Cultivating the world's next generation of great leaders.
“The Ron Brown Scholar Program is the gift that keeps on giving. Ten years ago, when I became a Ron Brown Scholar, I had no idea that the Program would be such an integral part of my life - a source of lasting relationships that grow year to year, mentorship and guidance, opportunities to serve and to learn. It has been an immeasurable blessing to be a part of this family. I plan to give back to it for years to come.”

—KARLA HARDY, RBS 2001
**OUR MISSION:** The mission of the Ron Brown Scholar Program is to accelerate the progress of African Americans into the mainstream of leadership in business, education, government, and a wide spectrum of other professions while instilling a strong dedication to leadership and public service. Another major tenet of the Program is to create a strong family bond among Scholars and Program staff who provide a network of support and friendship their entire lives.

“Whenever I find myself describing the RBSP, one certain phrase always finds its way in: ‘Ron Brown is not a scholarship – it’s a family.’ I am so very blessed to have had the opportunity to become one tiny piece of this extraordinary ‘Network of Scholars & Friends for Good.”

“I will continue to make sure to pay it forward.”

—KANI KEITA, RBS 2008

HARVARD 2012

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With feelings of pleasure in our growth and accomplishments, excitement about our new ventures and objectives, and a continuing sense of pride and wonder concerning the endeavors and achievements of our amazing Scholars, it is my pleasure to present the 2009-2010 Ron Brown Scholar Program Annual Report.

First and foremost, we must give credit to Tony Pilaro, the primary author and benefactor of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. His vision that “began with a simple concept of creating a program where bright, motivated, young African Americans could come together and help each other succeed, not just through college but for a lifetime” has blossomed into a program that has “far surpassed our highest expectations and become a life-changing institution that is cultivating America’s next generation of great leaders.”

“The Power of One, the Value of All?” YES! And so much more than a slogan; it has become a reality. Scholars are navigating the world and sowing seeds through service that are sprouting and transforming communities. They are taking ownership in the Program, meeting in various parts of the country and brainstorming ideas to enhance the RBSP and solve a myriad of problems that plague our society. They are consolidating and expanding their own resources with both their fund-raising and “friend-raising” endeavors. They are coming into their own with a realization that they can accomplish anything that they envision.

For instance, many Scholars recently performed admirably on an equity and diversity panel held in Washington D.C. They articulated to national educators their ideas of what true service in and out of the classroom entails. An international law firm in NYC hosted an art exhibit based upon the I Have Risen book and hosted a panel of Scholars who explained to the audience what “achieving success through a lifetime of service” looks like. Through the RBSP Community Service Foundation, RBS have developed and conducted service projects that have improved the quality of life for hundreds of people around the world. This is only a small sample of the marvelous works that Scholars are performing.

We are so thankful for our many friends who, because of their belief in the Scholars and concurrence with Tony’s vision, continue to commit their time, effort, and resources to the RBSP. Because of their sincere dedication, they help to ensure the Program’s mission and keep it thriving despite the prevailing effects of the economic downturn. In 2010, we raised nearly $450,000.

As we prepare to select our fifteenth class of Scholars, we continue to reflect on the absolute necessity of our Program. Our Scholars are emerging as a new generation of leaders, filled with the desire and determination to address society’s economic and social challenges, particularly in the African-American community. Our alumni, friends, and staff have demonstrated that the tight-knit RBSP community, which serves as a network of support and friendship for Scholars’ personal and professional lives, also has the ability to impact individuals in all regions of the world. As we remain committed to the Program’s mission of accelerating the progress of African Americans into the mainstream of leadership and keeping them connected through service for a lifetime, we hope that you will remain involved with our Program. We, as a family, can provide hope for the future. We are profoundly grateful for your continuing interest and support.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Mallory
Executive Director, Ron Brown Scholar Program
President, Ron Brown Scholar Fund
Anthony M. Pilaro, an accomplished attorney, investment banker, and philanthropist, is chairman of the CAP Foundation and the CAP Advisers Limited of Dublin. Supporting a myriad of causes from community-based charter schools that serve as educational havens in the inner-cities to life-changing medical procedures for those in need, Anthony Pilaro’s philanthropic philosophy is simple: given the proper nurturing and resources, people will give freely — not only with their dollars, but of their time, abilities, and creativity.

