

**Access Scholars
Committee Update
April 21, 2023**



About the Access Scholars Program

- \$5,000 grants for students with academic potential and financial need
- Tuition, fees, & books
- Lecture series, etiquette dinner, social events, community service and priority class registration
- BoV funds 4* of the 100 @ ECU

*Current funding – not endowed

Access Scholars Committee

- Chair: Duane Holder, dtholder1@gmail.com
- Vice Chair: Wes Johnson, wjohnson7041@gmail.com
- Engage directly with scholars throughout the academic year
- Keep BoV members updated on scholars' activities
- Attempt to meet once each semester with scholars and members and coordinate in-person at BoV

Our Scholars

Jessie Cayton

Jarobi Clark

Sarah Evans

Alyssa Futrell

<https://board-of-visitors.ecu.edu/bov-access-scholars/>

Spring 2023 Activities

- Scholars attended January Board of Visitors Meeting
 - Past and present scholars shared their experiences with the BoV
 - Participated in breakout group discussions
- Sippin' Sweet Tea and Speaking Easy Public Speaking Event – held annually for Access sophomores
 - Duane Holder represented the BoV
 - Attended by Sarah Evans (BoV Access Scholar)





Jarobi Clark - Update



- Made contact with Dr. Sharon Paynter during January BoV meeting
- Hired by ECU Office of Research, Economic Development and Engagement (REDE)
- Already has leads for regular employment post-graduation (2024)
- “This (BoV Access Scholars) scholarship has changed the trajectory of my life!”

Treats for Scholars

- Coordinate through Melonie Bryan, Director of University Scholarships, bryanm@ecu.edu
- Beginning & end of semesters and mid-terms
- Gift cards are always a hit, but open to other ideas – you can mail or Venmo and we will purchase and/or distribute:
 - Mail: Duane Holder
127B Emily Drive
Winterville, NC 28590
 - Venmo: @dtholder

Special Thanks for Contributing to Gift Cards!

Alisa Chapman

Johna Faulconer

Preston Mitchell

Lewis Gale

Duane Holder

Wesley Johnson

How You Can Help

Be Engaged!

- Contribute your pledged \$500 per year—more is always appreciated!

<http://give.ecu.edu/BOVAccess>

- Talk about our scholars and the scholarship with people in your communities & use social media
- Attend meetings and social events with the scholars
- Contribute to our endowment goal!