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Cabbage Patch
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COLLEGE SCHOLAR BIOS
2021-2022 Edition

Brilliant Minds,
Bright Futures.



SENIORS

Alontay

Clark Atlantic University

Pursuing: **Mass Media Arts**
Current Goal: **Video Production**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Alontay had been very active with The Patch until High School when his family moved away. Last year, while attending his sister's graduation, he reconnected with The Cabbage Patch staff and was surprised to learn about the scholarship opportunities he could take advantage of. In 2019 we added two scholars from the same family into our Patch Scholars program! Alontay is a driven young man who has already started a photography business and assisted with video production for local musicians in the Atlanta area; he hopes to expand these enterprises after his graduation.



Tatiyana

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Psychology**
Current Goal: **Therapist or Social Worker**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Tatiyana is an amazing student who is hoping to bring to bear her passion for helping others by becoming a therapist or social worker. Her sense of humor makes her a favorite among the college scholars and staff members, and she always makes an effort to make everyone around her a little happier. She found a passion for debate during her time in teen club and has continued to use those skills through participation in poetry and public speaking clubs while at UK. She remains active in athletics, playing on intramural teams and working hard to keep her body in shape and her mind sharp for school. Tatiyana is exploring graduate school possibilities and is considering earning her MSSW.



Greg

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Pursuing: **Pre-Engineering**
Current Goal: **Civil Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Greg is a second-generation college scholar; his mother graduated with her BA in Sociology in May of 2018 after years of hard work. He credits seeing his mother work so hard with his passion for getting into school. Greg is turning his love of computer science and technology into a degree in Civil Engineering and would love to one day attend UofL Speed School. Greg is also an independent recording artist with an amazing catalogue of self-produced music.



“You don’t work your way out of poverty. You educate your way out!”

- Roosevelt Chin



Chson

Eastern Kentucky University

Pursuing: **Aeronautics**
Current Goal: **Commercial Pilot**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Chson is a bright, focused young man with big dreams. After years of being fascinated with aeronautics and flight, he was thrilled to be accepted into the very competitive piloting program at ECU. He has also gotten involved on campus through programs for future Aerospace professionals and intramural athletics. Chson's family was excited that he was able to receive a scholarship, as they would otherwise have been unable to allow him to accept his position in this expensive program. Chson plans to enter into a professional pilot's training program after he graduates in May, join the Association of Black Aerospace Professionals, and secure a job as a commercial pilot.

JUNIORS



Saraya

Campbellsville University

Pursuing: **Sociology**
Current Goal: **Therapist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Saraya is an active, energetic young woman with a passion for dance and bringing joy to others. She is majoring in sociology and hopes to help others have a more positive life by serving as a life coach. Her bright and bubbly personality influences everyone she meets and leaves others smiling. She has continued to volunteer with The Cabbage Patch and give back to the community center that gave her so much. She is also active in her church, singing in the choir and assisting with children's programming. After graduating from JCTC with her Associate's degree, she is now completing her Bachelor's at Campbellsville.



Jared

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Computer Engineering**
Current Goal: **Computer Technologies**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **December 2023**

Jared is a hard-working, motivated young man who has been extremely active in leadership development at The Cabbage Patch. A first-generation student, his mother has actively supported his efforts to attend college and emphasized the importance of his school work. Jared has an amazing mind for engineering and is really enjoying the challenge of his science and math classes. We know his love and passion for engineering will carry him far academically, and he has found positive ways to engage on campus through technology club and an on-campus job.



Dejah

Western Kentucky University

Pursuing: **Psychology**
Current Goal: **Therapist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **December 2022**

Dejah is a young lady who takes her education very seriously. When others challenge her with the idea that college is too expensive, she responds that "it isn't about how much it costs, it's about how much you think you're worth." She has used this guidance to ensure that she invests as much as possible in her education. Dejah's ambition to become a therapist was inspired in part by the guidance she received from staff members at The Cabbage Patch. The support they provided her made her want to become a young adult therapist. She is currently applying to grad school in order to further her education in the Psychology field.



