

# Patriot Pairs Mentoring Newsletter

Mission: Every student is supported and empowered to realize their full potential for lifelong success.

## OUR FIRST FOUR YEAR GRADUATES, 2018!

In May, our first class that started PP as freshmen, graduated as seniors from GWHS and, the mentoring program! They have wasted no time in starting on their long term goals.



Top row left to right: **Richard Zamora** excelled in math and science, worked outside of school and completed an internship at his local City Councilwoman's office. He is attending CSU in Fort Collins, Mentor: Debbie Fagan and Besty Crane

**Stephanie Willis** overcame a difficult freshman year at GW. She is talented in visual arts and excels in drawing. She is attending Emily Griffith studying Cosmetology. Mentor: Kathy Kilmer.

**Montez Wilson** is smart and talented; he was inducted into NHS as a Junior. He tutored his classmates at GW as well as middle school students. He worked outside of school. He was accepted with scholarships to Metro; however, he is attending UNC in Greeley. Mentor: Steve Brown

**Ty'Ana Stinson-Bronson** is remarkable in her tenaciousness despite being abandoned by her mother. She graduated with a 3.8 GPA and was on the Honor Roll. She gives much credit to her guardian Perla Ruiz. She was accepted to the University of Denver but chose to attend CSU in Fort Collins. Mentor: Debbie Frazier

Thank you to the members of the Operating Committee who, as volunteers, direct the program:

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**Diego Garcia** is an energetic and caring student. He has wanted to become a chef since he was a child. He graduated with a 3.8 GPA and was a member of the NHS. He is an exceptional artist and volunteered in the community by helping low income children and families. He and Ty'Ana Bronson-Stinson, another mentee, operated a successful cookie and cupcake business. He is attending Johnson & Wales University in Denver. Mentor: Debbie Frazier

**Amorous Simone Blackman** is currently a US Marine boot camp attendee. She told her mentor as a freshman, that she wanted to be a Marine and she did not waver from that goal. During her four years at GW, she was a leader in JROTC and at GW. She was on the Brigade Staff and she graduated from the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, as an honor roll student each semester. She was President of the International Baccalaureate Black Organization (IBBO) and President of the Student Board of Patriots Care Inc. She was a founder of GW's lacrosse team, and a student counselor at DPS's Balarat Outdoor Education Center. Mentor: Jean Brennan

**Joselin Muniz Barron** graduated from Delta HS. After graduation she traveled to visit family in Mexico. She worked with Rainbow throughout HS and is a very talented artist. Mentor: Maggie Miller

**Seated: Yemi Kelani** is currently attending Northwestern University in Chicago. While not originally a part of the program, he adopted Jamie Armatas as his mentor and became a valued member of the Patriot Pairs Program. Mentor: Jamie Armatas

**Oumard Ouattara** was a highly successful high school student. He started GW as a sophomore and immediately signed up for the IB program. He played the double base and cello, participated in track and photography and was a member of IBBO and the Denver Humanitarian Club. He also played keyboards in a band with GW friends. He was accepted at most colleges where he applied, and is attending CU Denver or Boulder. Mentor: Jamie C. Armatas

**Mircia Chavira** worked hard throughout high school to pay for her personal needs and family activities. She is very family oriented, while also being independent, persevering, kind and responsible. She is attending CSU in Fort Collins. Mentor: Claudia Luna-Asturias

**Faruq Belen** joined Patriot Pairs as a junior. During his senior year, all his classes were at the Community College (CC) of Denver, where he learned to advocate for himself, work hard and set and meet goals. His non-school activities included Assistant Manager at McDonalds at DIA. He is attending CC of Denver and has plans to transfer to Colorado School of Mines. Mentor: Alex Kwan

Not pictured: **Liscenia Jimenez-Chino** is driven and devoted to making a change and helping others. She was a leader, listener and motivated team player with a sense of humor. She graduated from the IB Program and was on the Honor Roll with Distinction every semester since her freshman year. She has the DPS seal of Bi-literacy demonstrating proficiency in English and Spanish. She played lacrosse, lifted weights and wrestled for GW in her Senior year. She is no stranger to development programs having participated in many including, Women's Foundation Girls Leadership Council, Brandeis University's (MA) Service Corp, Junior Achievement Business Week, and the GW IB program. She was an outstanding student and leader who is attending CSU in Fort Collins. Mentor: Linda Fuller

We are so proud of these students and, we celebrate their successes. Our mentors and all the staff and leadership at George wishes to commend them on their accomplishments and will continue to be inspired by their successes!

As our program matures, we thank you for your continued support. Look for more news as we are taking on new responsibilities by working closely with GW administration to institutionalize PP as an ongoing program at George. What that looks like is, documenting and standardizing all of our processes. What we know is that mentoring works! Your support is so **CRITICAL** to these types of impacts in the lives of our young people who are our country's future! Many, many thanks and please continue to look for significant results from Patriot Pairs!

We are pleased to acknowledge all of our mentees who made the Second Semester of 2017-2018 Honor Roll:

Jharmune Alexander, Freshman  
Yessica Contreras-Vargas, Sophomore  
Yareth Cuellar, Freshman  
Angel Espanta, Sophomore  
Safia Goldsmith, Sophomore  
Traci Gordon, Freshman  
Chaltu Hamma, Freshman  
Ana Hernandez-Tabla, Freshman  
Taylor Johnson, Sophomore  
Kaba Kone, Freshman  
Andy Mancha-Delval, Freshman  
Larry Martin (Tre), Junior  
Kennidi Nobles, Freshman  
Arriona Rice, Junior  
Angel Uzelo, Junior  
Hayden Vogel, Freshman



**We can not operate successfully without our relentless volunteer mentors. Your donations are used to support mentee engagement in educational, community and leadership development programs both locally and nationally. Mentors provide a meaningful relationship that engages the mentee with an adult who has completed college and includes; educational and life skills advice and some transportation. They meet weekly to counsel on many topics that interest the mentee, advocacy with teachers and administrators, referrals when needed, and an interface with parents and guardians.**



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