

Making a Difference, Providing a Lasting Legacy

Jean Paton Lovell

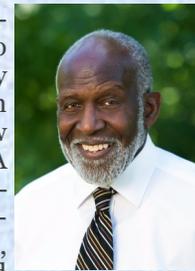


Can one person change the world? If her name is Jean Patton Lovell, the answer is yes. Mrs. Lovell was born in 1896 to a progressive family that believed in education. One of three daughters, Jean graduated from Smith College and looked forward to her bright future. Deeply effected when she lost her fiancé in WWI, she focused her efforts on ending the war and promoting peace. While teaching at Hillhouse High

School in New Haven during the 1950s, Jean realized that she had many students who had the ability to attend college but lacked the finances. Working to rectify that situation, she founded the New Haven Scholarship Fund in 1959, a natural next step from her involvement with students at the Yale International Center. She was bringing her work for peace and understanding home. Believing that education was the key to world peace, Jean gathered others who shared her vision. By the time of her death in 1998 at age 102 the New Haven Scholarship Fund was firmly established.

So how did she change the world? Her energy, wisdom and vision have provided over 10,000 students with the possibility of college, and the number grows each year. Her example has inspired others like Mr. Jim Barber (featured here), to take up her cause and move it forward. Her dedication has allowed generations who have no direct knowledge of her the opportunity to improve their lives and the lives of their families. The greater New Haven community has benefited dramatically from this incredible individual. Yes, one person can change the world!

James Barber



Known universally as Coach, James Barber has provided dedicated service to Southern Connecticut State University (SCSU), its students, the New Haven Scholarship Fund and the greater New Haven community for over 60 years. A record-setting hurdler as a student-athlete, Barber went on to become a successful Owls coach for over 43 years, training numerous track champions and many All-American athletes. His expertise led him to coach both the men's and women's USA track teams at national & international championships.

In 1971, Barber launched Southern's first Summer Educational Opportunity Program, successfully opening the door to a college degree to scores of students of color. He also led the University's Affirmative Action Office, served as Director of Student Supportive Services for over 20 years, and continues to help advance Southern's mission as Director of Community Engagement.

A committed community activist, Barber founded New Haven's track and field outreach program for young people, working with more than 4,000 children and youth over the years.

Since 1968, Mr. Barber has served as a long-time officer and member of the all-volunteer Board of Directors of the New Haven Scholarship Fund, serving as President for over 10 years. When he was accepted to SCSU years earlier, he did not have the finances to purchase his books and considered withdrawing. Referred to Jean Lovell by a friend, Mr. Barber was awarded one of the original scholarships offered by Mrs. Lovell and was then able to purchase the books needed for \$82.50 to continue to pursue his education. From humble beginnings of only \$800 dollars awarded to eight SCSU students in 1959, the NHSF awarded \$539,750 to 153 first year and 81 multi-year scholars attending over 51 in-state and out-of-state schools last year.

In a citation honoring Mr. Barber in 2016, Former CT governor Dannel P. Malloy said, "Unsurprisingly, you are a legend in New Haven, having inspired and mentored generations of city youth. At Southern, your influence, both on and off the field, has impacted students and alumni nationwide, many of whom said they would never have graduated without your support and guidance."

Moving quietly and without fanfare, Mr. Barber continues his lifetime work with young people and serves on the Executive Board of the New Haven Scholarship Fund and as the Director of Community Engagement at Southern.

That's Coach B!

MARK YOUR CALENDERS!



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

The Great Give runs from **May 4 - May 5, 2022 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.** Advance gifts can be made to The Great Give beginning April 25, 2022; advance gifts will

count toward match calculations, but will not be counted toward hourly prize incentives. Donation pages will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on May 8. No prizes or matches will be awarded on gifts made after 8:00p.m. on May 5.

The scholarships offered by NHSF 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 stories like the one 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!

Thegreatgive.org

IN MEMORIAM



The New Haven Scholarship Fund lost a good friend, leader and longtime supporter when Rocco Orlando passed away on January 6, 2022. At age 94, Rocco was devoted to many things, but his family, heritage and his love of education were among his passions. Coming from a New Haven Italian family, Rocco was very aware of the way he and his family were perceived by many in the larger world. He lived his life reflecting his great pride in his background and heritage. His involvement in the Italian American Historical Society and his contribution in the creation of the Ethnic Heritage Center at SCSU were evidence of his beliefs. Convinced that education was the way to advance in the world, he devoted his life to the pursuit of learning. His professional life took him from teacher to principal to superintendent. He achieved a PhD in Education Law and served as a professor and program head at SCSU. His involvement with the New Haven Scholarship Fund as a Board Member, Vice-President, President and life-time supporter were logical extensions of his commitment to education.

While his background and education were very important to Rocco, the light of his life was Rae, his wife. She was his partner, his soulmate and his inspiration. He named the Orlando Family Scholarship in her honor after her passing.

Rocco certainly left the world a better place. He will be missed.

Mr. Rocco Orlando

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RECIPIENTS THANK OUR DONORS

Dear Lovell World Peace Award Scholarship donor,

By awarding me the Lovell World Peace Award Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden as Covid-19 has personally affected my family this past year. Going back to school this semester didn't seem like an option for me; I felt as if I was choosing between my education and being the provider for my family. However, your generosity through this scholarship changed my mind the moment I opened the letter. There was a spark that filled my heart to continue to pursue my educational career in the midst of everything I am facing. I hope one day that I can bless other students in my community, the same way you have blessed me. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
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To Whom it may Concern,

Thank you so much for awarding me with the Lovell World Peace Award Scholarship. This is such a blessing and means the world to my family and I. This scholarship is allowing me to pursue my dream of graduating college with a bachelor's degree and moving on to achieve my higher educational and career goals. Upon completion of my education, I plan on becoming a leader within the government, striving for beneficial change. I wish to combine my interests of the justice system and its impact on people to make a significant difference in my community.

Sincerely,
BB



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May 4 – May 5, 2022
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New Haven, CT 06532-8936

On our website
Newhavenscholarshipfund.org

Or www.smile.amazon.com. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the NHSF.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Luke Atkins



A graduate of Wilbur Cross High School and the Educational Center for the Arts, where he studied creative writing, Luke is currently a junior at the Rhode Island School of Design. He began his college career in the Fall of 2019 at Bard College. However, while studying remotely during the 2020 Spring semester, Luke discovered that the study of liberal arts was too broad for him and that he learned best by intensely focusing on one discipline at a time. Since he always had an affinity for art expressed through the use of metal, he applied to and was accepted at the Rhode Island School of Design. Both of Luke's parents are artists and his mother has created significant pieces of silver jewelry. Luke has chosen Jewelry and Metal-Smithing as his major. He is thriving, and has maintained a consistent 3.0 average throughout his college career. Following his graduation, Luke hopes to add an additional and divergent discipline to his repertoire. He hopes to attend an intense 16 week course offered by Cornell University's School of Veterinary Medicine to also become a farrier! As a three-year recipient of a New Haven Scholarship Fund award, Luke's financial situation has been less worrisome and he has been better able to concentrate on his studies. He will be applying again this year for a scholarship and, as before, he will be most grateful if he receives one. Luke has said, in his own words: "I am absolutely certain I never would have been able to afford either Bard or the Rhode Island School of Design without the award I have received each year from the New Haven Scholarship Fund."