



NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

newhavenscholarshipfund.org

SPRING 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As we welcome spring, we're proud to share the impact that your generosity continues to make in the lives of New Haven students. Every scholarship awarded is a direct reflection of your commitment to educational access, equity, and community strength. Your support doesn't just open doors—it changes trajectories, empowers families, and strengthens our city's future. Because of you, students who once questioned whether college was within reach are stepping onto campuses with confidence and purpose. Thank you for being an essential part of this mission and for believing in the potential of every New Haven scholar.

NEW HAVEN FAMILIES NAVIGATE THE REALITY OF COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

For many New Haven families, the dream of sending a child to college has always been rooted in hope, hard work, and the belief that education opens doors. But rising college costs are outpacing what most families can manage, reshaping students' choices and underscoring how essential donor supported scholarships have become.

Across Connecticut—and especially in New Haven—families are feeling the strain. Wages have remained relatively flat while housing, food, transportation, and healthcare costs continue to climb, leaving little room for college savings. Financial aid formulas often assume families can contribute more than their budgets realistically allow. New Haven is home to many first generation college students who bring tremendous determination but often lack guidance through the financial aid process. Understanding forms, comparing award letters, and evaluating loan options can be overwhelming, causing some students to delay enrollment.

And tuition is only part of the challenge. Housing, books, and fees add up quickly. Even a small financial gap can determine whether a student enrolls. Many families are wary of loans after seeing loved ones struggle with long term debt, leading students to work long hours that slow their academic progress. In the midst of these pressures, the New Haven Scholarship Fund stands as a source of hope. Donor supported scholarships help close financial gaps, reduce reliance on loans, ease the burden on families, and send a powerful message: your community believes in you.

A COMMUNITY LIFTING ITS STUDENTS

College affordability may be a national issue, but its impact is deeply local. When donors support the New Haven Scholarship Fund, they ensure that talented, motivated students are not held back by financial barriers. Together, we help build a

community where opportunity is shared and every student can pursue their goals with confidence.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:

N'Kiyah Galberth

by Chenee Gallagher



N'Kiyah Galberth, a 2020 graduate of the University of Connecticut, has built an academic and professional path rooted in service, equity, and inclusive learning. At UConn, she majored in Political Science and supported her campus community as a tutor and notetaker for students with disabilities, while also engaging with the Black Student Association, the Law Society, and the New Haven Promise internship program at the Yale Law and Medical Libraries.

Passionate about learning and development and inclusivity for faculty & staff, she enjoys researching and investigating how to bridge this with mental health and neurodiverse resources and opportunities. N'Kiyah continued her education beyond her bachelor's degree earning her Master's in Higher Education from Post University and is now pursuing her Doctorate in Higher Education, preparing for a leadership role in Learning and Development.

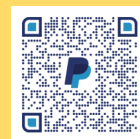
N'Kiyah credits the NHSF as a cornerstone of her journey: *"Receiving this fund allowed me to graduate with zero loans. The alleviation of this stress and burden has been pivotal in my decision to continue my graduate journey."* Her advice to future scholars: *"College is a major transition in your life, filled with big decisions that can seem daunting. You do not have to have it all figured out. Try something new, step outside your comfort zone, make friends and give it your all. These years will be what you make of them."*

**YOUR SUPPORT
EMPOWERS
STUDENT SUCCESS!**

Mail your donation to:
New Haven Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 8936
New Haven, CT 06532 -8936

Donate by credit card:
newhavenscholarshipfund.org

Scan the QR Code to give via PayPal



IN MEMORIAM: HONORING RAQUEL SANTIAGO-MARTINEZ

In Loving Memory



Raquel Santiago-Martinez

12.30.1957 - 02.13.2026

We honor the memory of our beloved board member, whose impact will continue to guide and uplift New Haven students for generations to come.

The New Haven Scholarship Fund mourns the passing of Raquel Santiago-Martinez, a cherished board member, community leader, and lifelong advocate for equity and opportunity. Raquel passed away on February 13, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She leaves behind a legacy defined by service, brilliance, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting others.

Raquel's professional life spanned leadership roles in economic development, finance, and project management, including positions at New Haven Savings Bank, Fleet Bank, the Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund, and the Community Renewal Team. She also served as Director of Operations and Administration for the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund and taught at Quinnipiac University's Lender School of Business. A founding member of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs and its Connecticut chapter, Raquel held numerous leadership roles within the organization. Her civic service extended across the region—PTO President at Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, Hamden Inland Wetlands

Commissioner, member of the mayoral transition team, and dedicated board member of both the New Haven Scholarship Fund and the Progreso Latino Fund.

Raquel's passion for community service was rooted in her childhood. Inspired by her parents—her father, one of Connecticut's first Spanish speaking Pentecostal ministers, and her mother, a tireless community caregiver—Raquel learned early the importance of compassion, civic engagement, and standing up for others. These values guided her throughout her life. Growing up in Bloomfield, she embraced diversity and learned the power of understanding across differences. Mentors like her high school teacher Alice Rogers instilled in her a lifelong commitment to excellence, while her involvement with Aspira and the teachings of Antonia Pantoja shaped her leadership philosophy.

Though small in stature at 4'11", Raquel was known for her fierce determination, sharp wit, and boundless energy. She was deeply proud of her Puerto Rican heritage and passed that pride on to her family. Her faith anchored her life, and her generosity touched countless people. Raquel's legacy will continue to inspire the New Haven Scholarship Fund and the many communities she served with passion and purpose. ***"If you live by a certain set of values and people respect you for those values, 90 percent of your success is achieved."*** — Raquel Santiago-Martinez

Dear NHSF,

I want to take a moment to truly thank you for awarding me this scholarship. The scholarship comes at a time in my life where everything is shifting. I am graduating High School and preparing for college, and stepping into a whole new chapter. Having this kind of support give me confidence and peace of mind. It tells me I am not doing this alone and that someone out there saw something in me worth backing. I'm committed to making the most of this opportunity. I want to carry myself with the same generosity, faith and impact that this fund represents. Thank you for giving me a chance to move forward with less weight on my shoulders and more motivation in my heart. *BO*

thank
you!

NEW HAVEN SCHOLARSHIP FUND LAUNCHES OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

The New Haven Scholarship Fund (NHSF) is proud to announce the launch of its official social media presence, expanding the organization's ability to connect with students, alumni, donors, and the wider New Haven community. The Fund will share scholarship updates, student success stories, alumni achievements, donor spotlights, and community events in a more accessible and engaging way. Social media allows us to highlight the impact of our donors, celebrate our scholars, and reach families and supporters where they are. The Fund invites the community to follow along, engage with posts, and help amplify opportunities for New Haven students.

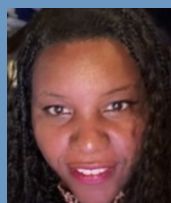
Follow us!

[thenewhavenscholarship](https://www.instagram.com/thenewhavenscholarship)

The New Haven Scholarship Fund

Website: www.newhavenscholarshipfund.com

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Typhannie Jackson - I joined the Board of the NHSF because I believe every student deserves the opportunity to continue learning and growing beyond high school. Providing financial support to New Haven students is more than a gift to individuals—it's an investment in our community's future. When our students succeed, we all benefit.



Johanna Samberg - I'm excited to join the NHSF. From my first contact with the hiring board members, it was clear that the organization has a tangible, immediate impact on the lives of the students it serves. I have benefited firsthand from scholarships and grants, and know how important it is not only to receive financial help for education, but also to know that an organization believes in your future in a tangible way.