

Chairman's Corner

The challenges continue for Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund during this pandemic. However with the remarkable support of our donors, community of friends and WCSF board, the Fund continues to award scholarships for ETHS graduates who are interested in education and/or working with youth. In the last five years, Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund has awarded \$400,000.

The Award Dinner came back! On Sunday, May 1 WCSF honored the 2022 Class of Cherry Scholars, with Mayor Daniel Biss as keynote speaker. At the dinner, the Fund awarded \$90,000 to 19 ETHS graduates. The Scholars were able to celebrate with their families, friends and the community. The Award Dinner committee planned a wonderful and very special evening for the 2022 Scholars!

On Monday, June 27 WCSF hosted its 29th Annual Golf Outing at the Wilmette Golf Club. The event raised a remarkable \$105,000 for ETHS graduates! It was a fun time for all! Many thanks to the Golf Co-chairs, Joe Keitel and Bob Reece, and the golf committee. And special thanks to Bill Bridges, Pat Hughes Sr. and Bart Rocca.

WCSF welcomes two new board members: Michael Levine and Colin Sallee. After many years of committed service, Nicki Pearson retired from the board. We thank her for her tremendous efforts and ongoing support to the Cherry scholars.

Pat Hughes Sr. has WCSF's deep appreciation and gratitude for his tremendous ongoing support to the Fund. As the Fund's "bookkeeper," Pat shares his years of professional knowledge and expertise. Thank you, Pat!

As always, my thanks to everyone on our outstanding board and to our amazing community of friends.

Please mark your calendar for our Annual Golf Outing on Monday, June 26, 2023.

In closing, as these challenging times continue, the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund reaches out to young men and women so their dreams may become reality. Thank you in advance for your support. Every contribution makes a difference.



Patty Cherry Reece



The Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund celebrated this year's scholars with an indoor Award Dinner for the first time in three years. See pages 2 and 3 for more about the scholars, and see pages 8-10 for pictures from the dinner.

Mayor says scholars are hope for the future

In his keynote speech at this year's Cherry Scholarship Fund Award Dinner, Evanston



Evanston Mayor Daniel Biss

Mayor Daniel Biss noted that, as the next generation, Cherry Scholars offer us all hope for the future. He congratulated the scholars and spoke directly to them at one point, reminding them that many people believe in them and are rooting for them to succeed.

The fund awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 19 Evanston Township High School graduates at the dinner.

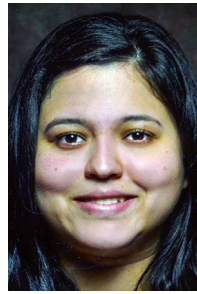
Reflecting on the pandemic, Biss said the previous two-plus years have been difficult, with lost loved ones, a loss of social structure and isolation, particularly for the elderly. However, he characterized the dinner as an uplifting event,

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Meet the 2022 Cherry Scholars

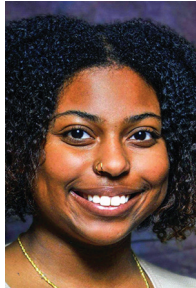


Jennifer Barrera



Jocelyn Becerra

Jennifer Barrera attends Marquette University in Milwaukee and plans to study early childhood education. Jennifer hopes to have a career as a preschool or kindergarten teacher and become a leader in underserved communities. Being part of the Latinx community has allowed her to engage in diverse learning communities and build confidence. She hopes to become the first in her family to graduate college and give back to the youth in her community that share experiences similar to hers.

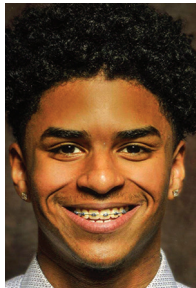


Josiah Berry



Alexandria Bolling

Jocelyn Becerra attends the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she is seeking a teaching license and school nurse certification. She plans to earn a master's in nursing with a concentration in nursing education at Western Governors University in Utah. Jocelyn is working at ETHS as a school nurse and "absolutely adores" her job. Her goal is to teach students lessons about their health and well-being.

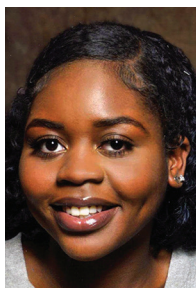


Elijah Bull



Michael Burrell

Josiah Berry is a graduate of Bradley University in Peoria, where she majored in Sociology with a minor in African American Studies. She will pursue a graduate degree in urban higher education at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Josiah is passionate about advocating for the LGBTQ community, Black women and people with disabilities. She hopes her degree will allow her to give back to her community and help college students find the resources they need.



