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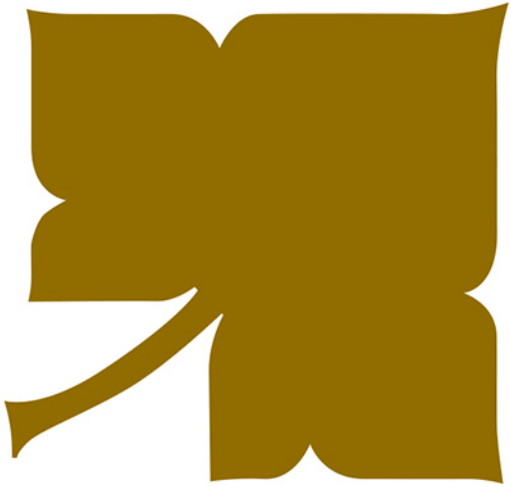


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## 2022 Scholarship Program



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**T**oday's ceremony marks the 32nd year of the Penn Volunteers in Public Service (Penn VIPS) and Business Services Scholarship Program. We are extremely fortunate to have received a generous gift from Robert W. Bogle, of the Philadelphia Tribune to honor his beloved wife, Marie K. Bogle. You will find additional information about Mrs. Bogle in this booklet, in addition to our many other supporters.

Penn VIPS/Business Services scholarship program was expanded and re-named the Marie K. Bogle Scholarship in honor of Mr. Bogle's gift to this annual program. The purpose of the fund is to support graduating high school students in West and Southwest Philadelphia who show us the importance of performing service particularly while in pursuit of education and the many activities in which we are involved. These scholarships honor students who recognize the importance of volunteering within their communities as they strive for academic achievement. They tutor students, clean their neighborhoods, help their teachers, help the elderly, and so much more.

The Memorial Fund assures the continued success of the program's goal to highlight the importance of service. The donated funds allow our scholarship recipients the opportunity to purchase required items such as textbooks, as

well as the many other articles first-year college students need as they create a home away from home.

We are honored to receive the gift from Robert W. Bogle, and our other donors and supporters. Their generosity makes the scholarship program possible and ensures its longevity.

Thank you to everyone involved for your participation. Thank you for the longstanding partnership with Penn's Business Services Division. Thank you and congratulations to our awardees who remind us continually of the importance of community service. In addition to their scholarships, these students will receive additional gifts like refrigerators, microwaves, and other items they will be able to take with them to school. We are fortunate to receive gently used items from our collaboration with Penn Moves.

A special thank you to the members of the 2023 Penn VIPS and Business Services Scholarship Committee for their dedication and outstanding work. Each year, through their tireless dedication, our winners are selected. It is a pleasure to work with them to celebrate our outstanding awardees.

# Program & Awards

## **Scholarship Committee Welcome**

R. Perry Bloomfield  
Senior Information Technology Specialist  
Penn Facilities & Real Estate Services

## **Welcome from University of Pennsylvania**

Glenn Bryan  
Assistant Vice President - Community Relations  
Office of Government and Community Affairs

## **Remarks from The Netter Center**

Ira Harkavy  
Assistant Vice President & Founding Director  
The Netter Center for Community Partnerships

## **Keynote Introduction**

Kim H. Ridley  
Director Administrative Operations  
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The Wharton School

## **Keynote Speaker**

Renita Miller  
Chief Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer  
The Wharton School

## **Speaker**

Ashwarya Devason  
University of Pennsylvania Class of 2023 (SAS)

## **Awarding of Scholarships**

## **Closing Remarks**

Isabel Sampson-Mapp  
Director - Penn VIPS  
Associate Director  
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## Scholarship Award Recipients

**Kayla Cooper**

Overbrook High School

**Queen-Roscizia Davis**

Bartram High School

**Oumou Gamby**

Parkway West High School

**Keyanna Nurse**

Paul Robeson High School

**Cinthia Rosario**

Sayre High School

**Haoua Tall**

West Philadelphia High School

**Khadijah Thomas**

West Catholic High School



# In Memory of Marie K. Bogle

Teacher  
Philadelphia Educational System



**M**arie Kanalas Bogle led a distinguished career as a school teacher. Her youthful and lifelong passion was found in the wonders of books. She read novels, social histories, political studies, biographies and memoirs. She loved learning about the way people lived in times past and present, their triumphs, their disappointments, their hardships and their ability to surmount whatever difficulties they faced. She had a special commitment to the children of West Philadelphia.

