

# BLACK ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

## *Supporting Black Excellence at UGA*

The Black Alumni Scholarship Endowment provides scholarships to deserving students who demonstrate promising leadership qualities and a commitment to advancing racial equality. Established in 1981 by professor James Simmons, Jr. and Horatio Lanier (ABJ '77), with the support of faculty, staff and alumni, the endowment supports Black excellence at the University of Georgia. Today, UGA Black Alumni, the official affinity group for Black graduates of UGA, is dedicated to increasing support for this endowment and furthering its impact on students who are invested in building an inclusive campus community. They recently established The 1961 Club, named for the year of desegregation at UGA, to encourage others to give increments of 1961 (\$19.61, \$196.10, \$1,961.00, etc.).

Additional gifts to the Black Alumni Scholarship Endowment will create more opportunities for outstanding Black Alumni Scholars. Awarded to first-year students and renewable every year, this scholarship lessens the financial stress of affording tuition, allowing these students to take full advantage of everything UGA offers as they pursue their educations and launch their careers.

## STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES



“This scholarship has allowed me to take full advantage of UGA as an academic setting with a greater ease of mind. Just as important as the money has been the connections I have gained. As an aspiring medical student, I’ve been able to create new connections with Black alumni that have gone through the medical school process. Speaking with these individuals has been invaluable. I am currently on track to graduate in three years from UGA with a degree in chemistry, and I have started applying to medical schools. Wish me luck!”

Khadar Haroun '18



“I applied for the Black Alumni Scholarship because I was unsure if I would find the resources to graduate from UGA without having to take out a personal loan. This scholarship has allowed me to take advantage of opportunities that I would not have had otherwise because I am graduating from UGA debt-free.”

Charles Orgbon III '17



“I applied for the Black Alumni Scholarship to help with my financial struggle in attending UGA. This scholarship makes me feel recognized for my work and the potential I have to make a change in the UGA community. I am a biology major, pre-med intent, with a concentration in neuroscience. I plan to further my education, attend medical school after graduation or spend time working for agencies like the Center for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization.”

Orobosa Idehen '20



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