Kalea Nataye Chatman



Jabeim Cochrane

Alexandria Bolling will be entering her senior year at Howard University in Washington, D.C., majoring in English with a minor in secondary education. She plans to develop skills as a dynamic teacher who will strive to make the classroom inclusive for all students. Alexandria is also working with the College Board to equip student teachers of color with tools and resources to teach Advanced Placement courses earlier in their careers.



Graciela Amada Mendoza Corona



Wendy Becerra Delgado

Elijah Bull completed his first year at Connecticut-based Post University and now attends Lake Forest College. After graduating, Elijah hopes to create a program to teach children the basics of engineering and provide fun and educa-

tional activities to strengthen their math, science and problem-solving skills. Elijah has worked with youth in basketball and as an Evanston Youth Delegate.

Michael Burrell attends Illinois State University in Normal. He is passionate about the education of African American youth and hopes to start a non-profit organization to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) career paths for African American students.

Kalea Nataye Chatman attends Marquette University, where she is majoring in education with a minor in English. Her goal is to become a teacher and give back to her community. Growing up, Kalea recalls that African American teachers had a substantial impact on her life, and she wants to do the same for her future students. Kalea's mother also was an inspiration for her passion for teaching.

Jaheim Cochrane attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he plans to study kinesiology, with a focus on sports medicine. His goal is to attend medical school and become an orthopedic surgeon. With almost 15 years of Evanston athletics under his belt, Jaheim wants to use athletics to help children find structure and support. Jaheim has worked with children for a number of years at Family Focus and the Chandler Center.

Graciela Amada Mendoza Corona attends DePaul University in Chicago, where she plans to study rehabilitation sciences, sociology, psychology and social sciences. After graduation Graciela wants to work with youth who are struggling with mental health issues. She plans to volunteer at New Foundation of Hope and is passionate about helping young people protect their own well-being and finding the resources they need in times of stress.

Wendy Becerra Delgado is pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology at Lake Forest College. She is passionate about understanding human behavior and wants to help children navigate the challenges in their lives. Wendy's goal is to be a counselor and serve as an advocate

and mentor for children struggling with mental illness, social issues and behavioral problems.

Colbin Ellis attends DePaul University and plans to major in sports business. He is interested in working with soccer teams and working with young people to help them develop into the best players they can be. He is very interested in coaching youth and training others to be coaches. Cole has a long history with helping kids as a middle school football and basketball coach and working with youth during summer day camps.

Celia Heck attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she plans to study psychology. She has lived in Evanston her entire life, and she wants to become a therapist to help Evanston youth overcome their psychological challenges. Celia wants to have a positive impact on others and provide a safe space for youth to speak openly about their emotions. She is actively involved with young people through Girls Play Sports and as a volleyball coach.

Michelle Paola Hernandez attends Marquette University in the College of Nursing. She would like to work with newborns as a neonatal nurse. She has learned that nurses take on many roles, including teacher and patient advocate. Michelle would like to use her Spanish-language skills and cultural background to work with patients from Spanish-speaking communities. She aspires to be a culturally sensitive leader in the healthcare field and make a positive impact on others.

Marcus Louis-Charles is attending Northwestern University and is interested in biological sciences. He hopes to attend medical school after graduation and become a pediatrician. Marcus plans to work at a children's hospital and do research to improve health. Marcus is focused on becoming the first in his family to graduate from college.

Aryel Mason is a sophomore at Howard University, where she studies nursing and plans to be a pediatric nurse. In addition to a nursing career, Aryel hopes to

one day open a school for African American youth to serve as a role model and help them achieve their dreams. Aryel is most passionate about her five siblings, who push her to be the best version of herself.

Maria Guadalupe Moreno Mendoza is a senior at the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she is studying Spanish. She plans to use her college degree to work with students by learning more about what young people need. Maria may come back to Evanston as a teacher or work in the mental health field. She wants to be a part of young peoples' support systems and work closely with them.

Emily Minerof is in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She received her bachelor's degree there, where she studied speech pathology and audiology. Emily would like to work with transgender children seeking voice therapy and children with disabilities. Emily is passionate about helping others and has had jobs and volunteered to work with children with special needs.