In 1971, she began her teaching career in the Philadelphia educational system at John Bartram High School. She later taught at the James Rhoads Elementary School, William C. Bryant Elementary School and then at the Dr. Charles Turner Middle School. She remained dedicated to her professional responsibilities. A special achievement was her involvement in the West Philadelphia Improvement Corps, a school and community revitalization effort that seeks to create university-assisted community schools which serve the entire community. With the support of her principals, Robert Chapman and Charles D'Alfonso, she brought about important curriculum innovations at the schools where she taught.

Her achievements were widely recognized and lauded. She received the "Award for Positive Contributions to Communities" and the "Thanks to Teachers Award."

At the invitation of The German Marshall Fund, she participated in a cross-national study of educational programs at numerous conferences. Never could she quite leave behind her involvement in education and her keen desire to improve the lives and futures of young students.

She retired from the school district in 2004 after 33 years of service.

Even after retirement, she continued as a consultant for the Center for Community Partnership, a program at the University of Pennsylvania.



# Robert W. Bogle

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**R**obert W. Bogle is president and chief executive officer of *The Philadelphia Tribune*, the nation's oldest and the Greater Philadelphia region's largest audited newspaper serving the African-American community. Mr. Bogle has held other high-level offices at the newspaper including posts as advertising director, director of marketing, and executive vice president/treasurer.

Mr. Bogle has served as chairman of the Hospitals and Higher Education Facilities Authority of Philadelphia. He has been active in many professional, civic and social organizations, over the years including: the Council of Trustees at Cheyney University, the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, the Mann Music Center for the Performing Arts, the African-American Chamber of Commerce, PHLCVB, and the Philadelphia Tribune. He is a former board member of US Airways Group.

He served as president of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NNPA), a trade association comprising 205 Black-owned newspapers across the nation from 1991 through 1995. Mr. Bogle is a founding member of the African American News and Information Consortium, a group of premier newspapers in some of the largest markets in the U.S.

Some of his board affiliations include the Philadelphia Museum of Art Corporate Partners Board, the Pennsylvania News Media Association, Visit Philadelphia, PNC advisory

board, and PRWT. Also, the Forum for a Better Pennsylvania, a statewide, private-sector leadership organization committed to enhanced civic and economic inclusion for African Americans.

President George W. Bush appointed him to serve as a member of the National Museum of African American History and Culture Commission. He received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters from Drexel University and an honorary doctorate of Literature from Lincoln University. He is a member of Alpha Boule' Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a life member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He is also a member of The Pennsylvania Society and Philadelphia Community of Leaders.

Mr. Bogle attended Cheyney University in Cheyney, Pa., to study Sociology, earning a B.A. in Urban Studies. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and Finance, Temple University in Philadelphia and the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, N.Y. He continues to hone his newspaper experience/expertise by participating in annual workshops in the areas of the internet, finance, editorial content and advertising.

Mr. Bogle remains committed to his role as an ambassador for the birthplace of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

# Keynote Speaker

## Renita Miller

Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer  
The Wharton School  
University of Pennsylvania



Renita Miller is the inaugural Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for the Wharton School at The University of Pennsylvania. In this new role and as a member of Wharton's senior leadership team, Renita is responsible for leading and developing the comprehensive diversity, equity, and inclusion strategic plans, partnerships, programs, and initiatives for the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of the Wharton community. She works closely with the school's leadership to integrate inclusive practices into the core academic and co-curricular activities of the school, including admissions, recruitment, faculty hiring and retention, curriculum development, training and development, and programming. She supports diversity, equity, and inclusion engagement among and across our many alumni audiences. Additionally, Renita engages with Human Resources to support staff hiring, retention, learning, and development. All efforts aimed at supporting and cultivating Wharton's culture of dignity, respect, transparency, and appreciation of differences.

Renita brings significant experience in higher education, holding various academic and administrative positions throughout her career in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion; academic affairs; program development; talent pipeline strategy and implementation; teaching; research; and training and advising. Prior to joining Wharton, Renita served as Associate

Dean for Access, Diversity and Inclusion and Executive Director of the Princeton Pre-Doctoral Fellowship Initiative in the Graduate School and Lecturer in the Politics Department at Princeton University. Renita was the Dean of Berkeley College and Lecturer in the Political Science Department at Yale University. She has also served as the Director of Studies at Forbes College and the Director of the Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (PSURE) at Princeton University. Her teaching and research focus on understanding the influence of race and representation with a particular focus on political rhetoric, deliberation, education policy, and leadership within political institutions. Renita was also a research fellow for the Project of Equity, Representation, and Governance at Texas A&M and the Kinder Institute of Urban Research at Rice University. Prior to her work in academia Renita worked as an education policy consultant and pharmaceutical sales representative and trainer.

