

The Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF) was established and incorporated by Mu Nu Chapter on March 6, 1978, in the State of Maryland.



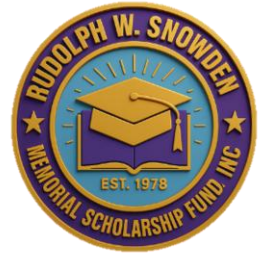
RWSMSF honors the memory of *Rudolph W. Snowden* who was the principal founder and a charter member of Mu Nu Chapter, an unincorporated association of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. RWSMSF aims to increase the number of African American males attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and to assist in the preservation of HBCUs by providing financial incentives to qualifying and deserving Montgomery County Public Schools (Maryland), African American male, graduating high school seniors enrolling at HBCUs.

RWSMSF annually considers scholarship applications from qualifying and deserving applicants who plan to attend HBCUs. Final issuance of scholarship awards is contingent upon award selectees providing verification of their enrollment from their chosen HBCU for the academic year immediately following their award selection.

The RWSMSF Board of Directors (the "Board") may annually select one or more awardees and award scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. Awardees may apply their scholarships toward tuition, fees or other expenses.



Newsletter of the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.  
January 2026



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to friends, family, supporters and sponsors, one and all. On behalf of the RWSMSF Board of Directors and our Corporate Members, I welcome you and thank you for reading another edition of the newsletter presented by the Rudolph W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc. (RWSMSF).



We are well into the new year (2026) and have faced our first major winter weather challenge in the D.C. metropolitan area. We pray you all made it through well as we continue to pray for those who have struggled and continue to struggle in any number of areas. Please stay encouraged and undaunted.

In the spirit of commitment, focus, and uplift, we look to press onward as we enter the month of February recognizing another "Black History Month". Among our 2025 events and efforts, we participated in several area college fairs, introduced a new RWSMSF logo in 2025 (see above), and awarded several new and former RWSMSF scholars. We also hosted our Annual Corporate Meeting in January 2026 to close out a successful 2025 as we look forward to an incredibly impactful 2026.

Our mission continues with even more vigor during these challenging times that demand we remain committed and focused on supporting young African American males and our Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). We look forward to again participating in annual HBCU college fairs in the area, offering various fundraising efforts and events, and hosting our annual scholarship application period open March 1 through May 1.

I invite you to continue to participate in the positive impact that RWSMSF is having. Visit our website for information and to donate. Again, thank you and well wishes for continued blessings to you and yours.

Sincerely,

*Troy*

Troy Manigault | President | RWSMSF

## LEADERSHIP | The Board

The following make up the current RWSMSF Board. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued support and generous contributions towards the success of our scholars and HBCUs. The RWSMSF Corporate Members are comprised of financial members of the Mu Nu Chapter, and unincorporated association of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

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### HISTORY | "BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

Did you know that "Black History Month" was formally "Negro History Week", which was first celebrated in 1926. This year will mark the centennial of its establishment – **100 years!!** What we celebrate today was the vision of **Carter Godwin Woodson**, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. He was born December 19, 1875, in New Canton, Virginia to parents who were former slaves, and he worked in West Virginia coal mines for a period, which delayed his schooling. He earned degrees from Berea College (Kentucky) and the University of Chicago before becoming the second African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Dr. Woodson became a famed American historian and an author and journalist. He is known as the founder of the *Association for the Study of African American Life and History* (ASALH) – pronounced "a-sah-lah". He was a pioneer in the study of the African diaspora and founder of *The Journal of Negro History* in 1916. He realized the need to for a scholarly focus on Negro history and historians, because his work was largely excluded from the White academic history profession.



Dr. Woodson's efforts and impact garnered him the title, "Father of Black History." His contributions and impact were directly felt at HBCUs where he taught – both Howard University and West Virginia State University. The majority of his

career was spent in Washington, D.C. where he managed the ASALH, did public speaking engagements, as well as writing and publishing.

