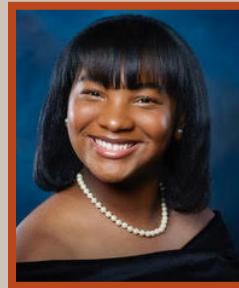


**2021 CHESTERFIELD COUNTY LEADERSHIP  
FOR THE 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**



**TERRY LEE JOHNSON, JR.** is the 2020-2021 Matoaca District scholarship recipient, attends Matoaca High School and has a current 4.8 GPA. Terry Lee's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in computer science. Terry has been active in track and field events, played on the Chesterfield Basketball League and participated in the Chesterfield S.T.E.A.M Expo.

**AMENAH HOLT** is the 2020-2021 Midlothian District scholarship recipient, attends Midlothian High School and has a current 4.4 GPA. Amenah's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in neuroscience. Amenah has participated in the Midlothian High School Color Guard (part of the Marching Band), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club, Midlothian Trojan Nations, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. and the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. – Delta G.E.M.S.



**GABRIELLA WATSON** is the 2020-2021 scholarship recipient At-large, which recognizes a Chesterfield County student who attends Maggie Walker Governor's School – holding a 4.5 GPA. Gabriella's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in chemistry to become a pharmacologist. Gabriella has served as co-president of the National Science Honor Society, and during COVID, she serves on the Maggie Walker's School Advisory Council as chair for Campus Life.

**Did you miss one of this year's  
Black History Programs?**

**GOOD NEWS**, several of these programs are available on demand by visiting the Black History Month Programs playlist on the [CCPL YouTube page](#).

**Check it out!**

*Here are some programs to look for:*



**The Jazz of Plunky and Oneness**



**Say Her Name Program with Zoe Spencer**



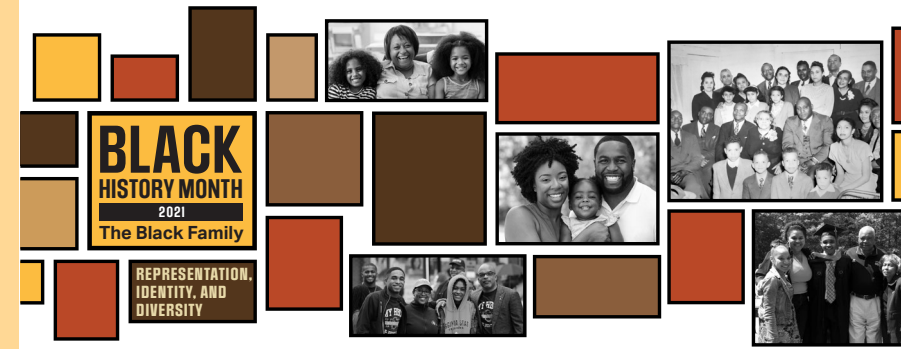
**Black Families and the Great Migration**



**The History and Importance of HBCUs**

**EACH YEAR**, Chesterfield County and Virginia State University celebrate Black History Month with a variety of programs designed to explore the rich, diverse background of African Americans and their contributions to our community and nation. This celebration has been a tradition in Chesterfield for 32 years. This year's theme, "The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity" reflects the national theme. Educational activities and programs took place throughout the month of February.

For more details, visit [chesterfield.gov/BlackHistoryMonth](http://chesterfield.gov/BlackHistoryMonth).



VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND CHESTERFIELD COUNTY  
INVITE YOU TO THE ANNUAL

**SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION  
PROGRAM**

in observance of

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

featuring

**Janice Underwood, Ph.D.**

*Commonwealth of Virginia  
Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer*

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021**

**8 A.M.**

*This year's program will only be available virtually. It can be viewed on Comcast Channel 98, Verizon Channel 28, and live streamed on [chesterfield.gov](http://chesterfield.gov) and the county's YouTube channel.*