Following the 1996 death of Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown, Mr. Pilaro and the CAP Charitable Foundation undertook the perpetuation of Secretary Brown’s legacy of achievement, leadership and outreach by founding the Ron Brown Scholar Program. Selecting young African American students of outstanding promise, the Program offers well-deserved funds for college and provides invaluable personal attention to accelerate student progress into mainstream leadership positions in business, medicine, law, the arts and a wide spectrum of professions. “When our family founded the Ron Brown Scholar Program,” states Mr. Pilaro, “we began with a simple concept: to create a program where bright, motivated, young African Americans could come together and help each other succeed, not just through college but for a lifetime.” He continues, “we provided them with a foundation to begin their journey: a $40,000 scholarship and a network of dedicated Program staff and mentors to guide them along the way. What resulted from this vision has far surpassed our highest expectations and yielded a program that has not only changed lives but has created an institution for the cultivation of individuals who will become America’s next generation of great leaders. I ultimately believe that this powerful body of compassionate intellectuals that grows every year will make a lasting contribution to our nation.”

Through supporting the Scholars, who Mr. Pilaro refers to as “the best and brightest from the African American Community,” he, the CAP Foundation, and the RBSP have inspired many volunteers, contributors, and friends to join in the mission of perpetuating and strengthening the Ron Brown Scholar Program.

Also a generous donor to his undergraduate and law school alma mater, the University of Virginia, Anthony Pilaro initiated the Jerome Holland undergraduate scholarships and the Hardy Dillard scholarships at the UVA School of Law. Both are merit-based scholarships for remarkably accomplished African American students.

In 1998, Mr. Pilaro founded The Studio of Dublin, Ireland, an exhibition gallery and studio space devoted to cultural examination and artistic innovation. Each year, two graduate art students are invited to live and study on the grounds and focus solely on developing their artistic voice.

From medical research to funding the arts to providing opportunities for young people of exceptional promise, Mr. Pilaro invests in people, not programs. When asked why he devotes such tremendous energy to nurturing scholarship, artistry, and service without regard to international borders or budgets, Anthony Pilaro always states, “Because I can.”
The Program was named in honor of Ronald H. Brown, the first African American to serve in the cabinet as Secretary of Commerce and the first to serve as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. He was a figure of global prominence, highly respected for his intelligence, political savvy, and leadership. He died in a tragic plane crash in April of 1996, during a trade mission to Eastern Europe.

On December 1, 1996, the Ron Brown Scholar Program was established by the Pilaro family to provide academically gifted Scholars with the financial resources to attend the finest colleges and universities in the United States. Upon acceptance, each Scholar is awarded $40,000 ($10,000 per year for four years), to be used at the college or university of his or her choice.

A distinguishing and significant aspect of the Program is that a student who becomes a Ron Brown Scholar is always a Ron Brown Scholar. Scholars receive nurturing and mentoring to succeed and flourish in college and beyond. The Program has a proven record of academic success, with a 100 percent graduation rate. Graduating Scholars go on to outstanding careers in the arts, sciences, law, medicine, business, and public service, and they remain connected to each other and to the Ron Brown Scholar Program through service projects and mentoring.

“The Ron Brown Scholar Program has made an indelible impact on my life, opening doors and connecting me to a network of bright minds and inspiring spirits.”

—ROBERT SMITH III, RBS 2005
WHO WE ARE

A Legacy Continued

Distinguishing Factors

Each of the young African-American students accepted as Ron Brown Scholars has already demonstrated impressive academic achievements, a strong commitment to public service, and the potential to serve as a future leader. The Ron Brown Scholar Program facilitates achievement of Scholar goals by fostering relationships with the nation’s brightest minds, successful business leaders, and influential government and political leaders.

The Program hosts small group events throughout the year to bring together Scholars who live in proximate geographic areas to discuss and generate new ideas. The Program also hosts the Triennial Leadership Conference, which involves all Ron Brown Scholars exploring and discussing a wide range of timely social topics. This conference brings together distinguished leaders and experts in various fields to help create common goals and identify practical approaches to solving complex social problems.

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RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

HOMETOWN: Bellwood, Illinois
COLLEGE: Stanford University
CURRENTLY AT COLLEGE IN: Stanford, California

“I proudly hail from the Chicago area, even as the harsh winters dull my nostalgia when I return home from sunny days spent studying at Stanford University. I am currently pursuing a B.A. in Science and Technology in Society with a concentration in Social Change, which will hopefully culminate in a senior paper focusing on technology in developing countries, as I am particularly passionate about solar energy in sub-Saharan Africa.

Social justice is a lifelong passion and this is reflected in my involvement in a wide variety of student volunteer organizations and an organization I founded in 2006 called The Birthday Party Project which celebrates the lives of underprivileged children while bringing attention to the issues that affect them. In the past, the Birthday Party Project has focused on refugee children, and this year, the Birthday Party Project plans to host a service-learning week and party spotlighting the children of military families, which will hopefully culminate on Veterans’ Day.

