# **CARVER HIGH CLASS OF 1970**

S. P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. "Giving Back - Empowering Education in our Community"

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Rewarding academic excellence, community involvement and services to others.

# **Message from the Chairman**

#### Dear Classmates, Family and Friends:

This year marks a milestone for the Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. The year 2020 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of awarding scholarships to deserving graduating seniors at our alma mater, Carver High School. It marks the tenth year that the Board of Directors have volunteered their service, time, financial support, and sacrifice to help those we serve, the graduating seniors of Carver High School. But instead of patting ourselves on the back, we will strengthen our resolve and our commitment, as a Board, to do more. Last year through our collaborative efforts with others who support our vision and mission, we awarded \$4100.00 in scholarships bringing our total monetary scholarship awards to \$34,800.00. Additionally, in 2019 we volunteered over



1,000 hours of time and for the 10-year period the number of volunteer hours totaled more than ten thousand! Let me reiterate that we remain steadfast in our resolve to reward talented Carver High School minority graduates, who have demonstrated academic excellence, community service and service to others, with financial assistance, thus assisting them with a start to a rewarding future.

I want to personally thank those of you who have supported our efforts in the past and welcome your continued support through your donations, financial contributions and commitments to serve. We thank you for your prayers, for your past and look forward to your future support, time, financial gifts and all that you have done and will do to advance the Scholarship Fund's mission. We cannot thank you enough for joining us in this journey to transform lives. Together we continue to ignite the potential of remarkable young men and women. We look forward to working with you this year and continuing this essential work in the coming years. For those who have not had the opportunity to contribute to our efforts, we welcome you and the moral, spiritual and financial support that you will bring to this community effort. Please know that no contribution is too small.

Today, as we face this global pandemic, (Covid-19 coronavirus), it is clear that we have to identify and assist tomorrow's leaders, to help prepare them to take on the crisis that they will face in the future. Facing new challenges and new problems require new ideas to combat them, to stifle them, to stop them in their tracks. To that end it is our responsibility to manage our resources and align our financial efforts with our stated mission, to stay the course, so we can do our part to assist with the growth, education and training that it takes to develop our local, state, national and international leaders of tomorrow. It is and has been a responsibility

we do not take lightly. It is because of the commitment of our current Board Members who have willingly sacrificed to make it possible, and the support of our classmates and friends, that we have the resources to keep our mission viable. We will continue to call on the generosity and sacrifices of our many friends to make this effort possible. We hope that we can count on you to partner with us by making your contribution today. Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Board of Directors. Later, in this report, you will find ways to assist us with your giving. We welcome you to join us on this journey.

May God continue to bless you and yours with unspeakable joy.

Sincerely,

Lester McCray, Chairman Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. lestermccray@att.net 404-668-3987

Donating to the CMSF is simple and donations of any size are welcomed.





Credit Card donations are accepted online.



**Checks** can be made out to S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund and mailed to:

Ms. Iris Buckner Jesse Financial Secretary 181 Derby Drive Riverdale, Georgia 30274

The Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a 501-c-3 nonprofit organization as defined by the IRS and contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

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### **CMSF History**

The Carver High Class of 1970 S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. was conceived by fellow classmate, Lester McCray in 2009, organized in 2010 with a team of classmates who embraced the vision to "give back" by providing scholarships to deserving minority Carver High School graduating seniors pursuing a post-secondary education. In 2011, the Scholarship Fund was incorporated in the state of Georgia, received a 501-c-3 designation from the Internal Revenue Service and the first scholarships were awarded later that year.

The S. P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of a dedicated educator and principal of Carver High School, the late Dr. Samuel P. Charleston who was committed to providing the best educational opportunities possible to students. He retired with the Carver High School Class of 1970.

It was his devotion to students and their future success that led us to provide enduring scholarships to a deserving minority Carver High School graduating male and female annually. The focus and continued aim of the scholarship is to provide financial support to Carver High School minority students who have exhibited academic excellence, community service and service to others and are pursuing a postsecondary education.