**Dr. Janice Underwood** was appointed by Governor Ralph Northam as the Commonwealth of Virginia's first cabinet-level Chief Diversity Officer (CDO). This position is the first of its kind in the nation. As the Commonwealth's CDO, she is committed to addressing racial, ethnic, disability, gender-based, and other cultural inequities in formal and informal policies and practices in Virginia state government. As a result, Dr. Underwood is working tirelessly to build the ONE Virginia statewide strategic plan for

Inclusive Excellence across over 100 state agencies and with other public and private sectors. In her short tenure, she has been named one of "20 Women of Change" in 2020 by the Virginia Museum of History and Culture and her goal is to make Virginia an exemplar for the nation, regarding diversity, equity and inclusive excellence.

Prior to her appointment, Dr. Underwood served as Old Dominion University's Director of Diversity Initiatives and as the chair of the President's Task Force on Inclusive Excellence. She previously served as the Executive Director and Co-Principal Investigator for the Old Dominion University Teacher in Residence master's program. Dr. Underwood also served for several years as a national board-certified teacher for students with exceptionalities in Hampton City Schools.

As a national expert in the cultural contexts of public education, change management and leadership, and professional development/training, Dr. Underwood works to make the public and private sectors more culturally relevant. In doing so, she prepares professionals from a myriad of fields to meet the demands of working in diverse environments and address difficult truths, such as the school to prison pipeline, the lack of diversity in the workforce, and systemic and institutional bias.

She earned her Bachelor's (1998) and Master's (2002) degrees from Hampton University in Psychology and Behavior/Learning Disorders, respectively. In 2015, she earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Old Dominion University, where her research focused on culturally relevant pedagogy.

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- The Honorable Christopher Winslow*

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**WELCOME /REMARKS** **Shelby Brown**  
Reporter, *WTVR, CBS 6*

**GREETINGS** **Dr. Joseph P. Casey**  
Chesterfield County Administrator

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** **Shelby Brown**

**NATIONAL ANTHEM** **Lucy Hansen**  
5th Grade, *Grange Hall Elementary School*

**INVOCATION** **Pastor Jason Elmore**  
Pastor, *Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH TRIBUTE:** **Marshae' (Angel) Dabney**  
Senior, Psychology Major, *VSU*

**GREETINGS** **Makola M. Abdullah, Ph.D.**  
President, *VSU*

**MUSICAL SELECTION** **VSU Gospel Chorale**

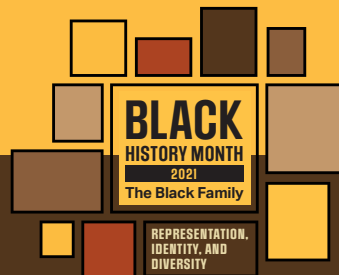
**INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER** **Hon. James M. Holland**  
Chair, *Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER** **Janice Underwood, Ph.D.**  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer

**SPONSOR REMARKS** **Brent Archer**  
President & COO  
*Columbia Gas of Virginia*

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS** **Shelby Brown**

**CLOSING REMARKS** **Shelby Brown**



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**JAMAR JOHNSON** is the 2020-2021 Bermuda District scholarship recipient and attends Thomas Dale High School with a 4.0 GPA. Jamar's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in mechanical engineering. Jamar has participated in the following activities: African American Culture Club, DECA and been an avid athlete in football, wrestling and lacrosse.



**MARY HALL** is the 2020-2021 Clover Hill District scholarship recipient and attends Monacan High School with a current 4.7 GPA. Mary's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in political science. Mary has been engaged in a host of activities that includes Monacan Theater, Monacan Choir, Monacan Tribe, Ecology Club, and served as a Freshman mentor to students at Providence and Gordan Elementary schools.



**LATEKA JOHNSON** is the 2020-2021 Dale District scholarship recipient, attends L.C. Bird High School and has a current 3.8 GPA. Lateka's plans are to attend a Virginia college or university with the intent of majoring in psychology. Lateka was inducted into the National Honor Society and has participated in the following activities: marching band, Show Choir, Spanish Club and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club.

