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!