"Don't cut your aims down to the level of your present abilities, but rather raise your abilities to the height of your aims. Hold on to your goal and trust that life, chance, help from others, and your own growing experiences and ability will, in time, furnish you the means of achieving your goal."



# **About Us**

### Mission

To give scholarship assistance to Carver High School minority male and female students who have exhibited academic excellence, community service and service to others and are pursuing a post-secondary education.

To create a three-way partnership between high school counselors, teachers and community service leaders. Through these partnerships we strive to identify bright, young people whose goals are advancement in life through post-secondary education.

### Results

The S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund has over 10 years of experience and a proven track record of providing financial assistance to selected Carver High School minority males and females. This assistance is given after students are enrolled in a college, university, military, or technical school. Since its 2011 inception, a total of 42 seniors have been awarded scholarships for a total award of \$34,800.00. The result is bright young people who have been financially helped to pursue their dreams of a post-secondary education, thus bettering their lives and enriching our community.



# **CMSF Scholarship Recipients**

In 2019, 6 students became S.P. Charleston Scholarship Award winners. Their fields of study range from nursing to information technology to theater arts. Here are a few of them, in their own words.

#### Jordyn Sweat (\$1,500.00) Anticipated Major: Nursing Columbus State University

"Working in groups requires one to know how to work as a team, but most importantly you must have patience. Self-motivation has come into play when I pushed myself to get the work done."

#### **Parrish Farley** (\$1,500.00) Anticipated Major: Computer Science Columbus State University

"Cooperation creates a strength and unity that builds a strong foundation for development of a successful community. I have always been able to stay calm and focused in my cooperation with others."

#### Devaunte McClean (\$500.00)

Anticipated Major: Animated Designer Columbus Technical College

"I am always sketching and drawing the world around me. This is how I communicate. I have supported many clubs (drama, art, theater) in conveying their messages to the world."

**Mia Reese** (\$200.00) Anticipated Major: Theater Arts Tuskegee University

"It depends on what you do when no one is around that determines what type of person you truly are. Anyone can put on an act for the lights and cameras, but behind closed doors one's true self comes alive."









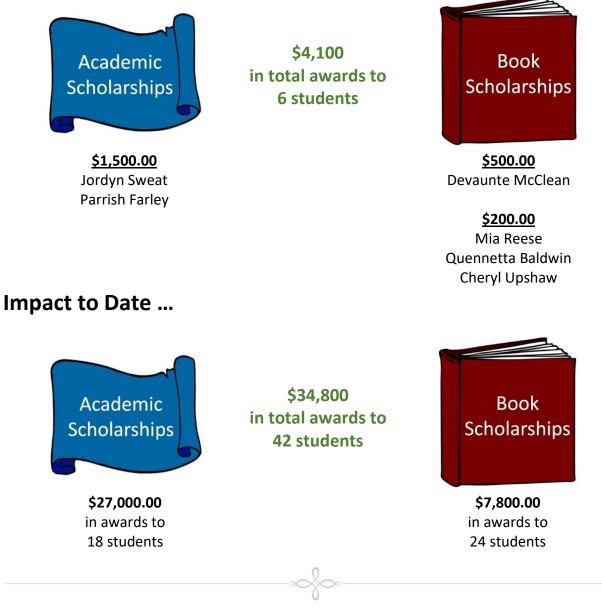






# **CMSF Impact**

#### Impact in 2019 ...





"CMSF helps to lessen the impact of rising tuition costs and decreases the amount of loans students need to complete their education." **Rev. Dr. Betty Jackson-Sparks** CFO and Vice President of Administrative Services (RET) Columbus Technical College