His many accolades include Honorary membership in the *Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.* and the Spingarn Medal award. He passed away April 3, 1950, and is buried at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Suitland Maryland where two of the Founders of Omega Psi Phi are also buried – Dr. Ernest Everett Just and Professor Frank Coleman.

## OUTREACH | HBCU College Fairs

RWSMSF participated in several college fairs in 2024 and 2025. The events included our first year joining the Mount Calvary Baptist Church’s 14<sup>th</sup> and then 15<sup>th</sup> Annual HBCU College & Career Fair in Rockville, MD in November. We had the pleasure of having one of Rudolph W. Snowden’s two daughters – Gina Snowden Harrell – visit our scholarship table.



We continued with our presence at the annual Montgomery County Public Schools HBCU College Fair where we participated during their 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> events at the Universities at Shady Grove in Gaithersburg, MD in February.



We also attended the inaugural HBCU College Fair at the Kingdom Fellowship AME Church HBCU Fair in Calverton, MD in February 2025.

We also attended our first “100 Black Men” college fair held in Washington, D.C., which offered an expanded presence in an effort to

promote RWSMSF and identify eligible MCPS graduating seniors who attend college fairs throughout the D.C. metropolitan area.



**Photo (top R).** L to R: 2025 Fundraising Sub-chair, Bro. Shaun Ratliff, Ms. Gina Snowden (daughter of Rudolph W. Snowden), Treasurer Anthony Proctor, and Immediate-past President Robert J. Jamison, Jr. at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church 2025 HBCU College Fair.

**Photo (bottom L).** Immediate-past President Robert J. Jamison, Jr. discusses RWSMSF scholarships.

**Photo (bottom R).** L to R: Troy Manigault, President and Immediate-past President Robert J. Jamison, Jr. pause for photo on the Kingdom Fellowship AME Church red carpet.



## SCHOLARS | 2025 Awardees

RWSMSF awarded nearly \$28,900 in total awards for 2025. We offer congratulations and prayers to our awardees for their continued success as they pursue their college degrees as their chosen HBCUs. We look forward to the day they transition from HBCU students to HBCU graduates.



**Myles Dickerson**

Northwest H.S.

*Delaware State University*

Major: Sports Management



**Jay Giese**

Thomas Wootton H.S.

*Morgan State University*

Major: Construction Management



**Gantt Hagins**

Sherwood H.S.

*Morehouse College*

Major: Engineering



**Walter Neighbors**

Quince Orchard H.S.

*Hampton University*

Major: Psychology



**Isaiah Raphael-Daley**

James H. Blake H.S.

*Morehouse College*

Major: Engineering



**Stephon Shorts**

James H. Blake H.S.

*Morehouse College*

Major: Media Communications



**Alue-Zion Turay**

Springbrook H.S.

*Coppin State University*

Major: Engineering



**Malek Washington**

John F. Kennedy H.S.

*N.C. A&T State University*

Major: Mechanical Engineering



## SCHOLARSHIPS | Our Footprint

The 2025 scholarship awards cycle marked an exceptional year with eight (8) incredible scholars who enrolled at six (6) HBCUs across five (5) states (**see SCHOLARS**) – Delaware (*Delaware State University*), Georgia (*Morehouse College*), Maryland (*Coppin State University & Morgan State University*), North Carolina (*N.C. A&T State University*) and Virginia (*Hampton University*).

We are exceptionally pleased to share in the success our collective impact for our scholars and the HBCUs. YOU helped make it possible through your financial support and prayers. Thank you!!




## SCHOLARS | Past Awardees

RWSMSF is also pleased to share updates on some past awardees. The contributions and continued prayers we receive continue to have an amazing impact. Each of our 2025 Graduates received \$1,000; **\$3,000 in total graduation awards**.

