**The First Ten Years**

**SAHCC 2006-2015 Mission Impact Report**

***Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams***

The Solivita African Heritage and Culture Club (SAHCC) Educational Fund Inc. is proud to be connected to Solivita and the surrounding communities in Polk and Oseola Counties. We are also honored to serve the educational needs of local students, and are committed to higher education as a way to empower them and improve the quality of life in our communities. We work directly with students, parents and schools to help young people fulfill their college dreams. Since 2006 and for the past ten years, we have distributed $59,000 in financial aid to twenty students to help them achieve those dreams. This Mission Impact Report illuminates SHACC’s scholarship program and the positive educational outcomes that result from our long-standing efforts and partnerships with students and schools. SAHCC believes it is essential to voluntarily and proactively report on the benefits it provides to ensure that community members will gain a better appreciation of its work and community benefit. With a continuing focus on serving those most in need, SAHCC looks forward to its next ten years of mobilizing AHCC members and other Solivita residents, through scholarships and educational support, to make post secondary success achievable for as many young adults as possible.

Warm regards,

Dr. Lois Duncan

President, SAHCC

**About SAHCC**

The Solivita African Heritage Cultural Club (SAHCC) Educational Fund, Inc. is an outgrowth of the African Heritage Cultural Club (AHCC). It began as an AHCC Committee in 2006 and became a legal Florida State approved non-profit organization with federal exempt status in March 2008. SAHCC’s mission is to promote, advocate, educate and implement programs affecting persons of African decent. Awarding scholarships supports this mission. It has the following objectives/purposes:

* To provide financial scholarships to promising students attending institutions of higher learning
* To conduct an annual fundraising drive to support funding student scholarships
* To conduct an annual recognition event to acknowledge the academic accomplishments of scholarships recipients
* To mentor scholarship recipients during their four-year course of study
* To present Black history programs to middle school students
* To provide financial support to elementary schools through a $250 donation and “box-tops for education”
* To sponsor an education event (“pillars of our legacy”), open to the community at large that will expose all to information about the history of those of African decent

**William Conde Memorial Scholarship**

The William Conde Memorial Scholarship was created in 2015 to honor the life and memory of William (Bill) Conde. Bill was born in Newport News, VA on February 15,1937. He graduated from Hampton University and went on to have a successful career in systems engineering and project management. He worked at AT&T, TRW, Sperry Univac, and CEC Electronics. In 1982, he retired from Honeywell as Project Manager. Conde was a community activist, mentor, photographer, and friend. He believed that through education one could develop critical thinking, overcome obstacles, change perceptions and level the playing field. From the beginning, Bill made significant contributions to the African Heritage Cultural Club and was a strong supporter of SCHACC. He loved the Solivita Community. The scholarship is a tribute to him.

**SAHCC Board of Directors (2009-15)**

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**2006-2015 Mission Impact Statement**

Through scholarships and mentoring, SAHCC directly supported twenty students as they pursued and achieved their educational goals. The financial assistance provided to those students totaled $59,000. That assistance included: $2,000 scholarships, $500 book awards, and one $500 medical school award. In addition, one student received a $2,000 award from the William Conde Memorial Scholarship Fund, which was established in 2015. Each student receiving financial assistance was also assigned a mentor, to provide him or her with guidance and counsel during their college experience. The mentors were retired and semi-retired professionals with lifetimes of work and personal experience and a demonstrated commitment to quality education for young people. Mentors received a mentoring guidebook and attended a mentoring workshop in 2008. An annual luncheon was held to recognize the scholarship recipients and to thank the donors. Students were often on the program to give them experience in public speaking and to showcase their talents. In addition to the financial aid and mentoring support, SAHCC conducted Black History Programs for 8th graders at Horizon Middle School, New Dimensions, Discovery Middle School, Acclaim Academy and Haines City Middle School. SAHCC also sponsored a community-wide Black History event called Pillars of our Legacy in 2010. In 2015, SAHCC began a Box Top Drive to benefit Chestnut Elementary School.