I hope to pursue a career involving social entrepreneurship, whether through nonprofit consulting, corporate social responsibility, or cross-sector partnerships. I am a firm believer in doing well by doing good and want my professional career to be characterized by purpose.”

Scholars become part of a large alumni network that provides mentoring, internship opportunities, and access to a wide range of public and private institutions as well as access to successful leaders in various fields. Most important, the Ron Brown Scholar Program offers a sense of pride and belonging to a large family of like-minded, dedicated individuals committed to using leadership skills and community service to improve the human condition.
Where We Are
As of the end of December 2010

Financially
- General Donations: $420,261.00
- Ron Brown Scholar Alumni Association Donations: $58,947.00
- Read to Lead Program: $30,000.00

Friends and Scholars
- Friends of the Program: 3,908
- New Friends since January 1, 2009: 1,799
- Applications Received in 2009: 10,448
- Applications Received in 2010: 6,185
- New Scholars in 2009: 12
- New Scholars in 2010: 12
- Total Undergraduate Scholars: 64
- Total Alumni Scholars: 201

Where We’re Going
News for the Future

We are proud to welcome the following individuals to our growing Advisory Board:

- Lauri J. Fitz-Pegado, Partner, Livingston Group, LLC
- Michelle Ifill, Vice President and Deputy Chief Counsel, Legal and External Affairs, Verizon Business
- Jack Leslie, Chairman, Weber Shandwick
- Thaderine D. MacFarlane, Philanthropist
- R. Donahue Peebles, CEO & Chairman, The Peebles Corporation
- Secretary Rodney E. Slater, Partner, Patton Boggs, LLP
- Thomas A. Waller, Senior Director, Corporate Affairs Constituent Relations, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

The Ron Brown Scholar Program also celebrated new partnerships with The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, State Farm Insurance, Merrill Lynch/Bank of America, and Weber Shandwick.

We look forward to continuing to work with these and other organizations to further our mission to support young African Americans on their journey toward becoming leaders of tomorrow.
What We’ve Done

Successes of 2009-2010

The Ron Brown Scholar Program had a busy two years with many accomplishments to report...

Business and Social Entrepreneurship Conference

In August 2009, the RBS Alumni Association, with the support of the Program staff, held their first-ever Business and Social Entrepreneurship Conference. Approximately 75 Ron Brown Scholars and Alumni, who see the power of entrepreneurship for themselves and their communities, gathered in New York for a dynamic, two-day business planning and development conference. The conference included sessions on topics such as the fundamentals of starting and successfully growing a business or social enterprise. The conference was a catalyst for new ideas and cultivated relationships among Scholars and successful professionals in the business community. Distinguished guests included R. Donahue Peebles, CEO of The Peebles Corporation; Professor Gregory Fairchild, Darden School of Business; Harry Hutchinson, Head of Business Development for Bad Boy Entertainment; Michael Goldman, New York City SCORE office and Charles Best, founder and CEO of DonorsChoose.org.

Ronald H. Brown – The Journey Continues Fundraising Event

In 2010, the Program hosted its first annual fundraiser held in Washington, DC. Nearly 400 guests (including Ron Brown Scholars and Friends) gathered to celebrate the life journey and continuing legacy of the late Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown. The Journey Continues Fundraising Event was a resounding success. The events exceeded all expectations and resulted in raising nearly $300,000 (less $75,000 in expenses) and, most importantly, added hundreds of new friends. Participants all experienced a sense of renewed energy in the quest to assure the legacy of Ron Brown continues by providing the support necessary for the next generation of young African American leaders. During the event, three individuals who embody the late Secretary’s legacy of service and leadership were honored and American Journey Awards were granted to Mona Sutphen, Deputy Chief of Staff at the White House, Aaron Williams, Director of the Peace Corps, and Norman Rales, self-made philanthropist. The award recipients are individuals who have mobilized and unified others to make positive changes in their lives and communities.

Family Reunion Weekend

Over 50 scholars participated in the Alumni Association’s 2010 Family Reunion Weekend in New York City. Alumni and Scholars reconnected and shared their current work, ideas for their own future, and hope for the future of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. The weekend events included supporting an event that focused on sustainability in the black community in NYC, and participating in a great networking event by Major League Baseball, hosted by Advisory Board member Jonathan Mariner. Alumni and Scholars met new friends of the Program and reconnected with long-time supporters. The main focus of the weekend was a day of sharing and brainstorming. Alumni and Scholars discussed personal legacy, the legacy of RBSP, and great fundraising ideas were generated to support the sustainability of the RBSP legacy. Alumni and Scholars heard from Judith Harrison of Weber Shandwick who provided helpful insights into career opportunities in public relations, culminating a very unique and powerful day.

