In my role, I attend quite a few graduations. While they all share common elements, there is one area in which they are clearly diverse: Crowd celebration.

At some commencement ceremonies, the crowd is warned within an inch of their lives that this is a solemn occasion and they should sit in silence until the last name is called. Then and only then, may they applaud politely to show appreciation for their graduate. In these environments, any outburst is met with a threatening look, disdain, and occasionally giggles from others in the crowd. Other graduation ceremonies more openly allow applause and outbursts, possibly recognizing that attempts to tamp it down will inevitably fail.

A few years ago, I attended a graduation ceremony led by people with a completely different philosophy. Instead of emphasizing the solemnity, they chose to focus on the celebration. As the president of the institution explained to the crowd, each graduation is a milestone moment not only for the student, but also for their family and friends. Each diploma awarded recognizes the accomplishments of the graduate AND the sacrifices and encouragement of all that have cheered them on their journey.

Can you imagine the difference that made? Instead of outbursts marked by shaming and snickering, there was joyous cheering and applause honoring each graduate and his or her tribe. Despite the long list of names, I was almost sad when it came to an end. Such was the camaraderie that formed among the audience members. We were all in it together.

I can't help but wonder if that isn't how every accomplishment should be acknowledged: with the support of the whole community. At Family Scholar House, we think so and that is why we host graduation celebrations and invite the community to join us in congratulating our participants and their children.

As you view the faces and names of our graduates in this magazine, please know that we are also celebrating you as part of the family that has supported their success. Your contributions of time, talent, and treasure make a difference for our graduates. While they did it, each of you helped.

Cathe Dykstra
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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE-AUGUST

PACK-A-BACKPACK

June 1 through August 31, 2019

Each year, FSH collects school supplies to ensure our students of ALL ages are ready to succeed in the classroom. We will be collecting the items on the checklist below through August at various locations around Louisville. Check family scholarhouse.org for drop off locations. Contact Kenzie Robinson at krobinson@family scholarhouse.org for more information.

Needed items: children's backpacks, flash drives, folders, index cards, loose leaf paper, notebooks, small scissors, and crayons.

AUGUST

FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE OPEN HOUSE

August 2019

Join us for a reception showcasing the art of Family Scholar House at our Louisville Scholar House campus. Visit with our artist in residence, Deborah Lott, and enjoy refreshments while you browse her breathtaking art work that hangs on the walls of our campuses. For more information, contact Kate Brackett at KBrackett@FamilyScholarHouse.org or 502.813.3086.
With five Louisville campuses, a busy pre-residential program, and two outreach locations, something is always going on at Family Scholar House!

**MAYOR’S GIVE-A-DAY WEEK OF SERVICE**

Throughout the year, we are thankful for our extended Family Scholar House family—those in the community that embrace our mission and support our families as they work to achieve their educational goals. Mayor’s Give-A-Day Week of Service is one of our favorite weeks, as we welcome all those who come to lend a hand and learn about FSH. THANK YOU to the people that gave their time and talents to help our families—we appreciate you!

Did you know an hour of volunteering is valued at $21.42 in Kentucky? With over 240 volunteers, the total contribution from Mayor’s Give A Day Week of Service totaled $14,441.99! While that is an incredibly significant number, it is a further demonstration of how invaluable your service is to Family Scholar House.

**FAMILY SCHOLAR HOUSE AND BEYOND**

At Family Scholar House, we are supporting our single-parent scholars as they pursue post-secondary education. We begin preparing them for post-graduation from the moment they walk in our doors. Throughout the year, we host Career Fairs, Speed Mentoring, Resume Workshops, Mock Interviews, and set up Job Shadowing Opportunities. These skills coupled with knowledge gained inside the classroom, prepares them for the ultimate goal of self-sufficiency. Thank you to our partners for investing in our participants and providing the critical experience they need.

If you’re interested in volunteering your time and knowledge for these events, email getinvolved@familyscholarhouse.org.
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P.S. This year, we also celebrated with our affiliate, Lincoln Grant Scholar House, as they celebrated five graduates.
Family Scholar House is pleased to announce the graduating Class of 2019. We are so excited that we are, once again, celebrating our largest graduating class to date, with 71 student parents and foster alumni, bringing the total of college degrees earned by FSH participants to 502. We know you are as proud of these scholars as we are.

### DOCTORATE DEGREE

- **LAUREL ROBINSON**  
  Mother of Erica

- **CHERRELLE MARABLE**  
  Mother of DeonTrey and Jeremiah

- **BRENDA ORLOV**  
  Mother of Sophia and Jaxon

- **SASHIA E. TORRES**  
  Mother of Rashad, Timarion, and Alexis

### MASTER’S DEGREE

- **NOT PICTURED**
  - **ANNETTRRA JONES**  
    Mother of Ariah, Aryanne, and Ernest