Kelly

Campbellsville University

Pursuing: **Human Resources**
Current Goal: **HR Manager**
Current Status: **Part-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Kelly is a single mother to a wonderful and active 9-year-old girl. Kelly's Cabbage Patch journey started when she was around the same age. She remembers participating in summer camps as a child and loving the art program. Kelly came back to us in 2020 as our front office receptionist position. After working closely with our Human Resources Manager, she was inspired to go back to school to study Human Resources. She now studies at night while her daughter Tamara attends play practice in our Performing Arts Room!

Lynice

Campbellsville University

Pursuing: **Theological Counseling**
Current Goal: **Counselor**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Lynice is a returning student who is also the mother of a current scholar, Saraya. As the mother of an 8 year old and a 22 year old, she has had to place school lower on her list of priorities. Now that she has the time and opportunity, she is excited to finish her degree. Lynice remembers the help and encouragement that she received at The Cabbage Patch as a young girl. She is interested in providing young people with the same care and attention that she received. She feels that given enough confidence and encouragement, kids can be set on a course to achieve their goals. Going to school with her daughter has renewed her resolve to complete her degree as well as helped her daughter stay motivated towards the same goal.

JUNIORS



Corey

Western Kentucky University

Pursuing: **Computer Engineering**
Current Goal: **Computer Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Corey began his time at The Patch at the age of 7, when we still had a “Fun Club Day Camp,” and likes to say he never stopped coming! Corey spent a lot of time in the Educational Opportunities Department and was very active in the computer lab. His time spent with the computers and robotics kits helped to inspire his interest in computers which helped lead him to choosing his major. Since stepping on campus last year, Corey has made a point of getting very involved. He holds a part-time job as a student campus guide, and is passionate about sharing his Hilltopper pride with Freshmen and perspective students.



Talon

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Business**
Current Goal: **Civil Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Sophomore**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Talon is about as excited to be in college as any sophomore could be. He inspires younger members of The Cabbage Patch to want to attend college by telling them of how much fun he is having. But Talon is also aware of the seriousness of his commitment to school. He is a dedicated student who constantly ensures that he is meeting his school’s academic expectations. His drive for success partly comes from wanting to show his younger brother Jailen that school is a real possibility for him too. Talon is working hard to pursue his career goal and share his talent and enthusiasm with the world.



Dyllan

Sullivan University

Pursuing: **Psychology**
Current Goal: **Therapist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Dyllan is an active and passionate student with a deep curiosity about the human brain. He often says, with a laugh, that this is in part because “I want to understand what makes me so strange!” He is studying psychology to become a therapist to help others understand themselves better as well. Dyllan’s sense of humor has led him to make several friends quickly, especially in the Baptist Student Union. He worked as a camping assistant in summer of 2021 in North Carolina with his BSU friends. He felt prepared for the out-of-state excursion due in large part to his years as a Counselor in Training at the Cabbage Patch. Dyllan has a spirit of determination that cannot be daunted. He plans to keep working hard until he graduates and fulfills the expectations of his grandmother and others.



Veronica

Western Kentucky University

Pursuing: **Social Work**
Current Goal: **Social Worker**
Current Status: **Full-Time Sophomore**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Veronica has been a part of The Cabbage Patch since literally before she could walk. Her father Denis Stewart has been an employee of The Patch for over 20 years and imparted to her both a love of The Cabbage Patch and a major spirit of giving. Her interest in Nursing and Health stems from her time working under our Sports Specialists here at The Cabbage Patch. Veronica is excelling at WKU as a sophomore. She has made many friends that share her love of sports and late night snacks. She is also getting involved in campus activities like Bingo night and the Student Activities Board.



Jenay

Fisk University

Pursuing: **Political Science**
Current Goal: **Social Worker or Civil Rights Attorney**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Jenay had always dreamed of attending an HBCU and got her chance when she was accepted to Fisk University. Initially she had decided to turn down their offer due to financial concerns, but through shrewd negotiating and with the help of Patch staff, Jenay was able to secure the funding to make her dream a reality. In addition to maintaining an excellent GPA, she has worked to get involved on campus through the student union, intramural basketball, and community service.

