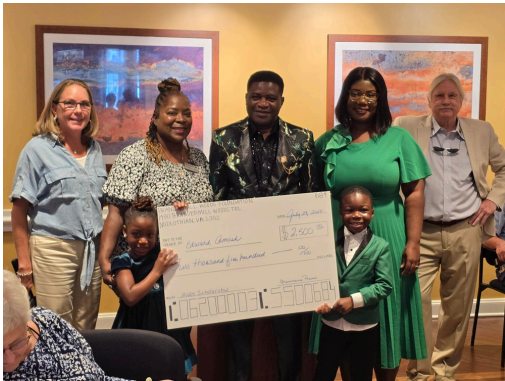


2024 Scholarship Awarded

For the twenty-second year in a row, the Brandermill Woods Foundation awarded a scholarship to a deserving team member. This year, the amount was increased to \$5,000 and split between two recipients. Additionally, two \$3,000 scholarships were donated by an anonymous resident who lives in Independent Living. This year, the Brandermill Woods Women's Club raised \$4,065 for a scholarship, for a total of five scholarships awarded.

The scholarship applications are anonymous with names removed from the application and from the supervisor's evaluation form. They are identified by number. Four Foundation Board members were on the committee: Pete Poli, Teresa Steinfatt, Tommy Baer and Robbin Kolbe. One resident representative from the Brandermill Woods Women's Club was also on the committee.

All five recipients were awarded their scholarships at the annual Foundation Cocktail Party on July 29.



One of this year's \$2,500 Foundation recipients was Edward Amoah who has worked as a CNA/Med Tech on the 11-7 shift in our Assisted Living community for 12 years. He is pursuing a Practical Nursing certification at Chesterfield Technical Center, with an anticipated graduation in 2026. A graduate of Nkawkaw Secondary School in Ghana, Edward is committed to becoming a professional nurse. His involvement with the Church of Pentecost reflects his dedication to spiritual growth and community service. Known for his dependability, Edward is proud of his ability to overcome challenges and is eager to continue his education in nursing to make a meaningful impact in the healthcare field.

The other \$2,500 Foundation recipient was Chris Brunning who has been a dedicated member of the Maintenance Department for over 5 years, thriving on the opportunity to save the day for both residents and his co-workers. His passion lies in helping the residents and making their day better through his work. Currently, he is seeking additional training to enhance his skills and provide more specialized assistance within his department, ensuring he can continue to contribute effectively and support the community in meaningful ways.



The Women's Club \$4,065 scholarship winner was Natalie Froustet who is a server at our Independent Living community. She is an accomplished student from Cosby High School, graduating in May 2024. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in History and Historic Preservation at the University of Mary Washington, where she has been accepted into the honors college. Natalie has distinguished herself through her involvement in the National Honor Societies, theatre, and leadership roles, earning numerous awards for academic excellence. Her dedication extends to community service, volunteering with the James River Park Foundation, Chesterfield Food Bank, and the Library of Virginia. With aspirations to become a curator, she aims to further her education with a master's degree in Museum Studies and Exhibition Design from George Washington University and eventually a PhD from New York University.



One of this year's \$3,000 scholarship winners was Chanie Jacquemond who is a server at our Health Care Communities. She is currently pursuing a degree in Clinical Neuroscience on the Pre-Med/Pre-PA track with a minor in French in the Sciences at Virginia Tech University. She graduated from Cosby High School in May 2023, where she was actively involved in clubs, sports, and leadership roles. She is passionate about healthcare and has completed over 120 clinical externship hours at CommonWealth Pediatrics.

Her community service includes volunteering with Chesterfield PreK Services, Chesterfield Food Bank, Journey of Hope 4 Autism, and Cosby High School Environmental Cleanup, utilizing her fluency in French, Spanish, and English to connect with diverse communities. Her career goals include attending medical school or physician assistant school, with an interest in trauma surgery or dermatology.

The other \$3,000 scholarship winner was Bethanny Tai who is also a server at our Health Care Communities. She is an accomplished student from Cosby High School, set to attend Virginia Tech with a major in Exercise and Health Science. Passionate about Physical Therapy, she has gained valuable experience working at Brandermill Woods and volunteering in healthcare settings. Bethanny's dedication is evident through her involvement in multiple honor societies, leadership roles at the Chinese Baptist Church of Richmond, and various awards. She aims to become a Physical Therapist, driven by her desire to make a positive impact on patients' lives.