### BACHELOR’S DEGREE

- **JESSICA CEBE**  
  Mother of Giovanni and Aubrey

- **KRISTENA COOK**  
  Mother of Abbi and Cherish

- **WHITNEY COWINS**  
  Mother of Chloe

- **TALEAH DALLAS-BELT**  
  Mother of Xavier and Maleah

- **SALICIA GORE**  
  Mother of Aaliyah

- **ASHLEY GRANT**  
  Mother of Elijah

- **AMANDA LEE**  
  Mother of Kailyn

- **BARBARA LEWIS**  
  Mother of Delvin, Joanna, Jeremiah, and Wendell

- **JENNA MEREDITH**  
  Mother of Lyla

- **MICHELE MOSLEY**  
  Mother of Jeremiah

- **KELSIE ORMAN**  
  Mother of Jonathan

- **OLIVIA PIERCE**  
  Mother of Lacy

- **BRITTANY SANDERSON**  
  Mother of Janyiah, Jaliyah, and Jazzlyn

- **JOHNECIA SEAY**  
  Mother of Josiah

- **NOT PICTURED**
  - **CHANETAY COLBERT**  
    Mother of Mya
  - **ERICA MCCUBBINS**  
    Mother of Brooklyn
  - **DESTINY PENNERMAN**  
    Mother of Zari
  - **ANEISHA PHELPS**  
    Mother of Zariah

### ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE

- **KAELIN ALLISON**  
  Mother of Donovan

- **CORRINE ARMSTRONG**  
  Mother of Laeyya, Tali, and Kairomeer

- **JAZETTE CHILDRESS**  
  Mother of Ja’Zyah and Aniya

- **JUSTIN CHRISTMAN**  
  Mother of Zariah

- **NATALIE DANIELS**  
  Mother of Zariah

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JODY DAY
Mother of Connor and Kalee

TIFFANY FITZPATRICK
Mother of Princeton

VANESSA GOODRICH
Mother of James and Tameron

ROLANDA HAMILTON
Mother of Raelan

MADISON HARDIN
Mother of Eve

ANNA HILDABRAND
Mother of Trevor

CYNTHIA HILL
Mother of Ariana

LAIJADA HOLDER
Mother of Kylie

BAY-LEIGH LOCKHART
Mother of Zari

KENYATTA MARTIN
Mother of Kamilya

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Mother of Jace and Kathryn

ALICYA MILLER
Mother of Amiyah

SHAWANDA PARKER
Mother of David, Jeremiah, DaMiah, and Semaj

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Mother of Kennedy

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Mother of Raniya and Rianna

CASHAUNdra WASHINGTON
March 2019 DSH
Mother of Jaylen and Brendan

SIARA WOOD
Mother of Davayah

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JAELYN BARTLETT
Mother of Demi

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Mother of Kyden and Klay

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Mother of Arthur and King

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Mother of Brandon, Kyan, and Kaliyah

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WINE, WOMEN, & SHOES 2019

On Friday, March 1, 2019, Family Scholar House hosted its 6th Annual Wine Women & Shoes event at the Henry Clay, with our phenomenal mistress of ceremonies, WLKY’s Vicki Dortch. With 360 guests in attendance and through the collective impact of community leaders, we raised nearly $400,000 making this FSH’s largest fundraising event to date to support the educational programs and services of Family Scholar House.

Wine Women & Shoes, presented by GE Appliances, was a fabulous opportunity for the community to come together to support the mission of Family Scholar House and have a blast doing it! A big thank you to everyone who made our event a success. For a full list of sponsors, see page 11.

Mark your calendar now for the 7th Annual Wine Women & Shoes

To be held on Friday, March 6, 2020. Tickets will go on sale later this fall. For information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kellie Johnston, at kjohnston@familyscholarhouse.org or 502.813.3077.
ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION

Save the date for Family Scholar House’s Celebration of Education Gala on September 20, 2019 at the Omni Louisville Hotel. This evening is dedicated to recognizing the role education plays in ending generational poverty with a participant story, special speaker, Lucy Award presentation, and an update on recent activities at Family Scholar House plus a networking reception and silent auction. We promise to inform and inspire our guests.

This upscale evening ends with a dance party featuring Endless Summer Band. We know that you will not want to miss our gala. We are honored that WLKY’s Vicki Dortch will, once again, be the Mistress of Ceremonies.

We are pleased to announce the following details about the upcoming gala:

**Keynote Speaker:** Scott Davenport, Bellarmine University men’s basketball head coach, a husband, a father and community leader who understands the importance of education and a strong work ethic. We look forward to his inspiring message.

**Lucy Award:** Named in honor of the late Dr. Lucy Freibert, SCN, this annual award recognizes those that promote the importance of education, advocate for leadership development of women, and invest in our community.

**2019 Lucy Award Recipient:** For more than six years Trilogy Health Services has partnered with Family Scholar House in every way possible. This includes; helping our participants and community members be more food secure by sponsoring our family cafes and the food pantry at Riverport Scholar House. Their support also includes forward thinking workforce development opportunities through non-traditional apprenticeship programs and employment for our participants. We see their commitment to our community not only through the collaborations with us but also in how they serve their residents and employees.

For more information about table reservations and sponsorship opportunities contact Kate Brackett at KBrackett@FamilyScholarHouse.org or 502.813.8086.

To learn more about our Keynote Speaker and Lucy Award recipients, visit www.Facebook.com/FamilyScholarHouse.
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