Aileena

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Landscape Architecture**
Current Goal: **Landscape Architect**
Current Status: **Full-Time Sophomore**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Aileena’s interest in landscape architecture grew from her desire to find an activity that can showcase her talent and distract from a troubling reading disability that she experienced as a youth. She developed that drive into a real passion for displaying her artistic talent as a means to express herself especially during these isolating COVID-19 times. At UK she is working hard to stay on top of her classwork. She still manages to find time to make art in between doing her school work and going to class.

SOPHOMORES

Cianna

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Pursuing: **Criminal Justice**
Current Goal: **U.S. Marshall**
Current Status: **Full-Time So**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Cianna is a girl with a positive demeanor and a hard-working attitude. She took a long time to decide where she wanted to attend school, and is happy that she decided to go with JCTC. She is doing very well in her courses, despite the challenges presented by COVID-19. Next year, she hopes to become more involved in campus activities.



Mekhi

San Bernardino Valley College

Pursuing: **Education**
Current Goal: **Coach**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Mekhi and his family have been involved in Cabbage Patch programs for many years. He participated heavily in our sports programs and practiced his athletic prowess on the football field at De Sales high school. His college choice was influenced by his love of football and interest in continuing playing throughout college. He currently plays on the San Bernardino Valley College football team as a defensive lineman. Mekhi has ambitions to enter the NFL and coach high school football in the future.



Star

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Journalism**
Current Goal: **News Reporter**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Star is a bright and motivated student that is excelling in her academic home. She has always had high standards for herself academically and has worked very hard to achieve over a 3.0 in her third semester at UK. Star's drive to succeed partially stems from her role as a protective older sister to her younger sister Lala who is also a Cabbage Patch member. (Lala has followed closely in Star's footsteps and is a college bound student as well.) Star has always had an interest in Media and writing. Last fall she decided to switch her major from Integrated Strategic Communications to Journalism in order to prepare herself to become a news reporter in the future.

Cameron

San Bernardino Valley College

Pursuing: **Culinary Arts**
Current Goal: **Football Player**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Cameron is a big guy with an even bigger heart. While at The Cabbage Patch he enjoyed cooking programs like Seed to Table and loved participating in cooking contests in Teen Club. Cameron plays as a Offensive lineman on the San Bernardino Valley College Football team and has hopes of entering the NFL sometime in the future. He also uses his cooking skills to feed himself and his roommates in his dorm.



Cjonita

Fisk University

Pursuing: **Political Science**
Current Goal: **Law**
Current Status: **Full-Time Sophomore**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Cjonita is a dynamic and enthusiastic leader with a goal-oriented mindset. In her time as a Cabbage Patch member, she shined as a teen leader and then as a teen employee. She has transferred her zeal for organization and group management to her on-campus pursuits at Fisk. There, she currently participates in 5 campus organizations including the Debate Club and the Student Government Association. She is already studying for the Bar exam despite graduation being a couple of years off. She hopes to attend law school at Howard University or Texas State University in the future and make her dreams a reality.

Ayana

Jefferson Community and Technical College

Pursuing: **Pre-Veterinary Science**
Current Goal: **Veterinarian**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2024**

Ayana has had a love of animals since she was young. She was encouraged to enter the scholar program in part to honor the memory of her grandmother with whom she was very close. Her grandmother owned her own business and always made Ayana believe that her goals were possible. Ayana is a role model for her younger cousin Laniya who tragically lost her mother and grandfather in 2020. Ayana wants to ensure Laniya has the same chance at success that their grandmother wanted for both. She plans to graduate from JCTC with her Associates and then enter the Veterinary Science program at TSU.

