria Rosales<br>Dajah Russell<br>Yuli Salgado<br>Brezah Wade<br>Chyna Wright   | Jaydyn Rogers<br>Nikko Ross<br>Jocelyn Segura<br>Samita Smith<br>Caitlyn Strickland<br>Cathy Wideman<br>Alanna Williams<br>Chyna Wright  |
| <b>1995</b><br>LaKeisha King<br>Jason Trippel  | <b>2006</b><br>Tanya Brown<br>Jennifer Combs<br>Dema Sabbara<br>Samantha Davis<br>Jasmine Frazier<br>Ida Payne  | <b>2011</b><br>Tilly-Ana Ceriser<br>Nicole Jones<br>DanYale Locke<br>Marcus Miller, Jr.<br>Matias Orbea<br>Brianna Ransom<br>Simone Teamer<br>Elrick Thompson<br>Cynja Valcin<br>Chantel Washington<br>Nicole Cruz<br>Bethany Mullins<br>Jeremy Rielley<br>Sage Siler | <b>2015</b><br>Marcus Brown<br>Nate Brown<br>Nancy Cardenas<br>Adrianna Carter<br>Preston DaCosta<br>Ruby Garcia<br>Andrea Guy<br>Mylisha Harvey<br>Anna Long<br>Alando Massie<br>Jenica Mullins<br>Karen Reynosa<br>Tristan Roche<br>Dajah Russell<br>Alexandria Saunders | <b>2018</b><br>Jocelyn Becerra<br>Shaquerra Blackwell<br>Adrianna Carter<br>Jesse Chatz<br>Mylisha Harvey<br>Ryan Johnson<br>Alando Massie<br>Alanté Massie<br>Jasmine Medina<br>Nayeli Mejia<br>Jose Morales-Martinez<br>Janice Mullins<br>Nathan Norman<br>Jasmine Perez<br>Jennifer Rodrigues-Gomez<br>Jaydyn Rogers<br>Jocelyn Segura<br>Litzzy Segura<br>Caitlin Strickland<br>Mauranne Vernier<br>Alanna Williams<br>Asya Wright | <b>2020</b><br>Alexandria Bolling<br>Alexandra Cesar<br>Lauren Davis<br>Wendy Delgado<br>Jeron Dorsey<br>Michelle Hernandez<br>Ryan Johnson<br>Leila Lemieux-Jordan<br>Jermey McCray<br>Jasmine Medina<br>Maria Mendoza<br>Nathan Norman<br>Chassa Pratt<br>Jennifer Rodriguez-Gomez<br>Jaydyn Rogers<br>Jocelyn Segura<br>Litzzy Segura<br>Caitlin Strickland<br>Mauranne Vernier<br>Alanna Williams<br>Asya Wright |
| <b>1996</b><br>David Drumke<br>Anika Stewart Jones   | <b>2007</b><br>Tanya Brown<br>DarLisa Wideman-Himrod<br>Mary Johnston<br>Ida Payne<br>Deon Thompson<br>Nell Elliot<br>Nicole Hildner<br>Rachel Holmes   | <b>2012</b><br>Janelle Bradley<br>Alicia Carletto<br>Tilly-Ana Ceriser<br>Shira Englehart<br>Marcus Miller, Jr.<br>Bethany Mullins<br>Nicole Jones<br>Sage Siler<br>Elrick Thompson<br>Angel Wharton<br>Matias Orbea<br>Jeremy Rielley                                | <b>2016</b><br>Jocelyn Becerra<br>Sydney Bernadel<br>Nathaniel Brown<br>Jermya Buckley<br>Preston DaCosta<br>Gerald Daye<br>Ruby Garcia<br>Andrea Guy<br>Mylisha Harvey<br>Christopher Hernandez<br>Sylvannah Lang<br>Samantha Manton<br>Karen Reynosa<br>Anamaria Rosales | <b>2019</b><br>Alexandria Bolling<br>Jordan Demond<br>Brooks<br>Mechelle Casey<br>Jeron Dorsey<br>Jesse Miller<br>Harris Benjamin  | <b>2021</b><br>Alexandria Bolling<br>James Bowen<br>Alexandra Cesar<br>Kalea Chatman<br>Wendy Delgado<br>Michelle Hernandez<br>Leila Lemieux-Jordan<br>Aryel Mason<br>Jeremy McCray<br>Jasmin Medina<br>Maria Mendoza<br>Emily Minerof<br>Taishiya Nix   |
| <b>1997</b><br>Rodney Harris<br>Derek Sandiford  | <b>2008</b><br>Jacqui Cooper<br>Nell Elliot<br>Shira Englehart<br>Portia Kirk<br>Deon Thompson<br>Joi Arceneaux<br>Janelle Bradley<br>Alyse Edwards<br>Tracey Gardner<br>Sheridan Merkley<br>Joanne St. Felix<br>Edson Valencia | <b>2013</b><br>Maria Patino Caban<br>Tilly-Ana Ceriser<br>Denise Clarke<br>Preston DaCosta<br>Romell Harris-Ollarvia<br>Anna Long<br>Alando Massie<br>Rashana Nicks   |  |  |  |
| <b>1998</b><br>Kerene Tayloe<br>Andria Barner<br>P.J. Conklin  | <b>2009</b><br>Janelle Bradley<br>Alicia Carletto<br>Portia Kirk<br>Marcus Miller, Jr.<br>Elrick Thompson<br>Jonathan Van Treeck  |   |  |  |  |
| <b>1999</b><br>Anika Stewart Jones<br>ShaRita Alexander  |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2000</b><br>Jerry Succes<br>Tiffany Price   |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2001</b><br>ShaRita Alexander<br>Lisa Rayburn   |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2002</b><br>Natasha Bentley<br>Taishiya Nix<br>Tiffany Price<br>LeShaun Lodge<br>Courtney Price<br>Jasmine Walker |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2003</b><br>LeShaun Lodge<br>Dominique Nute<br>Terrie Chancellor<br>Courtney Price<br>Jasmine Walker              |   |   |  |  |  |
| <b>2004</b><br>James Bowen<br>Justin Conley<br>Shana Dinham<br>Dominique Nute  |   |   |  |  |  |



