

**FOCRLS**

FRIENDS OF CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN SCHOOL

**FY19-20**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020



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All of the College Scholarship and Faculty Distinction Award recipient photos used in this report were submitted by the recipients themselves.



## Our Mission

The mission of Friends of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (FOCRLS) is to develop, support, and enrich the academic and social development programs at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School and to support the alumni of CRLS and its predecessor schools. In so doing, FOCRLS promotes achievement and community investment in the future of CRLS, its current students, and its graduates.

## Governance 2019-20

### Board of Directors

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July-August 2019)

Friendly the Falcon, Mascot



*Alem and Friendly*

# Remembering Dr. Christopher Saheed



Friends of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School (FOCRLS) would like to share with the community an appreciation of Dr. Christopher Saheed, who was a key collaborator in forming our organization. As the high school's principal at the time, he provided invaluable advice and encouragement to Elaine Schear and Donna Spiegelman, the two CRLS parents who founded our non-profit in 2006 to support opportunities for students, graduates, and faculty. "Although we were brand new CRLS parents when we approached Dr. Saheed about starting a non-profit, he didn't flinch. He even made sure FOCRLS had an office at the school," said Dr. Schear. "We soon were offering grants to faculty for innovative projects – his idea for how to support a range of students and faculty and become visible at the school. This was Chris: purposeful, down-to-earth, supportive." Since 2007, FOCRLS has awarded Faculty Innovation Grants, each up to \$1,000, to 235 teachers, club advisers, counselors, social workers, librarians, and administrators for projects expanding the curriculum beyond the normal budget.

*Dr. Christopher Saheed (courtesy photo)*

Dr. Saheed, who held degrees from Tufts, Suffolk, and Harvard universities, retired from CRLS in 2011 and then moved to Florida. He succumbed to pancreatic cancer on June 25, 2020, after a three-year battle.

When FOCRLS reached out to James Maloney, Chief Operating Officer of the District (Cambridge Public Schools), for a memory about Dr. Saheed, he responded, "I had the good fortune of working closely with Chris during his years as the principal of CRLS on the renovation of the high school. I was struck by his calm, knowledgeable and caring demeanor. All of the buildings on the campus today reflect his vision for the school. In many ways the high school campus is a living memorial to his passion for the students of Cambridge. He was a tremendous leader."

In honor of his retirement and through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor, FOCRLS established a scholarship named after Dr. Saheed. Since 2012, FOCRLS has awarded fourteen of these \$1,000 scholarships to ease college costs for academically and financially qualified CRLS seniors planning to pursue careers in the field of education. FOCRLS has expanded our scholarship offerings each year, with college scholarships totaling \$55,500 awarded to 36 members of the CRLS Class of 2020 with a range of aspirations and backgrounds.

Around the time of his diagnosis, Dr. Saheed contributed \$5,000 to the fund, becoming the sponsor of the annual scholarship from 2018 through 2022. Several of Dr. Saheed's friends recently (FY2020-21) donated in his memory, some providing moving tributes.

Ed Hashek and John Jors said, "Christopher and his husband Stephen have been our best friends for a number of years. He will be truly missed – such a generous, intelligent, and caring person."

Dr. Saheed shared 43 of his 67 years with Stephen Z. Nonack, who also studied at Tufts University – where the two met in 1973 before making their relationship permanent in 1977 – as well as Simmons University and UMass Boston, and built his career at the Boston Athenæum as an archivist and librarian.

"Dr. Saheed was a gentle, inspiring educator, and an exceptional human being," said friend Patrick Ladden, an educator and museum director. "It took many months before he disclosed his own background and education achievements, as he mostly was enthusiastic to talk about CRLS, not himself."

Dr. Saheed's enthusiasm, generosity of spirit, and caring personality will be missed by numerous people, and even those who never had the pleasure of meeting him will continue to feel his influence.

To help carry on the Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarships, please visit [focrls.org](http://focrls.org) to give by credit card or e-check. Donations can be made by mail with checks – payable to *FOCRLS* with "Saheed Scholarship" written on the memo line – to FOCRLS, P.O. Box 391541, Cambridge MA 02139; please include a note with your full name, mailing address, and email address. Thank you.