Jazz On The Lawn

The fall of 2010 provided another first for the Ron Brown Scholar Program. RBSP hosted the first Jazz Event in September 2010 at the home of Steering Committee member Emmit McHenry and his wife Singleton McAllister in Great Falls, VA. Jazz on the Lawn was attended by nearly 200 guests who enjoyed seeing and listening to legendary jazz artist Roy Ayers, the headlining act, as well as jazz artists Julian Nixon and Mickey Bass.

“I am so humbled to be part of such an incredibly talented community of individuals who are committed to serving others.”

—DANIELLE MARIA ALLEN, RBS 2005
TRUMAN SCHOLAR 2008
UNC-CHAPEL HILL 2009
The Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development Series (L.E.A.D.)

The L.E.A.D. Series (an evolution of Read to Lead) is an innovative leadership and service-centered curriculum for middle and high school students. The Program gives participants at selected public schools access to an online course platform through which five topic areas are covered:

- Self-Awareness
- Defining Leadership
- Social Awareness and Influence
- Citizenship
- Service

(Each class is encouraged to design/submit a service project proposal; winning projects are funded by RBS.)

Each of the five topics and accompanying activities builds upon the previous topic; however each topic can also stand alone. The online format allows rich interaction by using video, web quests, and provides links to supplemental information including examples of service projects designed and completed by young people all over the country. A unique aspect of the course is the access participants will have to Ron Brown Scholars who volunteer to serve as web-based mentors when the students enter the community organizing and project design stage.

Funded in part through generous grants from the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, State Farm’s Service Learning Initiative, Merrill Lynch/Bank of America, and Verizon’s Thinkfinity, the L.E.A.D. series is a manifestation of the Ron Brown Scholar Program’s commitment to service and civic duty.

“I count this Program as one of the most significant parts of my life.”

— DONIELLE BUJE
RBS 2000
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, BS AND MA
WHAT WE’VE DONE

Community Service Foundation

The Ron Brown Scholar Community Service Foundation (CSF) was created to facilitate Scholars’ ability to develop and implement innovative community service projects. Small service grants have been awarded to Scholars for projects that demonstrate visionary solutions to significant social problems both locally and, more recently, in communities across the globe. Scholars have been inspired by the opportunity to offer their skills and insights in order to positively impact people and communities and by the benefits afforded those whom they have served.

Originally funded solely through a gift from the CAP Charitable Foundation, the Community Service Foundation now also receives support from State Farm Insurance.

Successes of 2009-2010

Kani Keita

HOMETOWN: Miami, Florida
COLLEGE: Harvard University
CURRENTLY AT COLLEGE IN: Cambridge, Massachusetts
RBS 2008

Kani Keita was born in Cocoa Beach, FL, to Malian parents. She grew up in Miami, attending public school where she graduated from Killian High in the top 1% of her class. Kani is currently a junior at Harvard, studying Government and Economics. She interned at Constituency for Africa the summer after freshman year to learn about development in practice.

D.C. was an informative experience, but she wanted to learn be effective in the field. She begged her mother to buy her a ticket to go to Mali for a month for her winter vacation, where she initiated a project partnering with Energy for Opportunity, UNESCO, and a Malian NGO to provide solar-powered community charging stations to the rural villages.

Her love for the environment continued as a sophomore; she organized a beach clean-up and served as Campus Coordinator for TheLeadershipCampaign. Kani interned at Goldman Sachs that summer. Although intimidated at first, she grew to love the fast-paced, high-pressure environment and will return this summer. Kani is spending the school year abroad, studying at Sciences Po Paris. She continues to work on the Mali project and returned this winter. Kani enjoys playing guitar, laughing with friends, and just being totally lazy sometimes.
Michelle Robinson graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria, Virginia, and was a member of the first class of Ron Brown Scholars in 1997. She earned a B.A. in English and American Language and Literature from Harvard University in 2001, and completed a Masters in Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School in 2004. Her first book of poetry, titled “The Life of a Hunter,” was published in 2005 by Kuhl House Press at the University of Iowa. Michelle continued her studies in literature, film and religious history in the New England and American Studies Program at Boston University. In 2010 she defended her dissertation, “Places for Dead Bodies: Race, Labor, and Detection in American Literature.” She is currently a tenure-track Assistant Professor in the American Studies Department at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

CURRENTLY WORKING IN:
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**WHAT WE’VE DONE**

**RECIPIENTS 2009-2010**

**Martine Caverl** (RBS 1999), Black Diaspora Project ($1,000)—to create an opportunity for cultural and political exchanges between African American and Haitian youth.