Taishiya Nix is a former Cherry Scholarship winner (1999) and mother of 10, including two Cherry Scholars this year. She is pursuing a degree in interdisciplinary studies with a minor in communications at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Taishiya intends to continue her work with the Youth Job Center, helping young people as they navigate the next steps in their lives. Children are her passion, and she intends to open a child-care facility that focuses on empowering children to achieve their goals.

Jasmine Crayton is this year's winner of the scholarship honoring Pat Doyle, a long-time supporter and friend of the Cherry Scholarship. Jasmine works full-time at Oakton Elementary School and attends National Louis University, planning to study social work or education. Jasmine has been working with teachers and people in the community to mentor at-risk boys. She hopes to develop a program not just at Oakton, but for other schools.



Colbin Ellis



Celia Heck



Michelle Paola Hernandez



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Maria Guadalupe Moreno Mendoza



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Golf outing success continues

A total of 125 golfers turned out on June 27, raising \$105,000 for the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund.

Golf winners included:
 First place gross: Michael Levine, Garrett Rothe, Pete Argow, Jon Hasman
 First place net: Willie Miller, Steve Gilford, Tim Burke, Ron Whitmore
 Second place gross: Tom Suffredin, Matt Nelson, John Valdez
 Second place net: Mike Jamieson, Julia Burge, Micheal Jamieson, Alex Burge
 Random 75 net: John Peterson, Sid Ross, Dick Lies, Pierre DeVincentis
 Men's longest drive: Rich Foreman
 Men's closest to the pin: Matthew Lucsak
 Men's longest putt: Ray Kincaid
 Women's longest drive: Julia Burge
 Women's closest to the pin: Deb Beyer
 Women's longest putt: Julia Burge

The hard-working 2022 Golf Committee included: Bill Bridges, Lynn Hammell, Jan Hazlett, Tom Hazlett, Pat Hughes, Sr., Pat Hughes, Jr., Judy Iacuzzi, Tony Iacuzzi, Timon Jandora, Tony Keitel, Marcy Nicholson, John Powell, Kennedy Reid, Bart Rocca, Oliver Ruff, Pam Schanette, Gerri Sizemore, Mimi Spivack, Rommie Taylor and Courtney Wolley. Bob Reece and Joe Keitel were Co-Chairs.



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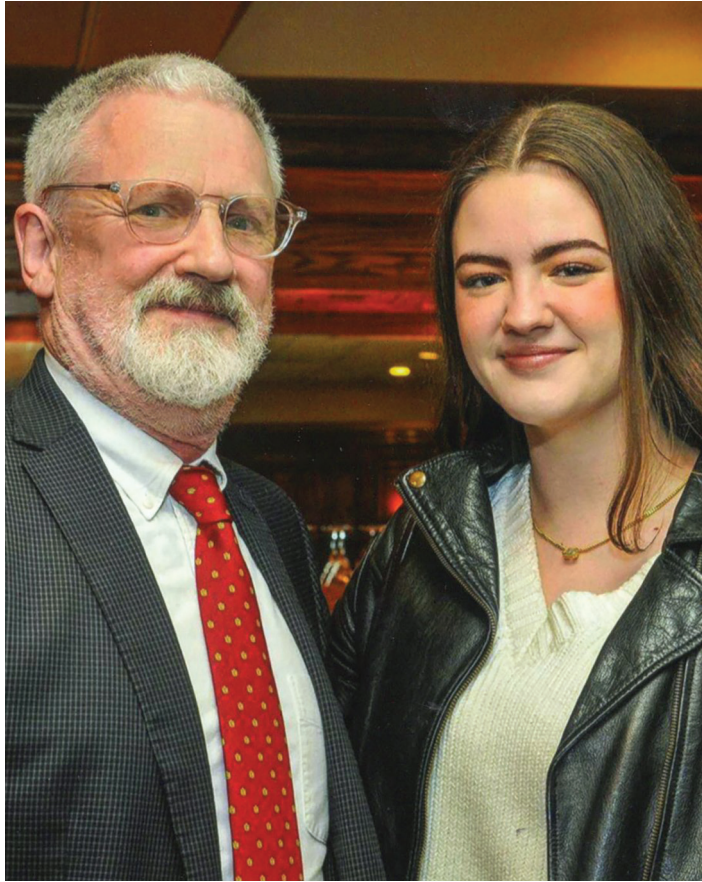
Celebrating our scholars!