**Scholarships Recipients & their Mentors**

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| **STUDENT NAME** | **TYPE OF AID & AMOUNT** | **MENTOR** |
| **2015** |  |  |
| Anne Baptiste | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Marilyn Gaston |
| Sinantra Morgan | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Gayle Porter |
| Shanise Holmes | 500 Book Award | Dr. Sharon Thomas |
| Marquise Lawrence | 500 Book Award | Rev. Dr. Jesse Mayes |
| Crystal Laidley | 500 Book Award | Jacqueline Jones |
| Brenda Mensah | 500 Book Award | Judy Dunham |
| Julia Desir | 500 Book Award | Brenda Lochley |
| Dontae Parker | 500 Book Award | Jerry Carter |
| Samuel Washington | 2,000 Conde Scholarship | Donald Duncan |
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| **2014** |  |  |
| Julia Desir | 2,000 Scholarship | Brenda Lochley |
| Dontae Parker | 2,000Scholarship | Jerry Carter |
| Shanise Holmes | 500 Book Award | Dr. Sharon Thomas |
| Marquise Lawrence | 500 Book Award | Rev. Jesse Mayes |
| Crystal Laidley | 500 Book Award | Jacqueline Jones |
| Brenda Mensah | 500 Book Award | Judy Durham |
| Julia Desir | 500 Book Award | Brenda Lochley |
| Dontae Parker | 500 Book Award | Jerry Carter |
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| **2013** |  |  |
| Crystal Laidley | 2,000 Scholarship | Jacqueline Jones |
| Brenda Mensah | 2,000 Scholarship | Judy Dunham |
| Cristina Hibbert | 500 Book Award | Pam Sykes |
| Chantell Sutherland | 500 Book Award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
| Kadeem Campbell | 500 Book Award | Jerry Carter |
| Audreyanna Loguerre | 500 Book Award | Victoria Johnson-Taylor |
| Shanise Holmes | 500 Book Award | Dr. Sharon Thomas |
| Marquise Lawrence | 500 Book Award | Rev. Dr. Jesse Mayes |
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| **2012** |  |  |
| Shanise Holmes | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Sharon Thomas |
| Marquise Lawrence | 2,000 Scholarship | Rev. Dr. Jesse Mayes |
| Christina Hibbert | 500 Book Award | Pam Sykes |
| Chantell Sutherland | 500 Book Award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
| Kadeem Campbell | 500 Book Award | Jerry Carter |
| Audreyanna Loguerre | 500 Book Award | Victoria Johnson-Taylor |
| Leshawn Richards | 500 Med. Sch. Award | Dr. Wale Omawale |
| Precious Dorch-Robinson | 500 Book Award | Marilyn Peals-O’Hara |
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| **2011** |  |  |
| Kadeem Campbell | 2,000 Scholarship | Jerry Carter |
| Audreyanna Loguerre | 2,000 Scholarship | Victoria Johnson-Taylor |
| Christina Hibbert | 500 Book Award | Pam Sykes |
| Chantell Sutherland | 500 Book Award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
| Leshawn Richards | 500 Book Award | Dr. Wale Omawale |
| Precious Dorch-Robinson | 500 Book Award | Marilyn Peals-O’Hara |
| Alexandra Richard | 500 Book Award | Doris Lipscomb |
| Natalie Aristor | 500 Book Award | Ruth Patrick |
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| **2010** |  |  |
| Christina Hibbert | 2,000 Scholarship | Pam Sykes |
| Chantell Sutherland | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Lois Duncan |
| Precious Dorch-Robinson | 500 Book Award | Marilyn Peals-O’Hara |
| Alexandra Richard | 500 Book Award | Doris Lipscomb |
| Natalie Aristor | 500 Book Award | Ruth Patrick |
| Valeria Aristor | 500 Book Award | Dr. Marilyn Gaston |
| Leshawn Richards | 500 Book Award | Dr. Wale Omawale |
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| **2009** |  |  |
| Precious Dorch-Robinson | 2,000 Scholarship | Marilyn Peals-O’Hara |
| Leshawn Richards | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Wale Omawale |
| Valeria Aristor | 500 Book Award | Dr. Marilyn Gaston |
| Natarie Aristor | 500 Book Award | Ruth Patrick |
| Alexandra Richard | 500 Book Award | Doris Lipscomb |
| Colleen Wickham | 500 Book Award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
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| **2008** |  |  |
| Natalie Aristor | 2,000 Scholarship | Ruth Patrick |
| Alexandra Richard | 2,000 Scholarship | Doris Lipscomb |
| Valerie Aristor | 500 Book Award | Dr. Marilyn Gatson |
| Coleen Wickham | 500 Book Award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
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| **2007** |  |  |
| Valerie Astor | 2,000 Scholarship | Dr. Marilyn Gatson |
| Coleen Wickham | 500 Book award | Dr. Lois Duncan |
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| **2006** |  |  |
| Coleen Wickham | 2000 Scholarship | Dr. Lois Duncan |
| Adwena Benson |  | Dr. Lois Duncan |
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**Departing Scholars / College Graduates**

**2015:** Kadeem Campbell and Audreyanna Loguerre

**2014:** Cristina Hibbert and Chantell Sutherland **(**In 5 yr. College Program)

**2013:** Precious Dorch-Robinson **and** Leshawn Richards

**2012:** Natalie Aristor **&** Alexandra Richard

**2011:** Valerie Aristor

**2010:** Colleen Wickham

**Profile of 2006-15 Scholarship Recipients**

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| **Student** | **Award** | **High School** | **College** |
| Natalie Aristor | $3,500 | Poincianna | UFC |
| Valerie Aristor | $3,500 | Poincianna | UFC |
| Anne Baptiste | $2,000 | Liberty | USF |
| Adwenna Benson |  | Poincianna |  |
| Kadeem Campbell | $2,000 | New Dimensions | UF |
| Julisa Desir | $3,000 | Haines City | UCF |
| Cristina Hibbert | $3,500 | Poincianna | FSU |
| Shanise Holmes | $3,500 | Liberty | Valencia |
| Crystal Laidley | $3,000 | Liberty | USF |
| Marquise Lawrence | $3,500 | Poincianna | UCF |
| Audreyanna Loguerre | $3,000 | Liberty | UF |
| Brenda Mensah | $3,000 | Liberty | FSU |
| Sinatra Morgan | $2,000 | Poincianna | FIU |
| Dontae Parker | $3,000 | Haines city | Florida A&M |
| Alexandra Richard | $4,000 | Liberty | UM |
| Leshawn Richards | $3,500 | Liberty | UF |
| Precious Dorch-Robinson | $4,000 | Poincianna | Florida A&M |
| Chantell Sutherland | $3,500 | Liberty | Valencia |
| Samuel Washington | $2,000 | Haines City | USF |
| Colleen Wickham | $3,500 | Poincianna | UCF |

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Your support matters to us. A gift to SAHCC ensures we can help more students earn more degrees now, and into the future. Learn more about the Power of Generosity and the impact you can have by contacting SAHCC at:

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