**Kristian Henderson** (RBS 2005) and **Mya Thompson** (RBS 2007), Athletic Leadership and Empowerment ($6,500)—to provide athletes with access, exposure, and skills in the sports industry.

**Leah Hodge** (1998), Third Staff ($1,450)—to advance a not-for-profit employment agency that places adults age 55+ in recurring short-term jobs.

**Kara Lee** (RBS 2000), **Ty Moore** (RBS 2002) and **Jason Young** (RBS 2000), Financial Literacy for the Future ($9,900)—to implement a financial literacy program for 9th and 11th grade students (and their parents) at Uniondale High School in Long Island, NY.

**Adora Mora** (RBS 2006) and **Peter Boyce** (RBS 2008), Nigerian Initiative for Joint Advancement ($5,000)—to support the incorporation, website, and software development needs of NIJA, which will develop and implement training for students who commit to an internship in Nigeria. The hope is that the student-interns will return to work in Nigeria after graduation.

**Damilola Oluwadamilola** (RBS 2007), Community Reads at Peace ($6,800)—to build a library in Erin Ijesa, Nigeria that will improve the literacy of all community members, promote peace among students by addressing religious tolerance issues through workshops, restore hope and give people a reason to hold on to their dreams for a better future and higher educational opportunities.

**Maria Valezquez** (RBS 2000), Words Work! ($4,795)—to provide writing workshops to child survivors (ages 3-16) of domestic violence who are living in an emergency domestic violence shelter in Washington, DC.

**Jason Young** (RBS 2000), Biz Camp—Ben Franklin Intermediate School ($1,665)—to support teaching a class of middle school students how to start their own business.

**Geraldine Pierre** (RBS 2004), Masue Village Borehole: Access to Clean and Safe Water ($5,000)—to finance materials for the building of a borehole, which will provide disadvantaged villagers with a reliable source of clean water for the village households.

**Charly Jeune** (RBS 1999) and **Geraldine Pierre** (RBS 2004), Backpacks for Haiti ($5,000)—to provide backpacks and school supplies for the most disadvantaged Haitian children, many of whom lost all of their belongings in the 1/12/2010 earthquake.

**Diana Ofosu** (RBS 2008) and **Raymond Grissom** (RBS 2008), Giving Youth a Valuable Environment (G.Y.V.E.) ($1,500)—to cultivate the intellect and spiritual capacity of junior youth by engaging in community service.

**Joni Stuart** (RBS 2000), Greater Kids Help-First Aid and Disaster Camp and Adult Basic First Aid Classes ($1,000)—to support a children’s first aid and safety camp for inner city youth and a basic first aid course for inner city adults in New Orleans.
The uniqueness of the Ron Brown Scholar Program lies in the ongoing network it fosters among Ron Brown Scholars and the ongoing mission of maintaining close contact and providing encouragement, support and networking opportunities for Scholars. Investment in Ron Brown Scholars facilitates and promotes positive success outcomes for each Scholar through college and beyond.

The Ron Brown Alumni Association was established by the first class of Ron Brown Scholars in 2001 upon their graduation from college. Scholars participate in the Association staying connected with fellow alumni, mentor other Scholars, support philanthropic and social causes, and give back to the Program. Alumni foster lifelong goodwill and strong connections among all Ron Brown Scholars through communication and mentorship as well as through the contribution of personal funds to enhance and perpetuate the organization.

The Alumni Association works to pair each undergraduate Scholar with an alumnus Scholar in their field of interest to serve as a resource and a guide. Alumni mentors assist students in making the transition to college, learning about career enrichment programs, and securing internships. Also, regional meetings and informal dinners are held throughout the calendar year to bring together Scholars in various areas around the country. These activities are initiated and coordinated by Scholars and Alumni in each region.

The RBSAA is an incorporated entity with independently elected officers and funding from its members.

In 2010, the alumni voted in the following officers:

- **President:** Donielle Buie (2000)
- **Vice President:** Errol Saunders (2002)
- **Treasurer/Finance:** William Chichester (2001), Jason Young (2000)
- **Secretary/Communication:** Geraldine Pierre (2004), Samere Reid (2004)
- **Scholar Development/Mentoring:** Lisa Gordan (2002), Sade Lawrence (2004)
- **Scholar Events:** May Lugemwa (2000), Robert Smith (2005)

Bryant Lee Watson III was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from West High School in 2006 and obtained a congressional nomination to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. While a cadet, he was selected to study Arabic at Al Akhawayn University in Morocco for a six-month study abroad program. Additionally, he was trained to solo-proficiency in Schweizer 300 helicopters at the University of North Dakota. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science from West Point in 2010 and is currently serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army.
Our Friends

Friends of the Ron Brown Scholar Program (FORBS) have played a critical role in ensuring the success of the Program since it was first established nearly fifteen years ago. Because of the support of FORBS, the Ron Brown Scholars continue to thrive in their various walks of life as they serve their communities and lend helping hands to enable others to thrive as well. Their interconnectedness, growth and progress are accelerated through the FORBS network members who offer internships, advice and challenging opportunities around the world. The RBSP is grateful for the support of FORBS who go to great lengths to accelerate the progress of African Americans into the mainstream of leadership.

