

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT - FALLON THOMAS

“The New Haven Scholarship Fund created a sense of pride and encouragement as a recipient in 2000. As a graduating senior from James Hillhouse High, I felt I had a community behind me that was investing in my future. If the community believed in me, I could not let them down! Receiving the scholarship instilled a sense of confidence and motivation.”

Fallon Thomas is a native of New Haven, CT. She received a Bachelor of Arts in History from Temple University and a Master of Arts in American History, with a concentration in the African American experience and a minor in Public History from Loyola University Chicago.

An employee of Yale University, she is the Community Liaison for the New Haven Hiring Initiative. In her current role she engages and educates the local community around Yale University about employment opportunities and manages the Yale New Haven Promise Internship Program. With a passion for higher education and human resources, Fallon has dedicated herself to promoting the academic process, encouraging professional development, and advocating for employment. Fallon supports a shared vision for a strong university and New Haven partnership through the creation of a community employment readiness program and many volunteer roles. She has Co-Chaired the Yale African American Affinity Group, which promotes the professional, social, and cultural development of Yale Staff.

As a New Haven resident, Fallon is very passionate about her community. A self-proclaimed Community Connector, she has used her networking skills to connect people and organizations to resources to strengthen the community that she loves. She participates in civic organizations such as The New Haven Club of the National Association of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Inc., where she is the 1st Vice President, Sheba Chapter #1 Order of the Eastern Stars PHA, and the Waterbury, CT Chapter of The Links, Inc. Fallon is a dedicated mentor with Phenomenal I AM, Inc. She serves as a Board member for New Haven Reads and serves as the Governance Chair for the Greater New Haven Boys & Girls Club.



NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARDS NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES!

The pandemic was not going to stop the NHSF from presenting students with the awards they worked so hard to earn! Here we highlight some of our awardees as we hit the road to make sure we celebrated their achievement in 2022! Congratulations to all the 2022 scholarship recipients!



COMMON GROUND HS



CO-OP HS



SOUND SCHOOL



WILBUR CROSS HS

OUR RECIPIENTS THANK YOU!

Dear New Haven Scholarship Fund,

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as one of the recipients of your scholarship. I am going into the School of Nursing at the University of Connecticut and am very optimistic about my future. I want to be a traveling nurse! The reason that I want to be a traveling nurse is because I want to help people around the world who come from different unique places. By awarding me this scholarship you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school - learning! Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope that one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely, **UQ**

Hello NHSF.

First, a big thank you! I would like to personally thank The New Haven Scholarship Fund for making me a recipient of the Jean Paton Lovell Scholarship. I am so thankful for this organization and the continuous support and dedication that they have for students. It does not go unseen. This award has blessed me and my family financially and personally. This is an opportunity that I am grateful to be part of and I want to personally thank everyone at NHSF for always believing in me even when I felt like I couldn't believe in myself. This goes to show that it's important to always keep pushing and strive for what's important in life and I couldn't be any more grateful for everyone at NHSF. I'm starting off my junior year strong and I hope to take advantage of the resources that are available for me here on campus. I strive to make everyone proud, and with hard work and perseverance, I can do it. Once again, thank you! Best Regards, **A.A**

THE NHSF IS EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS!



Andrea Lobo is the Chief of Human Resources and Marketing/Community Relations at Cornell Scott-Hill. A native of the Greater New Haven Community, she is inspired by her passion for people and serving others within the community in which she resides. She has more than 30 years of experience in the field of Business Management and in the areas of human resources, finance, and operational management. In her current position as Chief of Human Resources and Marketing/Community Relations, she has been committed to improving community health. She strongly believes that healthcare is a vital component in building strong communities and that human capital is the heartbeat of every organization. Andrea's work includes building a strong workforce, evaluating and improving all aspects of the employee experience, advocating for patients, working with all levels of the organization to remove barriers to care and improve access and achieve the health center's strategic goals. Under her leadership the National Association for Community Health Centers recognized the Center for Best Practices in Human Resources. Andrea prides herself on being a resource to the community and her employees alike. She strongly believes that compassion, relatability, listening and approachability are key factors to excellence in community and stakeholder engagement. She continues to find opportunities to empower and equip the Greater New Haven Community with employment opportunities, health information, strategies, plans, and advisement as it relates to community health. She is committed to life-long service both professionally and personally. Her civic responsibilities include Advisory Board Member for Southern Connecticut State University's School of Graduate and Professional Studies; Chair of the Civil Service Board of Commissioners for the Town of Hamden and Member of the National Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM). Andrea is also actively involved with grass roots community volunteerism and an active member of numerous civic organizations within the Greater New Haven Community. We are excited to welcome Andrea!

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Anthony Latella is a graduate of Quinnipiac University with a BS degree in Biochemistry and a BA in Mathematics. From 2010 to 2013 he was a part time teaching assistant at Wilbur Cross High School where he assisted the lead teacher in differentiated lessons and activities for students in the Digital Design and Communications Class. From 2013 to 2016 Anthony was hired as a technology facilitator. In this role, Anthony provided recommendations on technology to help improve learning and the overall educational experience. This platform also enabled him to implement technology in the classroom. From 2015 to 2019 Anthony taught Mathematics where he developed materials for ESL and special education students, and implemented technology into the mathematics curriculum. Today Anthony Latella is the Director of Print Services which is the professional print service responsible for producing all printed materials for the district. Anthony comes to the NHSF with a deep commitment to New Haven students and works to ensure that they can be successful. We are excited to welcome Anthony and we look forward to his insights which will undoubtedly enhance our efficiency, our community outreach and will help develop our new digital platform.



Tim Bertaccini recently semi-retired from a 40-year career at Yale University. His affiliation with Yale began as an undergraduate student, receiving his BA in English in 1977. He went on to hold numerous positions including Associate Director of the Yale Alumni Fund, Development Officer, Procurement Administrator and Business Manager. Throughout his career he has also served as the long time Chair of the Scholarship Committee of the Yale Club of New Haven which has supported many local graduates, including New Haven Public High School students, attend Yale. His work with the scholarship committee has amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars in financial aid to deserving students. A long time supporter of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, Tim brings his experience to the Fund, widening the net to assist all New Haven Public School students attend the college or University of their choice. We are excited to welcome Tim!



Welcome Spring!



The Great Give is a wonderful, easy, one-stop, 36-hour online-giving event that provides another opportunity to donate to NHSF while qualifying the fund for additional incentives and prizes!

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven offers prizes during the fundraising campaign. Matching gift incentives are also offered for donations made in advance of the event beginning April 28th. A full list of prizes is available on the Great Give website.

The Great Give runs from **May 3rd, 8:00 am to May 4th, 8:00 pm**. Donation pages will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on May 7. However, no prizes or matches will be awarded on gifts made after 8:00p.m. on May 4.

The NHSF scholarship can be used at any college or trade school nationwide. Helping our students through to the completion of their goal is truly inspirational, and we have received wonderful thank you notes like the ones featured in our current newsletter. The money we raise from donors like you is essential in making a difference in the lives of New Haven public school students! Thank you for your continued generous support!



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