### 2025 Graduates

**DAVID FLOWERS, JR.**  
 2021 RWSMSF Awardee  
 Rockville H.S.  
 Morehouse College



Bachelor's in Economics  
 Inducted into **Phi Beta Kappa\***  
 Selected as **Top Ranking Scholar in Economics** -- Jr. & Sr. Years  
 Selected for **TD Bank Early Talent Rotational Program** -- Commercial Banking

\*Oldest and most prestigious academic honor society in the U.S., founded in 1776.



2025 Graduates - *continued*



CLASS OF  
2025



**MESAI FULMORE**  
2021 RWSMSF Awardee  
Sherwood H.S.  
Morgan State University



Bachelor's in Finance  
Graduated **early**  
Pursuing Graduate studies for an MBA



**DENNIS TSITSIWU**  
2021 RWSMSF Awardee  
Montgomery Blair H.S.  
Howard University



Bachelor's in Biology  
Graduated **Summa Cum Laude**  
Completed Internship of Huntsman Cancer Institute, University  
of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT  
Complete **MCAT** with plans for medical school  
\*Latin for highest honors; \*\* Medical College Admissions Test



## 2020 Graduate

### JOSHUA HOLLOWAY

2020 Awardee

Richard Montgomery H.S.

Delaware State University

Career path | Commercial Pilot

Earned Commercial Pilot License in March 2025



Cleared for takeoff - officially.\*

\*I'm incredibly grateful for the instructors, mentors, and peers who supported me along the way. The journey continues - and the skies are wide open.



Mr. Holloway completed his degree and required flight hours despite the limitations and delays resulting from the impacts of the COVID era that could have derailed his dreams. He persevered and secured a coveted position in the United Airlines "Aviate Program" that offered mentorship, flight benefits and a conditional job offer upon completion and meeting other requirements.

Joshua Holloway, UNITED pilot, completed the licensing requirements and is now a



professional aviator with a major global airline carrier as he continues to live his dream. Your donations helped to not only start his HBCU journey, but also to help fund flight hours and provide him with a graduation award. Thank you!

## DONATE | Please & Thank You!

The Board of Directors sincerely thanks all Mu Nu Brothers for their annual contributions to RWSMSF. The Mu Nu Foundation, Inc., (MNF) as a nonprofit organization established by the Mu Nu Chapter annually donates \$40 each based on the number of financial members of the Mu Nu Chapter. We thank MNF for their continued support of our young the African-American males and our HBCUs. And thank you to the financial Brothers of Mu Nu Chapter who make the MNF donation possible.



We offer special thanks to Dr. Shawn Joseph, interim superintendent for Prince George's County Public Schools. He is a distinguished graduate of Lincoln University (PA) and Howard University. He has been and remains an exceptionally generous donor and supporter of RWSMSF, as well as serving as a Board member.

Among his many roles and accolades, Dr. Joseph is a career educator, scholar, author, and financial member of Mu Nu Chapter. He is a tireless advocate for education, especially among our youth, and for the continued promotion and uplift of HBCUs. His contributions have been an annual high point for RWSMSF fundraising and the impact has been tremendous. We offer our congratulations on his superintendent role and continued prayers to Dr. Joseph, and we say Thank You!



Please continue to support and refer others to support our African-American males in their pursuit of higher education and supporting our beloved and important HBCUs by donating and asking your family and friends to join/match your donations via any of the following methods:

- Zelle: [info@rwsmsf.org](mailto:info@rwsmsf.org)
- Cash App: [RW SNOWDEN](#)
- Check: Payable to “RWSMSF, Inc.” and mailed to  
R.W. Snowden Memorial Scholarship Fund, Inc.  
P.O. Box 10607  
Silver Spring, MD 20914

RWSMSF offers the option for recurring donations that allow you to spread your donation across a small extended time period to have a large impact at the end of the year.

Please remember that RWSMSF is an authorized nonprofit in the State of Maryland and an IRS-approved [section 501\(c\)\(3\) charitable organization](#) eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions under Tax Identification No. 52-1102842. Donors receive a thank you notification that can be used with annual tax filings. Thank you in advance for your donations.