The Power of Partnerships

The RBSP is gratified by the great contributions made by our partners in the business community who continue to do far more than expected to support Scholars in a variety of ways, from mentoring to professional development, providing unmatched internship opportunities and much more.

Because of the support of the Oak Foundation, RBSP has the financial strength to continue the mission to accelerate the progress of African Americans into the mainstream of leadership and keeping them connected through service for a lifetime.

Financial support from The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, State Farm Insurance, Merrill Lynch/Bank of America, and Verizon’s Thinkfinity has been essential to the success of the Leadership Enrichment and Academic Development (L.E.A.D. Series) in forming a collaborative partnership with educators and business leaders.

Cultivation Events

Spreading the Message

Several Cultivation Events that brought together members of the Advisory Board, Friends of the Program, and local Scholars were held during the past year. Individuals had the opportunity to interact with potential RBSP donors, mentors, advocates, and members of the Ron Brown Family.

Cultivation events provide the opportunity for already invested individuals and new friends of the Program to understand:

- the mission of the Ron Brown Scholar Program
- the impact the Program has had on the Ron Brown Scholars
- the current initiatives being worked on within the office and the Scholar community
- the recent successes of the Program

Thanks go to the following people for the successful cultivation events in 2009–10:

Host: Mr. Rodney E. Slater, Partner, Patton Boggs, LLP
Event Held At: Patton Boggs, LLP, Washington, DC

Host: Ambassador Diana Lady Dougan
Event Held At: Cosmos Club, Washington, DC

Host: Georgina Sanger and Bowdy Train
Event Held At: Georgetown, Washington, DC

Oak Foundation

Oak Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. The Foundation comprises a group of philanthropic organizations based in various countries around the world. Since its establishment over a decade ago, Oak Foundation has made over 1,600 grants to not-for-profit organizations across the globe. With its headquarters in Geneva, Oak has a presence in seven other countries: Belize, Bulgaria, Denmark, Ethiopia, the UK, the US and Zimbabwe.

“The Ron Brown Scholar Program is an inspiring and dynamic initiative and we are pleased to see it grow and thrive.” — Andrea Frey

Claude Moore Foundation

Dr. Claude Moore established the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation in 1987, with its primary aim being the enhancement of educational opportunities, including higher education, for young people in the Commonwealth of Virginia and elsewhere. The Claude Moore Charitable Foundation has contributed more than $43 million in support of area non-profits since its inception.

Dr. Claude Moore, a colorful and outspoken millionaire and the founder of the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, is quoted as saying that he “would help anyone who was willing to help themselves.” This is why the foundation has the goal to help the talented and underprivileged (culturally and economically) of society maximize their educational development and advance their academic pursuits. “The Ron Brown Scholar Program is an excellent program that provides economic support to students who have proven their
willingness to work hard and achieve greatness for themselves and the community at large.”

State Farm
State Farm is the number one auto and homeowners insurance provider in the U.S. and focuses on fulfilling customers’ expectations within all lines of business – auto and homeowners, life and health insurance, and bank and mutual fund products.
State Farm’s 18,000 agents and more than 67,000 employees serve 81 million policies and accounts. For nearly 88 years, State Farm has fulfilled its commitment to its policyholders by paying what is owed promptly, courteously and efficiently.
State Farm is recognized as the nation’s corporate leader in service-learning, a hands-on approach to education that combines work in the community with classroom learning.
“State Farm is a proud supporter of the Ron Brown Scholar Program and their Leadership Enrichment (L.E.A.D.) curriculum. They do an amazing job of providing support to students in their academic endeavors.” — Jon Hannah

Bank of America Charitable Foundation
Working in partnership with community leaders, Bank of America’s local market leadership directs the majority of their giving through local grants that address pressing social, economic, and cultural needs of communities across their global footprint.
Bank of America Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting high-impact initiatives and organizations, developing visionary leaders now and for the future, and providing general operating support and funding flexibility to build strong, diverse communities for the future. This year, the Bank of America Charitable Foundation and other business lines, will contribute $200 million to address critical issues facing local neighborhoods and communities.

