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## PIEF CELEBATES 35 YEARS OF SERVICE AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE WASHINGTON, DC COMMUNITY



In 1988, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Omega Chapter established a 501(c)(3) nonprofit partner to facilitate its fundraising initiatives. Originally known as the Xi Omega Educational Foundation, the nonprofit was later renamed the Pearl and Ivy Educational Foundation, Inc. (PIEF).

PIEF annually provides scholarships to deserving District of Columbia high school seniors and continuing college students. Since its inception, nearly 400 students have received scholarships, totaling upwards of \$800,000. From the beginning, scholarship and education have been central to the foundation's mission, and will remain it's sole focus for years to come.

This year, Pearl and Ivy Educational Foundation, Inc. celebrates 35 years of making a difference in our nation's capital! Through the generosity of our community partners and donors, PIEF's work is made possible. Thanks to the organizations and individuals that have supported PIEF through the years. (Continued on pages 4-5)



# PEARL AND IVY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC. SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**DID YOU KNOW?!** In 2015, PIEF members established Scholarship Endowment Funds to support its mission to provide scholarships in perpetuity.

Join us in recognizing our founding scholarship endowment fund donors and our general PIEF Scholarship Endowment Fund:

- Evelyn T. Gray Scholarship Endowment Fund
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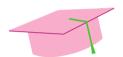
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# STAY TUNED FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2023 PIEF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS - COMING THIS SPRING!

With the PIEF 2023 scholarship application submission period now closed, the application review process is underway. Interviews are taking place this month. As part of the unveiling of the 2023 recipients, the PIEF Scholarship Committee will launch a special video highlighting the history of the scholarship program as part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Xi Omega Chapter Centennial Celebration!



## **MESSAGES FROM PIEF SCHOLARS**



#### 2022 Scholar Jaylee Davis, Ohio University first-year student

"I hope this message finds you well. Thank you for supporting my academic journey. My first semester at Ohio University was successful. I actually made the Dean's List. I look forward to this semester's classes. Thanks again for your support!"

#### 2022 Undergrad Scholar Maysen Odom, Howard University fourth-year student

"Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship, I am so grateful!"

#### 2019 Scholar Mauricio Perez, Temple University fourth-year student

"Getting to my senior year has not been an easy task, but with the help of scholarship funds like this one makes the financial burden less. It still feels like yesterday when I went to my PIEF interview with sweaty palms and my heart pumping a million times per hour. The clothes that I wore to the interview didn't even fit, but it was all I had. I am truly grateful for the scholarship, and I wish all the members of the Pearl and Ivy Educational foundation, Inc. the best this world has to offer."

#### 2022 Scholar Janiah Long, North Carolina A&T University second-year student

"Dear Scholarship Committee, thank you so much for awarding me your 2022 scholarship! I am beyond grateful! Also, thank you for your guidance and wisdom over these past few years in the #CAP program."





#### PIEF MEMBERS KICK OFF NEW YEAR WITH MLK DAY OF SERVICE

PIEF members spent Martin Luther King Jr. Day serving the community as they focused on food insecurity in collaboration with various organizations, including Food & Friends (for the 24th consecutive year!), So Others Might Eat, Michelle Obama Southeast Center of Bread for the City and the United Planning Organization at Greenleaf.







#### **GETTING TO KNOW PIEF COMMUNITY PARTNERS**



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Breast Care for Washington is uniquely positioned to impact women's access to breast cancer screening. BCW seeks to eliminate the barriers that prevent low-income women from receiving high-quality breast care due to lack of transportation or proximity to providers. Breast Care for Washington offers enhanced care coordination for its patients, including: initiation into screening, assistance with identifying eligibility for public assistance programs, biopsies and surgical consult support. Co-founded by Dr. Regina Hampton, Breast Care for Washington is the only mammography facility in the Washington, DC metro area that will screen any woman regardless of insurance status.

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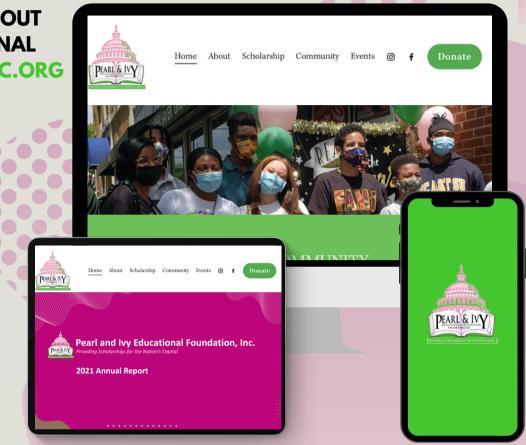
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- Past scholarship recipients
- · Annual reports
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