# Executive Summary

## Accomplishments of Friends of CRLS during Fiscal Year 2019-20 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020)

**We raised \$162,556 in funds to support opportunities for CRLS students, graduates, and faculty.**

- **\$160,212** in donations, bringing our monetary donation grand total (FY06/07-FY19/20) to \$1,395,632
- **\$2,344** in investment income

**The Friends of CRLS 2020 Spring Bash raised \$32,744.52.** Although we had to cancel the live event due to the pandemic, 19 sponsors honored the pledges they made before March. Also, the team at Google, who had been planning to host and cater the Bash, graciously changed their in-kind donation to a monetary one, donating \$10,000 to our organization.

**College Scholarships presented by FOCRLS totaled \$57,000.** We presented \$55,500 in scholarships to 36 members of the CRLS Class of 2020 and remitted three \$500 installments for multi-year scholarships to our '19, '18, and '17 recipients.

**Faculty Innovation Grants totalled \$12,791.** We awarded grants to 30 teachers and staff members to fund 15 individual and collaborative proposals of up to \$1,000 each to enrich curriculum in areas including physics, calculus, web design, robotics, creative writing, understanding substance abuse, and community building.

**Student Travel Fellowships totalled \$8,126.** We distributed \$6,826 among four students joining in on the February school vacation trip to Portugal & Spain and issued \$1,300 to the World Jazz Ensemble to complete the band performing at the Panama Jazz Festival.

**Unsung Heroes Awards**, funded by FOCRLS and organized by the CRLS Deans of Students, were presented each in-school term to 16 students who have emerging leadership qualities noticed by teachers and other staff.

**Faculty Distinction Awards** were given, for the 14th year, in coordination with commencement in June to four faculty members nominated by graduating seniors for their positive influence.

# Programs

## College Scholarships

**Friends of CRLS presented a total of \$57,000 in College Scholarships during FY19-20.**

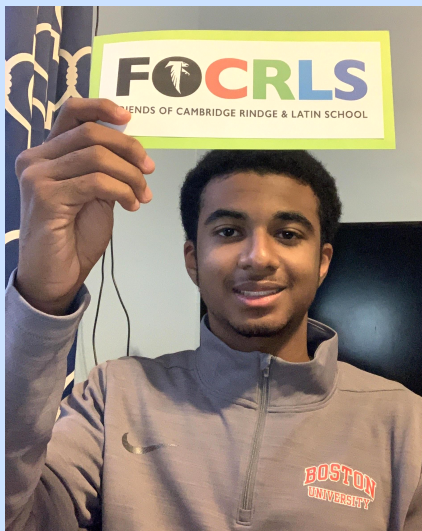
We distributed \$55,500 to 36 members of the CRLS Class of 2020. This was \$4,000 more than we presented to the Class of 2019, with ten scholarships -- five “100 by 100” Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarships, four Colonel & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Memorial Scholarship, one “It Takes a Village” Multi-Year Scholarship -- each increased in award amount plus a fifth Charlene Holmes Memorial Award added.

We also remitted three \$500 installments for the “It Takes a Village” Multi-Year Scholarships to our ‘19, ‘18, and ‘17 recipients.

### **"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarships for Technology and Engineering, Sponsored by Philips North America, LLC**

Philips North America, LLC, innovator of an array of personal care, health, and home products, recently moved its North American headquarters to Cambridge Crossing, and to support the students in its new community, a corporate responsibility specialist reached out to us about sponsoring college scholarships. Philips generously took on two of our five “100 by 100” Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarships, focusing on technology and engineering. Their gift enabled us to increase all five of our normally \$2,000 “100 by 100” awards to \$2,500 each.

CRLS Class of 2020 members Nazari Tuyu and Muhammed Abdalla received the scholarships for their commitments to the fields of technology and engineering, respectively. Both of these fervidly curious students have been immersed in their areas of study since childhood and developed impressive ranges of marketable skills while at CRLS.



*“The ‘100 by 100’ Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for Engineering, Sponsored by Philips North America, LLC will help me cover part of my tuition costs the first year and allows some leeway for me to find a work-study a little later since on-campus jobs are kind of being slow. The scholarship has also helped my morale because of the hard work and passion I put into engineering. It feels good to be recognized despite the pandemic and virtual graduation experiences. I’m going to Boston University, studying computer engineering, and thinking of a minor in business or entrepreneurship.”*

*— Muhammed*



## Friends of CRLS First Scholars Award Sponsored by the CRLS Classes of 1987/1988 in Memory of Dorise Chase '88



Coordinated by George "Chip" Greenidge, Jr. and Tucker Lewis, the CRLS Classes of '87/'88 thoughtfully donated the remaining funds after their reunion to FOCRLS for the sponsorship of college scholarships in memory of Dorise Chase '88. Their beloved classmate passed away in September 2019. Dorise was also the mother of two CRLS alumni, Ananda and Aaron.