Verizon’s Thinkfinity
Verizon is a long-standing partner in national and global campaigns to improve literacy and educational attainment. The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon, invests in initiatives that leverage innovative technology and interactive learning to increase teacher effectiveness and advance student achievement.
Verizon Thinkfinity is the Verizon Foundation’s nationally-recognized signature initiative for education and literacy. In 2009, the Verizon Foundation awarded $67.9 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the U.S. and abroad. It also matched the charitable donations of Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in an additional $26.1 million in combined contributions to nonprofits.

2009-2010 Events
Ron Brown Scholar Events: Expanding the Network
A major tenet of the Ron Brown Scholar Program has always been to create a strong family bond among Scholars and Program staff. Throughout the year, Scholars and staff get together to maintain and build on the ties that bind them through networking events and dinners around the country.

Events were held in the following cities in 2009 & 2010:
Los Angeles, CA
Stanford, CA
San Francisco, CA
New Haven, CT
Washington, DC
Atlanta, GA
Chicago, IL
Boston, MA
Cambridge, MA
Baltimore, MD
Princeton, NJ
New York, NY
Durham, NC
Philadelphia, PA
Charlottesville, VA
The Ron Brown Scholar Program is extremely proud to announce the following successes:

- Ron Brown Scholars **graduate** from the top undergraduate and graduate programs in the country, many with high honors and distinctions: 115 of 265 scholars have received degrees from Harvard, Stanford, or Yale; 60% attend Ivy League schools.
- Ron Brown Scholars **make a difference** as professionals in medicine (19 Scholars), business (17 Scholars), engineering and the sciences (31 Scholars), government and public policy (17 Scholars), law (9 Scholars), education and the humanities (30 Scholars), and media (4 Scholars).
- Ron Brown Scholars **carry out innovative service** and collaborative projects.
- Ron Brown Scholars **support** one another and the Program through the Alumni Association, most recently raising over $43,000 in Scholar contributions.
- Ron Brown Scholars **inspire** young people through their stories in *I Have Risen*, the Read to Lead Program and the new online L.E.A.D. Series, and most importantly...
- Ron Brown Scholars **serve their communities.**

Additional information on the Program can be found on our website: **www.ronbrown.org**
In 2001, to prepare for significant future growth and to ensure the continuation of the Ron Brown Scholar Program, the CAP Charitable Foundation announced the creation of the Ron Brown Scholar Fund, with an initial endowment goal of $22 million by May 1, 2012. The recent economic downturn adversely impacted non-profit endowments across the country, including the RBSP, and therefore it became necessary to reduce the number of Scholars supported, and scale down the programs.

In order to restore the ability to provide for deserving Scholars through fellowships, mentoring, and leadership and service training and opportunities, in 2010 the RBSP began an ambitious fundraising initiative. The goal was simple and straightforward - build a cadre of dedicated donors who support the Ron Brown Scholar Program now and in perpetuity through annual gifts, event sponsorship, and project support.

The following funds were received from a combination of fundraising efforts and donations:

**Ron Brown Scholar Alumni Association:**
- Balance as of December 31, 2010: $58,947.00
- 2008: $44,783.00 (through October 31, 2008)

**Read to Lead:**
- 2009: $32,400.00
- 2010: $30,000.00

**General Donations:**
- 2007: $162,138.00
- 2008: $147,389.00
- 2009: $244,279.00
- 2010: $420,261.00

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

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#### RON BROWN SCHOLAR FUND UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

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**Note 1:** Included in gifts received in the Income and Expenditure Account is US$31,511 raised through fundraising events during 2010 and split between charitable donations and endowment fund donations. Total expenses relating to these fundraising events included in fundraising expenses in the Income and Expenditure Account is US$3,279. The net proceeds of US$28,232 received in 2010 were split 50:50 between the endowment and operational funds as noted above.

**Note 2:** The above figures were taken from the Ron Brown Scholar Fund 2010 year-end financial statements which are currently in the process of being audited. The final audited financial statements are expected to be available on March 31, 2011.
WAYS TO GIVE

Annual Giving
Give a donation annually to cover the operating costs of the Program. Annual donations are unrestricted.

Endowed Scholarships
$40,000 gifts covering cost of one scholarship. One full 4-year scholarship to support a Ron Brown Scholar to be paid over four years.

Annual Ronald H. Brown – American Journey Awards:
A special event celebrating the life journey and continuing legacy of Ronald H. Brown and honoring his lifelong commitment to service and dedication to providing opportunities for others. Three outstanding individuals are presented with the annual Ronald H. Brown - American Journey Awards. Sponsorship opportunities are available at different levels. Visit www.ronbrown.org for more information.

