**CFA Newsletter – Senior Edition June 14, 2016**

Dear CFA Students and Parents,

In anticipation of today’s HHS graduation, it is time for us to bid farewell to our graduating CFA seniors!  Although we are sad to see our seniors leave us, we are so proud of them and we wish them nothing but the best as they move forward with their education, their passions and their dreams!  Congratulations again to our seniors for their many accomplishments, awards, scholarships and fellowships (we know this list may be incomplete since our students are constantly doing wonderful things and earning additional accolades!) and for their college and career plans!  Best of luck from the entire CFA Warrior Nation Family as you begin this next phase of your journeys!

Seniors, please do keep in touch with your CFA friends and families.  Please let us know of your successes as you navigate your individual paths, and come back and visit us often!   We hope to see you at future Showcases!

**For those of you who like statistics, here are some numbers for you:**

**44** is the number of seniors from the list below who are attending college or other institutions of higher learning upon graduation from HHS!

**20 (nearly half!)** is the number of seniors from the list below who have declared a major or minor in their arts specialization (or closely related field)!

**There are over 20** different colleges our seniors will be attending, with many of our seniors attending VCU!

**Congratulations class of 2016 – we are so proud of you!**

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**CFA Seniors 2015-2016**

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**DANCE**

**Braxton Baker** will be attending Clark Atlanta University in the fall of 2016 as a Fashion Merchandising major.  Braxton aspires to be famous.

**Aliyah Battle** was also accepted at Hampton University, but will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 with an undeclared major.

**Elise Burns** was accepted at Loyola University New Orleans (with a $20,000 per year Presidential Scholarship); Marymount Manhattan College (with a $12,000 per year Presidential scholarship and $2,000 per year Distinguished Scholars Award); Fordham University (with a $3,000 per year Scholars Award); University of Richmond; but will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as a Biology (with Pre-Med track) major.  Elise was awarded a $13,000 per year Provost Scholarship to attend VCU.  Elise was also the recipient of the CFA’s Highest GPA Award for 2016.  Elise would like to work as a medical examiner or plastic surgeon.

**Kristen Cole** was accepted into Hampton University, Georgia State University, Howard University, and North Carolina A&T. Kristen will be attending Spelman College in the fall of 2016 as a Psychology major.  Kristen would like to work as a psychologist or psychiatrist.

**Alaya Easley** was accepted into JMU, Radford University, GMU, and Hampton University.  Alaya will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall of 2016 as a Marketing Management major.  Alaya was awarded several scholarships at Virginia Tech, including the New Horizons Scholarship, the Campus Enrichment Scholarship, the VGAP Scholarship, and the A.M. & Jr. Brown Scholarship, ranging from $3,000-$5,000 annually.  She was also awarded a $10,000 Presidential Candidate from Hampton University and a $4,000 scholarship from GMU.  After college, Alaya plans to get a Master’s degree and would like to be a brand manager.

**Delores El-Amin** was accepted at VCU, North Carolina A&T, Hampton University, Mary Baldwin, and Old Dominion University.  Delores will be attending North Caroline Central University in the fall of 2016 as a Biology major.

**India Gardner-Hunter** was accepted to Radford, George Washington University, JMU, and West Virginia State.  India will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as Dance and Forensic Science double major.  India would like to work as a forensic scientist.

**Juliet Gilbert** was accepted to Hartford (with a $21,000 Presidential Scholarship), Mary Baldwin (with a $10,000 annual scholarship), Longwood and JMU.  Juliet will be attending Hollins University in the fall of 2016 as a Dance major.  Juliet was awarded a $27,000 annual scholarship to Hartford.  Juliet was also the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Dance.  After college, Juliet plans to get her Master’s and Doctorate degrees in PT and Health Science.

**Daija Little** was accepted to VCU, GMU, Howard University, North Carolina A&T, and Old Dominion University.  Daija will be attending JMU in the fall of 2016 as a Business Management.  She was awarded a Fran Chaffin Memorial Scholarship worth $1,500 and a George H. Moody Scholarship worth $1,500.  Daija would like to become an entrepreneur.

**Savannah Simmons** will be taking a gap year after her graduation from Henrico High School and the Center for the Arts.  Savannah would like to go to school and work in the Behavioral Analysis Unit for the FBI.

**Melrica Williams** was accepted to JMU, Old Dominion, and the University of Richmond.  Melrica will be attending Longwood University in the fall of 2016 as an Athletic Training major.  She was awarded a scholarship worth $5,000.  Melrica would like to become an athletic trainer or physical therapist.

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**Musical Theatre**

**Taylor Anderson-Murray** was accepted to Winston Salem State University and Fayetteville State University.  Taylor will be attending North Carolina Central University in the fall of 2016 as a Nursing major.  Taylor would like to become a nurse practitioner and specialize in pediatrics.

**Karyn Cumming** was accepted to UVA, College of William and Mary, University of Richmond, VCU and the University of North Carolina Welmington.  Karyn is still undecided as to where she will go to school this fall, but she would like to get her Master’s and Doctorate degrees in education.  She would like to be involved in politics and ultimately wants to be the Secretary of Education.

