



## **Chums, Incorporated Announces the 2019 Scholarship Winners**

The National Chapter of Chums, Incorporated is pleased to announce the 2019 Founders' National Scholarship winners. At the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave held October 17-20, 2019, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, three exemplary students were awarded scholarships. The Founders' National Scholarship was established in 2001 in honor of Chum Founders Mary Ward Barnes, Joyce Tate Brown, and Theodora Jackson Cora.

The Scholarship benefits students who are entering their first year of college. Applications from local chapters were submitted to the National Chums, Incorporated Scholarship Committee for consideration. The candidates are rated based upon their financial need, scholarship, community service, and leadership. Scholarships are awarded at the National Conclave for the organization in October of each year.

**Recommended for the top award of a \$3,000 scholarship is Ms. Ellen Denning, submitted by the Tri-City Chapter.** Ms. Denning reported a GPA of 4.6 and was ranked #1 in her class. She graduated from a five year Early College Program in four years with stellar academic performance and community service while working 30+ hours a week supporting herself and her younger brother financially. Ms. Denning had an inspiring essay. She will attend North Carolina State University. She wants to return to her community to focus on creating sustainable environments.

**Recommended for the second candidate award of \$2,000 is Ms. Widline Senatus, submitted by the Orlando Chapter.** Ms. Senatus reported a 4.0 throughout her academic career. In addition to her strong academics, she is an example of one of those "one of a kind students" who successfully balanced academics and community service. Widline has been a dedicated volunteer for several community organizations. She was accepted to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will study biomedical sciences and go to medical school. She wants to come back to her community to show other low-income high performing students like herself that they can break the poverty cycle and achieve greatness.

**And the third book scholarship of \$500 is awarded to Mr. David Taylor, submitted by the Cincinnati Chapter.** Although his grades were not the best, he has survived six concussions and is living with post-concussion syndrome. And, he has graduated from high school, completed 700 service hours, found a passion for digital media, and attends Northern Kentucky University.

### **About Chums, Incorporated**

Chums, Incorporated is a non-profit organization that provides opportunities for women to meet in friendship and fun, to encourage a spirit of helpfulness, and to use their many talents in service to the community.

The organization promotes civic, cultural, educational, and social improvement. An ancillary focus of the organization is to enrich the lives of children by helping them to develop to their fullest intellectual, moral, emotional, physical, and social potential.

**Regina Petteway, Raleigh (NC) Chapter of Chums, Incorporated is the Chair of the Founders National scholarship Committee, and Elizabeth S. Saunders, Orlando (FL) Chapter of Chums, Incorporated, is the National President of Chums, Incorporated.**