Triennial Leadership Conferences
Established to maintain connections among Scholars despite varied career goals and geographical residences. The triennial leadership conferences gather the entire group of Scholars to a thematic conference for professional and personal renewal. The conferences enhance the Scholars’ vision of the potential of the Ron Brown Scholar network; provide Scholars with a dynamic opportunity to bond with each other; stimulate a long-lasting and far-reaching network of referrals, support, and advice; disseminate information; and challenge Scholars to set future group goals.

Cultivation Events
Sponsor local Ron Brown Scholar Program or Scholar Alumni events, which take place throughout the country during the year. Cultivation Events expand the network of FORBS by holding a “Friendraiser” and introducing other potential supporters to the Program.

Internships
Fund a yearlong work experience for a Ron Brown Scholar at the Ron Brown Scholar Program office. Provide a stipend that will fund summer opportunities for Ron Brown Scholars interning at nonprofit organizations, conducting community service projects, or participating in independent research.

Bequests
Provides the opportunity for individuals to designate a specific sum or percentage of their estate to The Ron Brown Scholar Fund in your will.

Retirement Plans
Provides the opportunity for individuals to designate The Ron Brown Scholar Fund as the beneficiary of the remainder of their retirement account upon their death. This may lessen estate taxes.

Application Selection Process
The Ron Brown Scholar Program uses a highly competitive selection process. Each year more than 6,000 applications are received and are narrowed down to approximately ten to twenty finalists based on academic achievement, financial need, leadership ability, and a demonstrated commitment to service. The Ron Brown Scholar Program Selection Committee, comprised of staff and volunteers, reviews each application. After numerous rounds of screenings, finalists are invited to our Selection Weekend in Washington, D.C., for a final round of in-depth interviews. Applicants must exemplify a strong academic record, a keen desire to continue learning, and a commitment to civic service. The Selection Committee also looks for examples of exceptional leadership potential and a desire to be agents of social change. All Ron Brown Scholars must also demonstrate financial need.
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Crystal Boyd is a proud graduate with honors of New York University, with a B.F.A. in Musical Theater and a minor in Africana Studies. She’s experienced a whirlwind over the past three years, living in Ghana, performing at Madison Square Garden, and breaking into the professional NYC theater community. Some notable projects include performing in “The Wild Party,” directing The Movement Theatre Company’s North American premiere of “Bintou,” and directing/producing/acting in “Powerful Beyond Measure” at La Mama e.t.c. in the Village. Crystal can be seen in two commercials this month, and is grinding her way to TV and film!!! Crystal is trying her best to honor the Ron Brown legacy with her production company, 1990 Lex Productions; the company focuses on honoring women and their stories through producing, creating, and acting in their own television and film projects. The first 1990 Lex project is an 8-part web-series, whose pilot premiered in March. It’s time to create a new narrative in the media. To follow her on this journey, check out www.crystalinboyd.com.

CURRENTLY WORKING IN:
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Crystal Boyd
RBS 2006

HOMETOWN: Silver Spring, Maryland
COLLEGE: New York University
EMPLOYMENT:
Singer, Actor, Director, Launched 1990 Lex Productions

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Ron Brown Scholars foster lifelong goodwill and strong connections among all Ron Brown Scholars through communication and mentorship as well as through the contribution of personal funds to enhance and perpetuate the organization.

In 2009 the Alumni Association sponsored the first-ever Ron Brown Scholar Business and Social Entrepreneurship Conference in New York and in 2010 were a Gold Level sponsor at the first annual Ronald H. Brown – The Journey Continues event in Washington, DC.

Out of a total 201 alumni who have graduated between 1997 and 2006, 180 have given donations, which represents a 89.6 percent rate of response.

Out of the undergraduates currently in the scholarship program, 31 out of 64 have made donations, which represents a 48 percent rate of response.

The overall total, including both alumni and current Scholars, is 222 out of 265, which represents an 83.7 percent response rate. The names of current and alumni Scholars who donated in between 2009-2010 appear in the columns on page 19.

Ron Brown Scholars Who Have Given

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He is continuing his studies toward the PhD degree at Harvard as an NSF Graduate Research Fellow.

André maintains his commitment to service principally through teaching and mentoring. He has instructed a course in synthetic biology to disadvantaged high school students and has served as a mentor for his department’s minority undergraduate research program. Additionally, he serves on the Institutional Review Board of the Fenway Institute in Boston.

With each completed experiment, André moves closer to establishing an independent laboratory. With each new student he encounters, whether in Boston or on return trips to Opelousas, André reinvigorates his motivation to pursue science.
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