## Chairman's Corner

Chassa Pratt  
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Alexandria Bolling  
Elijah Bull  
Michael Burrell  
Kalea Nataye Chatman  
Jaheim Cochrane  
Jasmine Crayton  
Graciela Mendoza Corona  
Wendy Becerra  
Delgado  
Colbin Ellis  
Celia Heck  
Michelle Paola Hernandez  
Marcus Louis-Charles  
Aryel Mason  
Maria Moreno  
Mendoza  
Emily Minerof  
Taishiya Nix

### 2023

Alexandria Bolling  
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Victoria Brown  
Michael Burrell  
Kalea Chatman  
Jaheim Cochrane  
Graciela Corona  
Ava Daye  
Sadaya Deeble  
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Andrea Guy  
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Rachel Holmes  
Leila Lemieux-Jordan  
Marcus Louis-Charles  
Kaia Magno  
Aryel Mason  
Emily Minerof  
Stephanie Munoz  
Chassa Pratt  
B'niah Robinson  
Jaydyn Rogers  
Reina Waters

On Sept. 30, the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund held its 30th anniversary celebration, "Funding the Future," at the Evanston Golf Club. The event raised a phenomenal \$382,000! It was a very special gathering with our remarkable supporters, donors, past and present scholars, our community of friends and WCSF Board of Directors. At the celebration Pat Hughes, Sr. was the dynamic master of ceremonies, Rev. Robert Oldershaw gave an inspiring invocation and Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss and Cook County Commissioner Josina Morita read proclamations honoring the 30th year for WCSF. We are very grateful for their support. Also, the Fund was thrilled to have Susan Hope Engel present her powerful film "30 Years," which tells the Cherry story masterfully. The film can be seen on the WCSF website. Thank you to 30th Anniversary Committee Co-Chairs Joanie Ducayet and Gerri Sizemore and the

committee for an awesome celebration.

The Annual Award Dinner was held on Sunday, April 30. WCSF honored the 2023 Class of Cherry Scholars with ETHS Supt. Dr. Marcus Campbell as the keynote speaker. At this year's dinner, which was extraordinary, the Fund awarded a record amount of \$130,000 to 23 ETHS graduates! The Scholars celebrated the evening with their families, friends and the community — it was a fantastic evening for the 2023 Class of Cherry Scholars and WCSF! Kudos to the Award Dinner Committee!

On Monday, June 26 WCSF hosted its 30th Annual Golf Outing at the Wilmette Golf Club. The Golf Outing was a spectacular success for WCSF and raised a remarkable \$100,000 for ETHS graduates! The few raindrops did not dampen the fun for Cherry golfers and friends. It was great day for WCSF and a fun time for all! Many thanks to Golf Co-chairs Joe Keitel and Bob Reece and the golf committee. And special thanks to Bill Bridges, Pat Hughes Sr., and Bart Rocca.

WCSF continues to award scholarships to ETHS graduates who are interested in education or working with youth. The Fund's goal is to award \$150,000 annually. In the last six years, Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund has awarded \$530,000!

Pat Hughes Sr., WCSF's "bookkeeper," shares his wealth of knowledge, professional experience and expertise with the Fund. WCSF so appreciates Pat for his tremendous ongoing support. We're very grateful! Pat, you are amazing! Thank you!

As Anne Bodine and Tania Margonza leave the board, WCSF thanks them for their service on the board and their commitment to Cherry Scholars and the community.