With widespread vaccinations in force, the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund was able to hold its annual dinner indoors once again. Celebrants and scholars gathered Sunday, May 1 at Maggiano's restaurant in Skokie. Nineteen scholars were honored, and \$90,000 in scholarships were awarded. *See more photos on the next page.*



Celebrating our scholars!



Mayor Biss

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demonstrating the best of Evanston.

He also praised the community for stepping up to be vaccinated, and commended health care workers, first responders and teachers for working their way through the hardships presented by COVID-19.

Mayor Biss also thanked Patty and Robert Reece for continuing the work of Warren Cherry through the fund. He singled out Cherry board member Oliver Ruff as a man who exemplifies kindness. Kindness, the mayor said, is the quality of recognizing the good in people and offering an example for others to follow. Just as Warren Cherry did.

Celebrating our own Kurt and Lachele Mangum and Judy Newton

Kurt and Lachele Mangum and Judy Newton are longtime strong supporters of the Warren Cherry Scholarship Fund. It's no surprise that they all attribute that support, first and foremost, to their personal relationships with the late Mr. Cherry.

The Mangums own several businesses, including those involved in airport concessions in San Diego, Salt Lake City and Phoenix, where they now reside. Kurt Mangum said he was not on a path to that success as a youth.

As a student in the 1970s at Timber Ridge School in District 65, he was a self-described "latchkey kid" with two hardworking parents. "I had a tendency to get in trouble," he said. "I wasn't on the honor roll. I wouldn't have been classified as 'most likely to succeed'."

But a teacher — Warren Cherry — was determined to help. "Billy Cherry was a role model for me," Mangum said. "He was my first black male teacher."

That relationship put him back on track, he said. "Mr. Cherry would not let this young man fail. He followed me, he mentored me, he tutored me. He explained what it meant to be a young black man in America — that to be successful, you have to have knowledge,



Judy Newton

you have to have an education."

He added, "Any success that I have, a portion has to be attributed to Billy Cherry. Not only Mr. Cherry, but the Evanston community. It is like no place I've ever lived. I can't speak enough about it, and I'm proud to say that I'm a product of it."

He said his wife Lachele knows his



Lachele and Kurt Mangum

Evanston story, and joins in his commitment to community service, sitting on boards and commissions in the Phoenix area.

The legacy of Warren Cherry "is why my wife and I continue to touch and reach young people who are excelling academically and in the community. We're so proud of what the Cherry Scholarship Fund is doing—you're touching so many people," Mangum said. "It is something we're committed to doing annually, to ensure the foundation continues to thrive."

Judy Newton, a teacher herself, knew and was influenced by Warren Cherry. "I thought he was a great speaker — he motivated me," she said.

She and her late husband, Dennis, maintained a long record of commu-

nity involvement. That included work with the Levy Center Foundation and the Justin Wynn Fund, in addition to the Cherry Fund.

"Bob Reece was a friend of mine and my husband's, and as an avid golfer, Dennis always participated in the Cherry golf outing," Newton said. "When he passed away in 2014, I decided to make contributions in his memory."

The Cherry Fund's purpose appeals to her. "It's to invest in young people, to invest in others, to invest in the community," she said. "The money goes directly back to the youths involved."

She added, "Warren Cherry was rooted in Evanston. He gave so much of his time and effort. I want to keep 'living his voice,' and to carry on and be supportive of others."

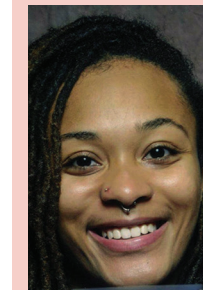
Scholar Profile: Scholar has medicine in mind

Cherry Scholar Aryel Mason has a plan.