**Shala Davis** was accepted to VCU, WSSU, HU and SCSU.  Shala will be attending Hampton University in the fall of 2016 with an undecided major.  Shala was the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Musical Theatre.  Shala is looking forward to attending college to further her education.

**Justin DeLoach** was accepted to GMU and the University of Cincinnati.  Justin will be attending ODU in the fall of 2016 with a major in Political Science and minor in Business.  Justin hopes to work as a paralegal after college.

**Cassondra DiFrango** was accepted to Roanoke College, Coastal Carolina University, Mary Washington University, University of Pittsburg, and Virginia Tech.  Cassie will be attending Christopher Newport University as a Musical Theatre and Special Education double major.  Cassie was awarded a $2,000 Theatre Guild Enhanced Performance Scholarship to CNU and was the first recipient of the DeJon Wagstaff Memorial Music Scholarship.

**Alanis Frantz** was accepted to PACE, Marymount Manhattan and Boston Conservatory.  Alanis will be attending Point Park Conservatory in the fall of 2016, working toward a BA in Theatre Arts Performance and Practices.  Alanis was awarded a $13,000 artistic scholarship and $2,000 appeal scholarship to Point Park University.  Alanis was also the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Musical Theatre.  Alanis hopes to perform as a member of the ensemble/swing in a Broadway production.

**Sophia Hernandez** was accepted to Santa Fe University of Art and Design and VCU.  Sophia will be attending J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in the fall of 2016 as a Liberal Arts major.  Sophia hopes to transfer to VCU and pursue a music career.

**Candace Hudert** was accepted to SCAD, University of Maryland, VCU, Emory and Henry, Millikin, University of Denver, AADA, University of Richmond and Ithaca.  Candace will be attending Sarah Lawrence College in the fall of 2016 as a Theatre major.  Candace was awarded a scholarship/gift aid package to Sarah Lawrence College worth $44,316.  Candace was the recipient of a $750 FCFA Currciulum Scholarship for Theatre.  Candace plans for a career in the arts.

**Larry Lewis** will be attending Ferrum College in the fall of 2016 as a Musical Theatre major.  Larry was awarded an Acting Grant worth $42,000.

**Jazmyn Martin** was accepted at NCAT, ODU and Spelman.  Jazmyn will be attending Hampton University in the fall of 2016 as a Nursing major.  Jazmyn was awarded a Ronald McDonald scholarship worth $2100.  Jazmyn wants to become a family nurse practitioner.

**Shaunah Smyre** was accepted to North Carolina Central University, Fisk University, Old Dominion University, Radford University and Howard University.  Shaunah will be attending Longwood University in the fall of 2016 as a Social Work major.  Shaunah wants to be a medical or business social worker.

**Colin Solomon** was accepted to Hampton University, North Carolina A&T State University, University of Miami, American University and Howard University.  Colin will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall of 2016 as a Mass Communications major.  Colin was awarded a $1,000 annual scholarship at ODU as well as a $5,000 Central VA Scholarship.  Colin’s goal is to become famous, whether it is through music, modeling or acting.

**Jayne Thomas** was accepted to Spelman University, JMU, University of Richmond, University of Mary Washington, and North Carolina A&T.  Jayne will be attending Christopher Newport University in the fall of 2016 as a Musical Theatre and Communications double major.  Jayne would like to serve in the US Air Force for four years after college.

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**Theatre**

**Molly Beck** was accepted into Rollins College, JMU, Pace University, East Carolina University, and the University of Central Florida.  Molly will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall of 2016 as a Theatre and Multimedia journalism double major.  Molly plans to work as a journalist.

**Taliah Connor** will be attending Old Dominion University in the fall of 2016 as a Business or Women’s studies major.

**Zoe Cotzias** was accepted to Point Park University (with a $17,000 scholarship per year), Marymont College (with a $12,000 scholarship per year), New York University – Tisch School of the Arts, Pace University (with a $23,000 scholarship per year), and Carnegie Mellon.  Zoe will be attending the University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music in the fall of 2016 as an Acting major.  Zoe was awarded a CCM Honors and Cohen Drama Scholarship worth $16,000.  Zoe plans to be an actor, educator, creator and activist.

**Kayla Cutler** was accepted at Ferrum College, Norfolk State University, Limestone College, Hofstra University, and Regent University.  Kayla will be attending Clark Atlanta University in the fall of 2016 as a Social Work major.  Kayla wants to work as an actress and counseling psychologist.

**Samuel F. Dunn, III** will be attending George Mason University in the fall of 2016 with a Theatre major and Business minor.  Sam wants to work as an actor.

**Meena Harrish** was accepted to VCU, Florida State University, University of North Carolina School of the Arts, and Syracuse University.  Meena will be attending New York University in the fall of 2016 as a film and television major.  Meena was the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Theatre.  Meena plans to study film for four years and then complete an internship before entering the professional industry.