Renita earned her Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from Baylor University and her M.A. and Ph.D. in Political Science from Rice University.



# Speaker

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**Ahswarya Devason**  
**School of Arts and Sciences**  
**Class of 2023**  
**University of Pennsylvania**

**A**shwarya Devason is a first-generation college graduate from the island of Mauritius in east Africa. She graduated with highest honors from the Vagelos Scholars Program in the Molecular Life Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania where she studied Biochemistry, Physics, Neurobiology and Women's Studies. She also obtained her Master's degree in Chemistry.

During her time at Penn, she was heavily involved in advocacy for first-generation and/or lower income (FGLI) students and was co-chair of 1vyG 2023, the largest national conference which hosted 350 students and administrators from 30+ colleges and universities. She won the Penn Spectrum Penn First Plus Student Leadership Award and the Makuu Arthur Fausset Award for outstanding intellectual pursuit and community service.

Currently, she is working in a research lab at Penn Medicine studying Type 2 Diabetes and Alzheimer's Disease. She will be pursuing a joint MD-PhD degree for a career as a physician-scientist. She is passionate about increasing access and outcomes of underserved populations in medicine.

# Scholarship Recipients

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**K**ayla Cooper attends Overbrook High School, where her counselor calls her “a stellar young adult who embodies excellence in every aspect of her life.”

Kayla volunteered as a track assistant where she was able to help the coaches create event schedules as well as organize, plan, and facilitate activities in various settings during after school hours. She has also participated in charity runs, clothing drives, and block cleanings. Kayla says that community service is important to her because it provides a sense of purpose, teaches valuable skills, and makes life fun. Volunteering also prepares you for the real world. Kayla has learned communication skills, task management, and has a better understanding of her own strengths through her participation in community service.

Harcum College’s Allied Health Science-Nursing program has accepted Kayla for the Fall 2023 semester.



**Q**ueen-Roscizia Davis is a graduating senior student at John Bartram High School in southwest Philadelphia. As an honor roll student, she maintained an athletic career in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track, all four years of high school. The leadership skills she exercises as the track team captain are also evidenced at home and in the community. Those who know her, not only remark on her care for her mother and siblings, but also the positive asset she is in the neighborhood.

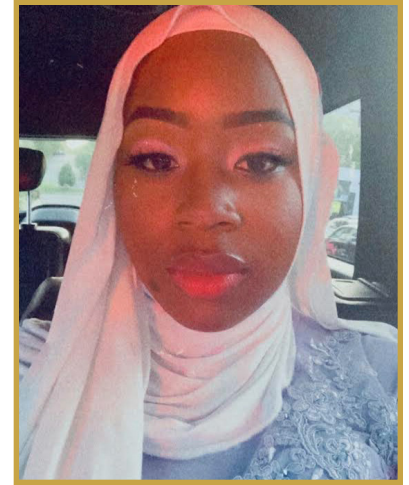
Queen serves as an usher at her church, partners with community members to provide meals to those in need, and enjoys being face-to-face with others in service. Her future goals are to continue helping others through the medical profession. She notes, “My service has shown me how important it is to have empathy and be responsive to people’s different needs.” It’s not difficult to imagine how her determination and optimistic spirit is contagious in any setting.



# Scholarship Recipients

**Oumou Gamby**, a remarkable graduating senior from Parkway West High School, embodies the true spirit of service. With a profound belief that community service is essential to society, Oumou eloquently states, “It can provide people with a sense of purpose and fulfillment as they contribute to causes in their society.”

Her dedication to making a positive impact has been a driving force behind her efforts to give back, foster social engagement, and acquire invaluable skills. Oumou’s most significant community service took place within the Early Childhood program at her school. Whether it was lending a helping hand around the center, orchestrating engaging playtime sessions, supervising activities, or nurturing educational growth, Oumou’s impact on the center was immeasurable. Her tireless efforts serve as a reminder that even small acts of kindness can have a profound and lasting effect on the lives of others. She inspires others to embrace the power of service in their own lives. Oumou plans to attend Thomas Jefferson University in the fall, majoring in Biotechnology.



**Keyanna Nurse** is a Paul Robeson High School senior who has an exceptional academic and volunteer career. She is the National Honor Society President and is currently taking a dual enrollment English class at Paul Robeson through Harrisburg University. She works a part-time job, participates in a nurse training program.

