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Congratulations 2021 Scholarship Recipients!

The Committee of 100 Academic Scholarship for 2021 was awarded at our Virtual Member's Meeting on May 18 to **Divita Taduvayi**. Ted Williams representing Landmark Science & Engineering, top donors in our 100 SUPERSTARS Endowment Campaign, presented the award. Divita is graduating from **MOT Charter High School** with a 4.45 GPA and an impressive resume of academic, leadership and community service accomplishments. She will attend the **University of Pennsylvania** in the Jerome Fisher Program in Management & Technology, a dual degree program with the Wharton School of Business and the School of Engineering and Applied Science.



Divita Taduvayi
MOT Charter High School
Founder, Girls Tech Together

Divita Taduvayi wants to innovate business solutions with a social benefit by studying computer science with a focus on artificial intelligence and data science in tandem with entrepreneurship. She's gained early experience in this area by designing and helping to develop Feeding the Ville, a marketplace-style app for food redistribution/food insecurity alleviation that won first place at the 2020 Harvard College Global Health and Leadership Conference. Divita also conducted market research for new digital products and services for youth career development and used machine learning to optimize student portfolios at local start-up OpportuniMe.

Divita is President of the National Honor Society at MOT Charter, two-time State President and six-time National Finalist of the Technology Student Association, and was a 2020 Scholar and 2021 Peer Mentor in the Delaware Youth Leadership Network.

Of all her accomplishments, the Education & Scholarship Committee was most impressed with Divita's passion and leadership in promoting STEM education for girls. In addition to leadership positions with Girls Go CyberStart and Girls Go Digital, she founded Girls Tech Together, a non-profit that introduces computer science and coding to elementary age girls. She's mentored over 150 girls from ten local schools and three international schools in several 10-week cohorts.

Each year, The Committee of 100 offers a \$3,000 Academic Scholarship to a high school senior who is a resident of New Castle County, and who intends to major in business, economics or a STEM field. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence and well-rounded involvement in extra-curricular and community activities. This year, we were pleased to also award a special Merit Scholarship to **Jahmere Stanford-Hargraves** in recognition of his grit and determination in overcoming obstacles to achieve academic success. Members of the Scholarship Committee and Board of Directors generously donated \$3,000 for this additional award. Jahmere is graduating from the AVID and Jobs for Delaware Graduates programs at **Mount Pleasant High School** and will attend **Howard University** to study Business Management/Marketing to prepare for a career in non-profit leadership. Jahmere is a founding member and vice chair of the Executive Committee of The Teen Warehouse in Wilmington.

Education & Scholarship Committee Chair Brent Shaffer extends special thanks to Pete Bailey, Bert Green, Phil Hough, Jennifer Kmiec, Dev Sitaram, Paula Swain, and Ted

Williams for reviewing and scoring this year's record 73 applications and interviewing the five outstanding finalists. It was a real challenge selecting among so many talented and accomplished students!

Join the New Program Committee

The Committee of 100 hosts monthly Dinner Meetings and Member Receptions designed to inform and provide opportunities for members to interact with other members, clients, business leaders and elected officials. The Board of Directors is forming a Program Committee to help plan Dinner Meetings with top business and government leaders as speakers, and select sites for the popular Member Reception field trips.

Pete Bailey of Wilmington University will chair the new Program Committee and invites you to join him. Please contact Jennifer Kmiec at 302-689-3032 or jkniec@committeeof100.com to sign up or for more details.



The Committee of 100

ANNUAL JUNE BBQ

Monday, June 28, 2021
5:30 - 7:30 PM
University & Whist Club

Reconnect with colleagues,
clients, friends and
elected officials.

Join us for the best
networking event
of the season!

REGISTER TODAY!

BBQ Table Sponsorships Available

Join the growing list of 2021 BBQ Table Sponsors and place your company's brand in front of Delaware's public and private sector leaders. An investment of only \$300 earns you a table sign, poster listing, and recognition in event e-mails and on The Committee of 100 website. Each table sponsorship also includes one event registration (\$50 value).



Register online for both Member/Guest and Table Sponsors. Cocktails and BBQ will be served in the Carriage House and outside on the lawn with socially-distanced farm tables. Dress is business casual.



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