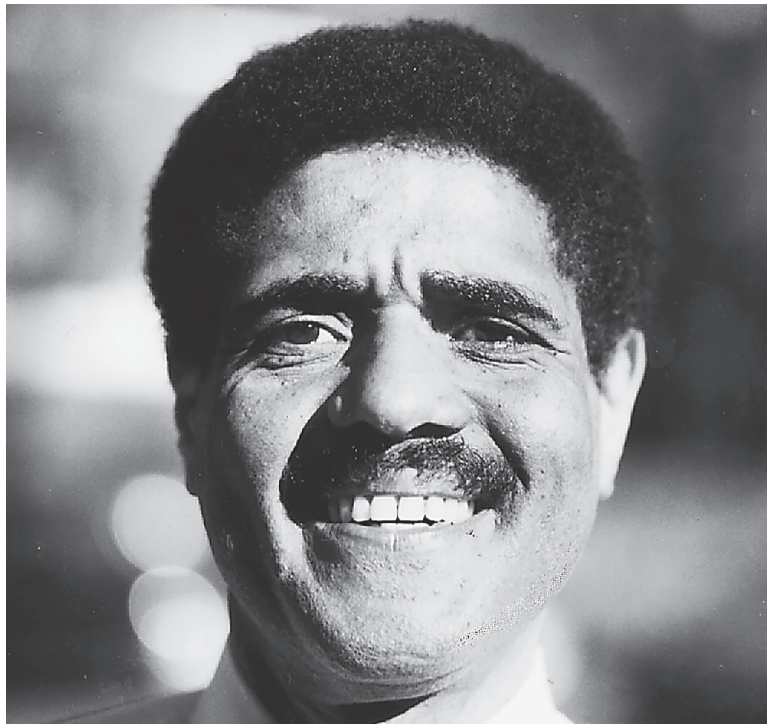
The 19-year-old ETHS graduate (class of 2021) is in her second year at Howard University, the distinguished historically Black university in Washington, D.C. She's studying nursing, with the intent of becoming a pediatric nurse — "anywhere I can help people, teens specifically."

She hasn't chosen an easy path, juggling tough science courses with her job overseeing 50 female students as a resident advisor in her dormitory. But it's going well so far. "I'm getting an A in physiology!" she exulted.

At her young age, she has plenty of experience working with children. The oldest child of a single mother, she grew up setting the standard for her five younger siblings. "I had to help my mom, and it was hard for us," she said. —Continued on back page



Aryel Mason



The mission of the Warren “Billy” Cherry Scholarship Fund, named in memory of a much-loved and respected Evanston educator, is to perpetuate his total acceptance of all people, his commitment to the highest standards of educational excellence, and his energetic dedication to enriching the children and institutions of Evanston. For more information, visit cherryscholarship.org.

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“But I’m a role model because of my siblings, learned my communication skills because of my siblings, and had to be responsible.”

More than anything, she wanted her brothers and sisters to know “no matter where you come from, you can accomplish anything. There were odds against me, but I didn’t let negative comments get into my way.”

She finds herself thriving at Howard. “I love it,” she said. “I definitely can call this place my home.” Rather than finding her RA duties a burden, she sees them as an advantage. “I’m developing skills I didn’t know I had.”

Aryel credits what she calls “the Cherry family” with supporting her journey. “The scholarship fund is amazing,” she said. “But the network on top of the scholarship has been so helpful, not only financially, but checking in on me. They’re there for me. Just to have a support team has been great.”

Her advice for other scholars? “Never give up,” she said. “Persevere through everything. Ask for help. The Cherry Fund is there to help. I’ll be forever grateful.”

That determination will come in handy if she is to realize her final goal. After working as a nurse, she said, she wants to take one more step. “Hopefully, I’ll come back to go to medical school — to become a pediatrician.”

This year, Scholar Jasmine Crayton received the award given by the Cherry Fund each year in memory of Pat Doyle. Pat began her career as a teacher at Lincoln School in the mid-1970s and worked closely with Warren Cherry when he was principal. She retired in 1997 and moved to California, but continued to show love and support for WCSF, including a generous bequest to help it continue its work.



Jasmine Crayton

Dates to Remember

The Cherry Scholarship Fund is looking for scholars—students who may have struggled in high school, but who love kids and are dedicated to working with young people. Please help by encouraging deserving individuals from the Evanston community, particularly those who will graduate from Evanston Township High School in 2023, to apply for a Cherry Scholarship. Applications are available online at cherryscholarship.org. And please note that scholarships are now also available for part-time and graduate students.

2022-2023 dates:

- Applications available – Dec. 1, 2022
- Application Deadline – March 10, 2023
- Interviews – April 16, 2023
- Award Dinner – April 30, 2023
- Golf Tournament – June 26, 2023