# **CMSF Mid and Long Range Goals**

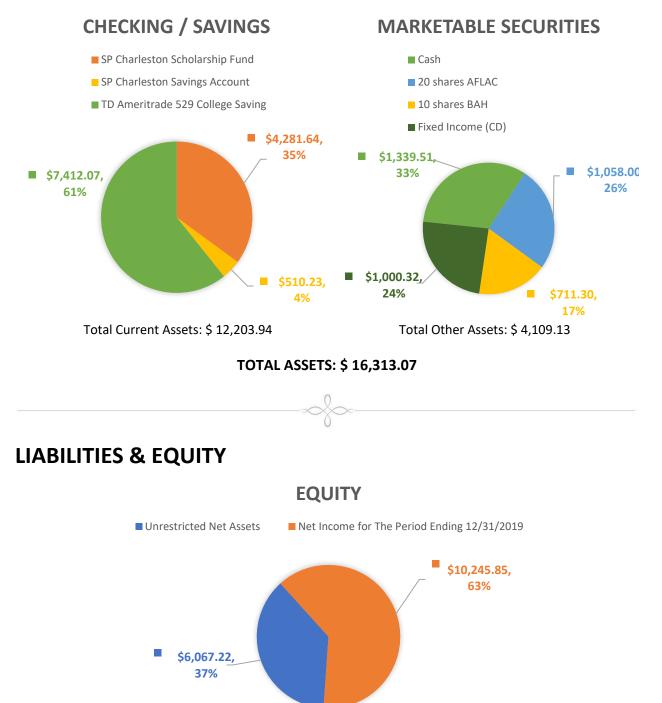
# S.P. Charleston Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.

	Goal 1	Goal 2
Mid Range	Increase number and amount of scholarship awards	Increase 1970 Classmate support and enhance our partnership with the All Class Alumni Association
Long Range	<b>Goal 3</b> Establish and maintain long standing Corporate Sponsorships	<b>Goal 4</b> Establishment of a CMSF Scholarship Endowment

# **CMSF 2019 Statement of Financial Position**

As of December 31, 2019

#### ASSESTS



TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY: \$16,313.07

### **CMSF Donor History**



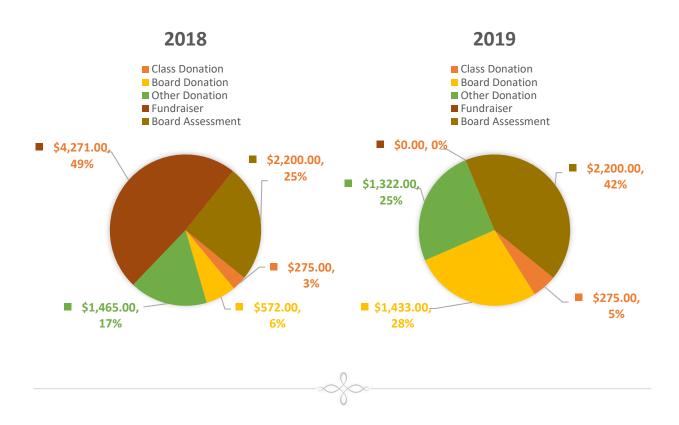
Year to Date

Class Donation Total: \$2,652.00 Board Donation Total: \$7,220.20 Other Donation Total: \$7,012.05

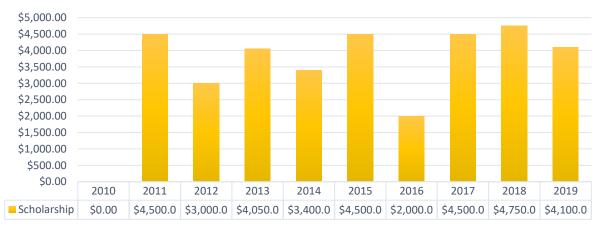


Fundraiser Total: \$8,775.00 Board Assessment Total: \$19,550.00

### **Previous and Current Year Donor Comparison**



### **CMSF Scholarship Award History**



Scholarship Total: \$34,800.00