FRESHMAN

Aaliyah

Berea College

Pursuing: **Psychology**
Current Goal: **Therapist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

Aaliyah is a compassionate and driven young lady with her eyes on the prize. She always made her mother proud by achieving straight A's all throughout high-school and working part-time to save for college. Her interest in psychology stems from a desire to educate others on the mental health issues that she experienced as a child. "After learning about my condition years later, I knew that I wanted to help others who were in my situation and use my experience as a tool to be there for others." She made the decision to attend Berea in part to alleviate any financial concerns her mother may have had in regard to paying for college. She loves the freedom and comradery with others she experiences at Berea!



Ladarius

University of Kentucky

Pursuing: **Engineering**
Current Goal: **Mechanical Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

To say that Ladarius was an active participant in our programs as a child is an understatement. Name a teen or college centered program at The Cabbage Patch and Ladarius was likely a consistent and frequent member of it! Ever since he joined The Cabbage Patch 4 years ago and recognized the opportunities we have, he set out to take advantage of every one of them. His driven and goal-oriented personality makes his ambition to enter the field of Engineering an almost certain eventuality. His attitude also makes him a wonderful role model to his younger brother Anthony who he encourages to participate in our Education programming. He loves the fun and freedom he experiences at UK!



Navaria

University of Louisville

Pursuing: **Pre-Dentistry**
Current Goal: **Dentist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

Navaria has been a member of The Cabbage Patch so long that she cannot even remember the age she started. "I just know that it was back when we were at Walnut Street and we got to bowl down in their basement. The Patch has always been a part of my life." During her time at The Patch, Navaria played basketball in the gym and never failed to show up the boys on the court. Her passion led her to become a star athlete on Central's Basketball Team. At Central, she also gained a love and talent for dentistry in their dental hygiene program. She hopes to give back by making dental healthcare more common in her community.



Jordan

Simmons College of Kentucky

Pursuing: **General Studies**
Current Goal: **OBGYN**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

Jordan is known as Miss Sunshine because she always has a big smile on her face. As a youth she studied Majorette dancing and participated on several dance teams throughout the community. As a teen employee at The Cabbage Patch, she served as an assistant dance teacher in our performing arts room. Jordan now dances on Simmons' Satin Rhythm Dance Team in addition to keeping on top of her studies. She gives back by volunteering with The Cabbage Patch dance team when time allows. Jordan is thriving in her new school and was recently named Miss. Freshman of the class of 2025!

James

Western Kentucky University

Pursuing: **Pre-Engineering**
Current Goal: **Mechanical Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

James is a young man of few words, but big ambitions. He has been attending The Cabbage Patch for only a few years, and was very involved in our Recreation and Education programs while here. James credits College Tour Camp in 2019 for sparking his interest in attending WKU. Since entering college, James has become a passionate supporter of Hilltopper Football and serves as an inspiration to his younger friends who hope to attend college next year.

Dariyah

Morgan State University

Pursuing: **Engineering**
Current Goal: **Engineer**
Current Status: **Full-Time Freshman**
Graduation Date: **May 2025**

Dariyah has always had a passion for self-improvement. Throughout middle and high school she participated in several sports activities in order to improve her physical and emotional health. She became a star player on Manual's Volleyball Team throughout her high school career. Dariyah has always wanted to attend an out-of-state HBCU just like her College Scholar aunt Jenay. She is now thriving in her new environment in Baltimore, Maryland, and spreading a philosophy of love and inclusiveness wherever she goes. She spends her spare time writing and exploring her new city.

POST-GRADUATE



Javoughn

University of Louisville

Pursuing: **Masters in Social Work**
Current Goal: **Social Worker**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Javoughn, called Juju by his Patch Family, has been a Patch member since he was 6 years old. In May of 2019, Juju graduated Suma Cum Laude, with a BS in Psychology. He was the first man in his family to earn a college degree, and he accomplished this goal debt free after receiving a full ride scholarship at UK. It is his sincere hope that he can use this degree to raise awareness of the stigma around mental health and help struggling young people. He says he might even want to work in Family Development here at The Cabbage Patch! He currently is an intern with Catholic Charities, and regularly returns to The Patch to volunteer in our Teen Debate and athletics programs.