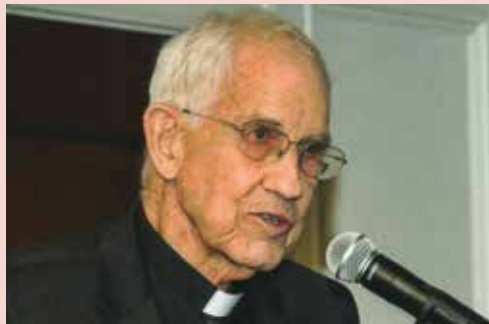
As always, my heartfelt thanks to everyone on our outstanding board and our wonderful community of supporters and friends

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Award Dinner on Sunday, April 28, 2024, and the Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 24, 2024.

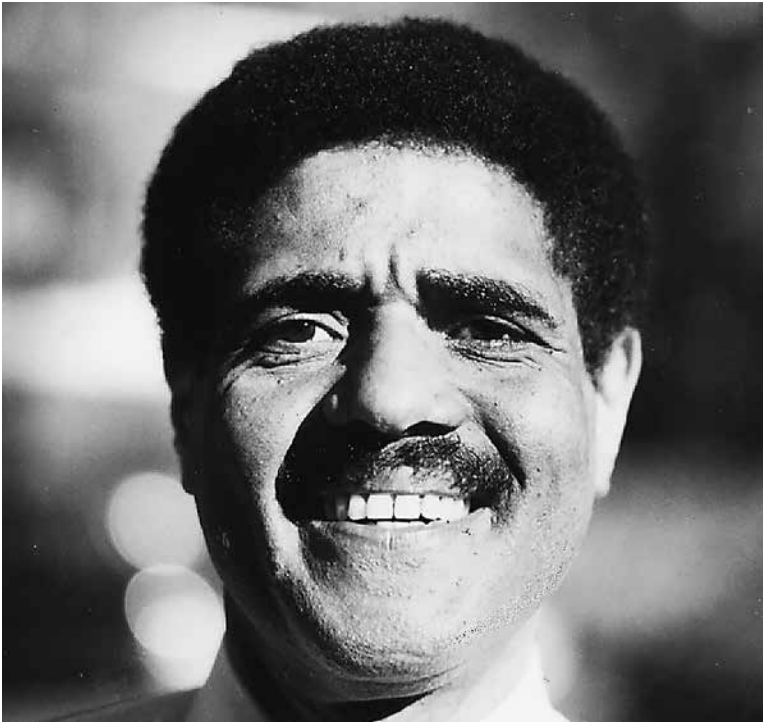
In closing, for 30 years Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund has reached out to young men and women so their dreams may become a reality. And today WCSF continues that vital work! Thank you in advance for your support. Every contribution makes a difference.



Patty Cherry Reece



Speakers at the 30th anniversary celebration included Master of Ceremonies Patrick Hughes, Sr., Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss, and Rev. Robert Oldershaw.



The mission of the Warren “Billy” Cherry Scholarship Fund, named in memory of a much-loved and respected Evanston educator, is to perpetuate his total acceptance of all people, his commitment to the highest standards of educational excellence, and his energetic dedication to enriching the children and institutions of Evanston. For more information, visit [cherryscholarship.org](http://cherryscholarship.org).

The Cherry Scholarship Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization.

Contributions can be made online at the Cherry website ([cherryscholarship.org](http://cherryscholarship.org)) and can also be mailed to:

Warren “Billy” Cherry Scholarship Fund  
 P.O. Box 0944  
 Evanston, IL 60204-0944



**Ann Stevens**  
**October 4, 1933 - July 24, 2023**

The Warren Cherry Fund honors Ann Stevens, who passed away on July 24, a few months before her 90th birthday. Ann was an active and valued member of the Evanston community and of the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund, serving most recently as 1st Vice-President. She was a remarkable person, passionate about the importance of physical education and committed to making a difference in the lives of others, which she did through her lifelong career in teaching and volunteerism. During her 31-year career in the physical education department at Evanston Township High School, Ann’s impact on countless students and colleagues left a legacy of the importance of teamwork, discipline, equality and perseverance. Ann was a gift to all of us and a model of aging with spirit and grace. Her remarkable voice will not be forgotten.

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**Dates to Remember**

The Cherry Scholarship Fund is looking for scholars—students who may have struggled in high school, but who love kids and are dedicated to working with young people. Please help by encouraging deserving individuals from the Evanston community, particularly those who will graduate from Evanston Township High School in 2024, to apply for a Cherry Scholarship. Applications are available online at [cherryscholarship.org](http://cherryscholarship.org). And please note that scholarships are now also available for part-time and graduate students.

**2023-2024 dates:**

- Applications available – Dec. 1, 2023
- Application Deadline – March 9, 2024
- Interviews – TBD
- Award Dinner – April 28, 2024
- Golf Tournament – June 24, 2024
- Annual Meeting — Sept. 12, 2024