She is passionate about her volunteer work at HUP’s emergency room, and works tirelessly to support the “We the People Program,” where she teaches students about the process of voting.

As one of the top 3 students in her class, Keyanna is on track to becoming a future OB-GYN nurse. Keyanna has already been accepted to Nova Southern University, Commonwealth University (Bloomsburg and Mansfield), Virginia Commonwealth University, Morgan State and Moravian University. As Keyanna is always looking to be the best version of herself, any university that Keyanna chooses will be fortunate to experience her warmth, talent, and next level of impact.



# Scholarship Recipients

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**Cinthia Rosario** of Sayre High School is a strong advocate for community service. She says that it is good for those who benefit from the service as well as for those who perform the service. She tells us that, “It is important because it can help you become a better person.” Not only does she do community service, she encourages others to do it also. She adds that when you are doing good deeds, you feel good about yourself.

She enjoys organizing fun activities for students and adults alike. She reports that she learned how helping others can bring about change because she sees it as a mechanism that can change one’s view of the world. When volunteers develop positive views, they often are working to improve their community and more. Her peers would describe her as hardworking, responsible, and reliable.

She works part-time at a day care facility in her community. Cinthia also finds time to participate in cheering, cooking, boxing after school clubs. Yet, volunteering is a priority for her. She will be attending Cheyney University in the fall where she will major in Early Childhood Development and Psychology.



**Haoua Tall** is a graduating senior from West Philadelphia High School. She believes that it is important for everyone to perform community service. She states that her most significant community service activity was working at the Lee Elementary school. There Haoua participated in tutoring and the Cross Grades Sport program. This program introduces students K-5th grade to many sports allowing them to learn a new skill and possibly an athletic future. She also volunteers as a translator at her Mosque.

Haoua is dedicated to making a difference. She says, “Community service is important to me because it allows me to give back and to pay it forward. It also teaches life lessons and has a positive impact on the community.” She remains inspired to always give back and will continue her efforts volunteering in the future.

Haoua will be studying Bio-behavioral Health at the Penn State University main campus in the fall.





**K**hadijah Thomas is a graduating senior from West Catholic High School who will be attending Virginia State University and majoring in Biology next year.

Khadijah has a long history of volunteerism and has been recognized as a leader by her peers and nationwide. Her list of service activities is substantial and includes mentoring 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders with behavioral or social issues, serving on student council, providing supplies to the unhoused, tutoring 7th and 8th graders in Math and English, helping to coach a girls basketball team, and being selected in a nationwide competition by Friends Forever International (FFI) - a program focused on building leadership abilities in youth to help tackle local and global issues.

Her strongest passion is helping her community. In her words, “Giving back and volunteering are great ways to make a difference in my community, connect with others, and gain valuable skills and experiences.” Encouraged by her mom to sign up for lots of things when she was growing up like mentoring programs, basketball, volleyball, theater, she doesn’t see the same opportunities for younger people today. She believes community service helps her “develop empathy and understanding.” It allows her to step outside of her own experiences and gain a broader perspective on the challenges faced by different individuals.

Khadijah looks forward to continuing her volunteer work as she pursues her college degree.

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# Penn Volunteers in Public Service

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## **MISSION**

In 1987, the Philadelphia Daily News printed an article about an ambitious young man, Eric Franklin, who would be attending college that fall. Eric had been homeless his whole life. For any student, it is no mean feat to succeed academically at the university level – even without the added pressure of financial worries. A discussion amongst Penn VIPS members emphasized that for many, putting a child through college presents to the family a significant financial burden. Eric's story inspired Penn VIPS to establish a scholarship fund that would be used for non-tuition expenses such as books, supplies, health insurance, and other needs. Our scholarship exists to cover the expenses not included in the traditional financial aid package. We hope to choose students who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to both higher education and community service. Our choice is based on students answering several questions about their volunteerism activities, how volunteering has helped them, and their thoughts about how they will continue when they reach college. Additionally, we review the students' report cards and school and community recommendations. While we seek students who receive good grades, we do not exclude those who receive the occasional "C."

## **PROGRAMS/PROJECT INVOLVEMENT**

To learn more about the Penn VIPS and Business Services Annual Scholarship Program, visit: [www.nettercenter.upenn.edu](http://www.nettercenter.upenn.edu).

## **TAKE TIME TO CARE, CONTACT PENN VIPS**

Volunteers are welcome to help with any of the Penn VIPS programs or activities. We seek new members to work on the committee and individuals, businesses or organizations who would like to engage in supporting tomorrow's leaders—our West Philadelphia high school students.

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