Janae

University of North Carolina
Charlotte

Pursuing: **Master in Communication and Cultural Studies**
Current Goal: **PR Representative**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Janae is an exceptional student with a passion for making the world a better place. After becoming a Governor's Scholar in 2016, she came to understand that the world was "bigger than I realized, with so many viewpoints different than my own. I realized I want to make an impact, and do my best to connect different people together!" Janae is dedicated to social justice issues, and is now pursuing her post-graduate work at UNC Charlotte. Her career goal is to become a Public Relations Representative for a small nonprofit organization.



Jaylah

Washington University
School of Medicine

Pursuing: **Master in Physical Therapy**
Current Goal: **Physical Therapist**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Jaylah was an active Cabbage Patch participant from the time she was 12, and was very active in summer camps and athletics activities. Her time in these activities helped to fuel her interest in the capabilities of the human body and in helping athletes achieve their fullest potential. She graduated from Northern Kentucky University last May, and now attends Washington University's School of Medicine, where she is attempting to get her Master's in Physical Therapy.



Jaliyah

Wake Forest University

Pursuing: **Master of Business Admin.**
Current Goal: **Law**
Current Status: **Full-Time Junior**
Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Jaliyah graduated in 2021 from the UK with her Bachelor's degree in Integrated Strategic Communications. She currently attends Wake Forest University as a Business major. Jaliyah also has a heart for philanthropy; she interned with The Cabbage Patch two summers as part of our fundraising and special events team. Jaliyah's passion for social justice encourages her to study law in the future. She hopes she can be a voice for those who are under-represented in society. She plans to graduate from Wake Forest in May of 2023 and then enter law school.

SPECIALTY



Tojanae

Empire Beauty School

Pursuing: **Beauty Certification**
Current Goal: **Business Owner**
Current Status: **Full-Time**
Graduation Date: **Fall 2022**

Tojanae has watched her older sister Tatiyanna, another College Scholar, achieve in her college career and wants the same for herself. Tojanae is working hard to complete her certification this Spring as a beautician. When she is not in class or doing work, she is working hard at her part-time job at Burger King and taking care of her puppy. Despite all the challenges, Tojanae has set a course to success and will not let anything send her off course.

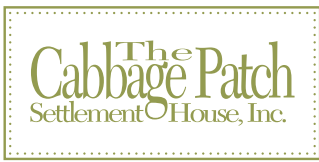


Kim

Bellarmine University

Pursuing: **Human Resources Management Certificate**
Current Goal: **HR Manager**
Current Status: **Full-Time Senior**
Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Kim's connection to The Cabbage Patch is as deep as they come. Not only has she already graduated as a scholar from the University of Louisville in 2018, her mother, Jackie Shea, was our Recreation Manager for many years as well. Her son, Greg is also a college scholar who is walking in his mother's footsteps. Kim ran her own successful employment business for nearly 15 years. She is now interested in furthering her knowledge of Human Resource Management and adding more skills to her resume. She hopes that this move will grant her and her family even more opportunities for success.



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COLLEGE SCHOLAR STATS FOR SPRING 2022



- 28 full-time
- 4 part-time
- 4 grad school

PROJECTED BY FALL '22: 42

- 28 Bachelor's
- 4 Associate's
- 4 Master's



- Most-popular Majors:
- Engineering
 - Psychology
 - Social Work
 - Sociology
 - Dentistry



- Including:
- Jefferson Community and Technical College
 - University of Kentucky
 - University of Louisville
 - Western Kentucky University
 - Bellarmine University
 - Campbellsville University
 - Berea College
 - Northern Kentucky University
 - Simmons College of Kentucky
 - Eastern Kentucky University
 - Fisk University
 - Clark-Atlantic University
 - San Bernadino Valley College
 - Morgan State University



- 1 College graduations in December, 2021
- 4 expected College gradations in May, 2022
- 12 expected High School graduates in May 2023 wanting to go to college in the fall