

THE DAVID M. RUBENSTEIN/ ECONOMIC CLUB OF WASHINGTON, D.C. SCHOLARSHIP CEREMONY IS GOING VIRTUAL - JOIN US!

The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. is proud to award the prestigious David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship to 53 graduating seniors from D.C. public and public charter high schools. Now in its twelfth year, this program, endowed by Economic Club President David Rubenstein, has awarded over \$7.5 million to 548 scholars. For the third consecutive year, the A. James and Alice B. Clark Foundation has granted five additional scholarships. Along with this \$20,000 scholarship, students are supported by member-driven initiatives including internships, mentoring, leadership seminars, and other opportunities. Please click [HERE](#) to see a list of our newest scholars. Congratulations to our winners!

The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. has suspended all in person events. The annual awards ceremony to celebrate our new scholars will premier as an online event in May. Stay tuned for upcoming details.

FROM GINA ADAMS AND MARY BRADY: MEMBER APPEAL - SCHOLAR INTERNSHIPS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Members, we need your help to provide at least 20 virtual internship roles for the exclusive Economic Club Internship Program. For the past six years, The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. has partnered with Urban Alliance to facilitate 25-35 internship opportunities annually for recipients of the David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship. Thanks to extensive Economic Club member support, over 100 of our scholars have received professional development and leadership training, while building important career experiences that lead to full-time positions after graduation.

This year, several planned internship positions have been eliminated due to the economic and operational effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, we are reaching out to Club members to help us reach our initial goal of providing 35 internships to our scholars. The Economic Club and Urban Alliance are currently working with the confirmed internship hosts to pivot to virtual internships.

We invite members of the Economic Club to help fill these gaps and become new supporters of the internship program by providing paid virtual internships for Economic Club scholars already selected for this year's program. We are all working to keep our community strong during this unique time and your company can help support these valuable professional development opportunities for our future workforce.

If you, or your organization, are interested in learning more about how to become involved, please plan to join our upcoming Zoom call (TBD) to discuss this opportunity. Please email Marissa Mahoney at education@economicclub.org for further details.



CURRENT SCHOLAR SUPPORT

As colleges and universities continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, many students have been required to leave their campuses and transition to virtual learning. To ensure the wellbeing of our scholars, the Economic Club is conducting an outreach campaign to all active scholars to learn how they have been impacted. Through virtual communication platforms and with the help of member mentors and scholarship alumni, we are maintaining contact to ensure scholars have the required tools to succeed.

SPEED MENTORING EVENT 2020

On January 7th, 30 current scholars gathered at the Ronald Reagan Building for the second annual "Speed Mentoring" event. Scholars obtained enriching advice on navigating college and career paths from 32 Economic Club member mentors and scholarship alumni. The Speed Mentoring program facilitated rotating shifts of one-on-one mentoring sessions between the scholars and mentors. **Gina Adams**, Vice President, Economic Club and Senior Vice President, Government and Regulatory, FedEx Corporation, provided opening remarks and urged scholars to connect, network, and have fun. Thank you to Economic Club member **Andrew Gelfuso**, Vice President, The Drew Company, for hosting our scholars and members.

We also would like to acknowledge the 17 members who served as mentors at the annual Speed Mentoring event: **Gina Adams**, Senior Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, FedEx Corporation; **Richard Bynum**, President, Greater Washington & Virginia, PNC Bank; **Kate Carr**, Chairman, The Chevy Chase Land Company; **Margaret Dunning**, Managing Partner, Finn Partners; **Victoria Espinel**, President and CEO, BSA | The Software Alliance; **Bradley Flickinger**, Senior Managing Director, CBRE; **Thomas Fulcher**, Vice Chairman, Co-Regional Manager, Savills; **Andrew Gelfuso**, Vice President, The Drew Company; **Dalbert Ginsberg**, Managing Director, Andersen; **Julian Ha**, Practice Leader, Heidrick & Struggles; **Mike Hickey**, Regional Director, The Glenmede Trust Company; **Anthony Kavanagh**, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs, American Electric Power; **Lynnette Kelly**; **Tamera Luzzatto**, Senior Vice President, The Pew Charitable Trusts; **Ryan Miller**, Executive Vice President, Market Leader, Newmark Knight Frank; **David Varner**, Vice President | Office Director, SmithGroup; **Lezlee Westine**, President and CEO, Personal Care Products Council.



