

## 2024-25 GRADUATES

ALEX ARMATIS	U. OF BRIDGEPORT - BUSINESS
DONYAE SHAVERS	CENTRAL CSU- ACCOUNTING
CHRISTOPHER CRUZ	EASTERN - MEDIA
NELLIE SAINVIL	HOWARD - BUSINESS
AMIR ZAKARIA	UCONN, STORRS - FINANCE
ADAM ZAKARIA	UCONN, STORRS - FINANCE
BERDJINA VERTUS	WESTERN CSU - HEALTH
LOUIKENSON PAUL	SOUTHERN CSU- SPORTS MED
BRIANA LIZANO-QUESADA	QUINNIPAC - FILM
LETZDALIS ZUNIGA	CT STATE - NCC

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Bianka Edouard (PTech Graduate, NCC '24)

Currently at Western Governor's U. for her BS in IT, her internship in IBM's Bridge Program has led to a full time position!

Essence Dupree-Lee (Norwalk HS Graduate)

Currently at NCC for communications, has received an invitation to Phi Theta Kappa, an honor society!

Donor Updates

Your support transforms lives through education — bringing our students opportunity, confidence, and hope. Our thanks to ALL the individuals and organizations who stand with us. We're grateful to all of our supporters.

In recent months, we thank:

New Canaan Community Foundation  
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Westport Sunrise Rotary  
Kathleen Walsh



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Honored to be featured in May as the 'Dine Out' charity at Sedona Taphouse in Norwalk. A portion of every Monday's proceeds are donated to NHF



## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

As we grow, we're excited to add three new committee members whose experience will add to our powerhouse group of dedicated leaders shaping futures .

### Michael Crafter

Manager, Student Success  
Tutoring Program  
NHA Learning Center



# Welcome

Vernece Richardson  
Human Resources Specialist  
King Industries



### Jazmine Prezzie

Director, Norwalk Mentor  
Program & NPS Board of  
Education Member



## *Farewell & Thank You, Ed Orenstein*

Ed Orenstein, thank you for sharing your time and expertise with the Scholarship Committee, and the students whose lives you've helped. Your impact will outlast your tenure with us, for which we will always be grateful.

## *With Gratitude to All Our Donors*

This program exists because of the generosity of a remarkable community—individuals, families, and organizations who believe in the power of education and opportunity.

Below is a full list of donors whose contributions have fueled our students' success in recent years.  
 Each name represents not just a gift, but a belief in what's possible.

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## *Some of the People Behind our Mission*

We're pleased to share a few images of some of the many donors who helped this program grow. Many others who have given just as meaningfully are not pictured—but deeply appreciated.