**QueJohna Jones** will be attending Hampton University in the fall of 2016 as a Bio/Med major.  QueJohna plans to become a pediatric surgeon.

**Olivia Matthews** was accepted to Northwestern University, UNC Chapel Hill, the College of William and Mary, Fordham University, Florida Southern College and Florida State University.  Olivia will be attending the University of South Carolina Honors College in the fall of 2016 as a Theatre and Political Science double major.  Olivia was awarded in-state tuition to USC worth $20,000.  Olivia plans on acting and pursing a Master’s degree after completing college.

**Jessika Norrell** was accepted to VCU, ODU, Hampton University, and Howard University.  Jessika will be attending North Carolina A&T State University in the fall of 2016 as a Physical Therapy major.  Jessika was awarded a $5,000 scholarship to NCAT.  Jessika would like to work as a personal trainer.

**Jo’Nae Olds** was accepted to ODU and VCU.  Jo’Nae will be attending James Madison University in the fall of 2016 with an undecided major.

**Maya Sampson** was accepted to GMU, ODU, Christopher Newport University, New York University, and UVA.  Maya will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall of 2016 as a Mutlimedia Journalism major.  Maya would like to become a producer for a television news outlet, preferably for political news.

**Shayla Spruill** was accepted to Eckerd College but will be attending Mary Baldwin University in the fall of 2016 as an East Asian Studies major.  Shayla was awarded a Leadership Advantage Scholarship worth $100,000.  Shayla would like to work as a translator.

**Sheniah Williams** will be enlisting with the US Navy after graduation from Henrico High School and Center for the Arts.

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**Visual Art**

**Tiffany Choi** will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 and was awarded a scholarship worth $3000.  Tiffany plans to work as a game designer or an art therapist.

**Brady Clem** was accepted to VCU but will be attending he Ringling College of Arts and Design in Sarasota, Florida in the fall of 2016 as an Advertising Design major.  Brady was awarded an annual scholarship worth $10,000 to Ringling.  Brady aspires to work in advertising and graphic design after graduation.

**Olivia Duke** was accepted to SVA, MICA, SAIC and Mary Baldwin College.  Olivia will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as a Graphic Design major.  Olivia was awarded a $3,000 scholarship to VCU.  Olivia plans to have a career in the arts, become a published author and publisher, and earn a Master’s Degree.

**Erykah Hatch** was accepted to VCU, Savannah College of Art and Design and Parsons.  Erykah will be attending Marymount University in the fall of 2016 as a Fashion Design major.  Erykah was awarded a $12,000 Marymount Academic Achievement Award.  She plans to go to college and open her own boutique.

**Katie Hennessee** was accepted to VCU (with a $5,000 Virginia Scholarship per year) and MICA (with a Fanny B. Thalheimer Scholarship worth $22,000; a Creative Vision Award worth $62,000; a NAHS Scholarship worth $4,000 and a Young Arts Award worth $8,000).  Katie will be attending the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) in the fall of 2016 as a Fine Arts major.  Katie was also the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Visual Arts.  Katie hopes to be a working/practicing artist and would like to work in an art museum with exhibition design or art history.

**Emily Mustian** was accepted to Virginia Tech, SCAD (with a merit scholarship worth $26,000), SAIC (with a merit scholarship worth $100,000) Drexel University and Parsons (with a merit scholarship worth $64,000).  Emily will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as an Art major.  Emily was awarded a 3,000 scholarship to VCU and was also the recipient of a $750 FCFA Curriculum Scholarship for Visual Arts.  Emily wants to pursue art as her career.

**Tyler Shebelski** was accepted to New York University, Parsons (with a merit scholarship worth $100,000), MICA (with a merit scholarship worth $90,000), and SAIC (with a merit scholarship worth $100,000).  Tyler will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as an Arts Foundation major.  Tyler plans to pursue a career in the arts.

**Maddie Taylor** was accepted to University of California San Diego, California State University Los Angeles, California State University Fullerton, University of Southern California and University of California Los Angeles.  Maddie will be attending California State University in the fall of 2016 as a Studio Art major.  Maddie strives to be a make-up artist and plans on taking summer classes at the Cinema Makeup School in Los Angeles.

**Joseph Zampetti** was accepted to Pratt Institute (with a merit scholarship worth $104,000), SCAD (with a merit scholarship worth $90,000), MICA (with a merit scholarship worth $76,000) and Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (with a merit scholarship worth $58,000).  Joseph will be attending VCU in the fall of 2016 as an Arts Foundation major with a minor in Art History.  Joseph was also the recipient of the $1500 FCFA Lee G. Hanchey Scholarship.  After finishing his degrees at VCU, Joseph plans on pursing a Master’s degree in Art History.

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On behalf of the entire CFA faculty and staff, we would like to congratulate our seniors for reaching this milestone achievement of high school graduation!

We are so proud of you!

With best wishes,

Dr. P and the entire CFA Warrior Nation Family