Gina Adams, Vice President, Education, speaks with scholars.



Andrew Gelfuso of The Drew Company and Tom Fulcher of Savills speak with scholars.

CAPITAL EXPLORER FUND SPOTLIGHT

The Capital Explorer Fund provides guidance and financial support to scholars wishing to complete an internship, research project, volunteer program, or similar opportunity meant to advance the scholar's academic and professional growth outside of regular college attendance. This past winter, two scholars received grants from the Capital Explorer Fund to help cover the cost of research and study programs abroad.



Kymora Grooms (2017 Scholar - North Carolina A&T University) traveled to Panama in December to study Business and Emerging Markets. As a young college entrepreneur, Kymora focused on the different ways she can express creativity while studying abroad, and is looking forward to incorporating her newfound creativity towards her own business ventures.

"This study abroad experience opened my mind to new experiences and possibilities. I was able to immerse myself in a different culture and learn while meeting new people."

Deverrick McCallister (2018 Scholar - Oberlin College) visited South Africa in January to study the various ways that Black South Africans conceive empowerment and self-determination, and how they exercise agency through activism, education, and performance. His project identified and discussed interdisciplinary approaches to agency with the hopes of using the knowledge in the United States.

"I was inspired to create a lasting and sustainable social change."



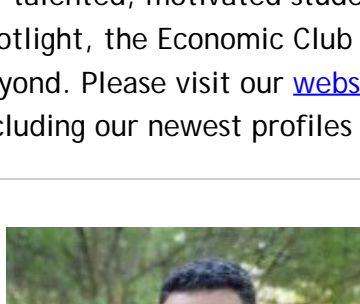
ALUMNI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Alumni Leadership Council is a leadership development opportunity for alumni of the David M. Rubenstein/Economic Club of Washington, D.C. Scholarship program who have graduated from college. These young professionals work together and with Economic Club staff to plan engaging events and help support programs for current scholars.

The Alumni Leadership Council is planning a virtual event in June to connect with each other and engage with Economic Club members and scholars.

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: CAMPUS, COMMUNITY AND CAREER LEADERSHIP

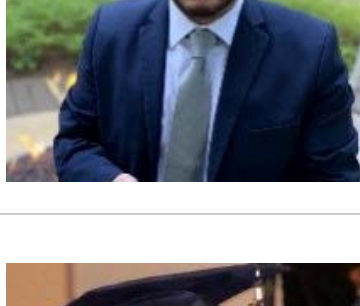
Members of The Economic Club of Washington, D.C. invest significantly in the executives of tomorrow by funding and providing other means of professional development support for talented, motivated students in their pursuit of higher education. Through our Scholar Spotlight, the Economic Club shares our scholars' inspiring journeys through college and beyond. Please visit our [website](#) to view more profiles of our accomplished scholars, including our newest profiles below.



Miguel Portillo- 2015 Scholar

Miguel graduated in May 2019 from Sewanee: The University of the South. Born and raised to El Salvadorian parents, Miguel is passionate about the long-term success of the minority students who call D.C. home. Miguel, now equipped with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, works for Deloitte Consulting as a risk and financial advisory analyst.

[Read more about Miguel here.](#)

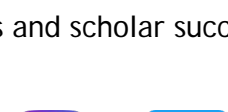


Ayana Bell- 2012 Scholar

Ayana Bell is a 2017 graduate of Morgan State University, earning her Bachelor's degree in Information Science and Systems. Fascinated by technology from an early age, Ayana started shaping her future career path before she even started high school. She studied hard, made the right connections, and now works for Accenture as a Cybersecurity Compliance Analyst. [Read more about Ayana here.](#)

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