Wrote Chip, "Dorise a.k.a. Dee was a major lifeline to all of our CRLS experiences and also our last three reunions. We wanted her spirit to live on and we wanted to make sure that we let her family know we appreciated her spirit."

*Dorise Chase and a group of CRLS 1987/1988 alumni in the Switch photo booth at their 30-year reunion, November 2018*

CRLS Class of 2020 members Sarah Ikram and Matthew Hernandez each received a Friends of CRLS First Scholars Award Sponsored by the CRLS Classes of 1987/1988 in Memory of Dorise Chase '88. Both of these accomplished, determined students will be the first in their families to go to college.

## Our Class of 2020 College Scholarships and Recipients

Recipients meet academic, financial, and college enrollment requirements and demonstrate scholarship-specific criteria through essays and transcripts.

"My FOCRLS scholarship puts me on track to graduate from Clark University in five years with a bachelor's, master's, and no debt. Without an affordable path through college, I would have to give up my passion for teaching and pursue a job that pays more, but does less to change lives for the better. I was extremely proud to win the senior superlative 'Most Likely to Return to CRLS as a Teacher.' This scholarship is going to help that prediction come true!"

— Jesse, awardee of the  
Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship

Jesse, whose parents are both also educators, told us, "Dr. Saheed sounds like an incredible man, and reading about his life makes me even more grateful to be receiving an award in his name."



**Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship** (one, sponsored by Dr. Christopher Saheed) – to a student pursuing a career in education. Awarded to: Jesse Lowe

**CambridgeSeven STEAM Scholarship** (one, sponsored by CambridgeSeven) – to a first generation college student pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, or Mathematics. Awarded to: Jaadyah Shearrior

**"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for Science** (one, sponsored by members of the Cambridge business community) – presented to a student committed to the study of science. Awarded to: Anaka Landrigan

**"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for Technology, Sponsored by Philips North America, LLC** (one, sponsored by Philips North America, LLC) – presented to a student committed to the study of technology. Awarded to: Nazari Tuyo

**"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for Engineering, Sponsored by Philips North America, LLC** (one, sponsored by Philips North America, LLC) – presented to a student committed to the study of engineering. Awarded to: Muhammed Abdalla

**"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for the Arts** (one, sponsored by members of the Cambridge business community) – presented to a student committed to the study of the arts. Awarded to: Andy Naranjo

**"100 by 100" Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for Mathematics** (one, sponsored by members of the Cambridge business community) – presented to a student committed to the study of mathematics. Awarded to: Peter Phan



"Thank you so much for the '100 by 100' Cambridge Business Community STEAM Scholarship for the Arts. This scholarship was essential to help finance my journey at Columbia College Chicago for graphic design, and without your generous donation, it wouldn't have been possible. I appreciate your taking time to read my essays and acknowledge all my work at CRLS. I cannot express how blessed I feel to have donors who appreciate my artistic work and wanna see me succeed in college and I will make sure I do exactly that."

— Andy

**Aurora M. (Ciccariello) Leydon Memorial Scholarship** (one, sponsored by John Leydon) – to a student who is a resident of East Cambridge. Awarded to: Ashraful Hoque

**Colonel & Mrs. Henry Bayard McCoy Memorial Scholarship** (four, sponsored by New York Community Trust through the Bayard McCoy Memorial Fund) – to male students excelling in U.S. History and performing community service. Awarded to: Ulysses Tully Carr, Zev Shapiro, Mohamed Shajahan, and Simon Simpson

**Dr. David A. Link Scholarship for the Health Professions** (two, made possible by family, friends, colleagues, and patients of Dr. David A. Link) – to students pursuing careers in health care. Awarded to: Ashiyana Khalifa and Sendy Mazile

**Earl M. Gardner Scholarship** (two, sponsored by the Gardner family) – to students who have demonstrated a dedication to community service. Awarded to: Lamisha Khan and Saimon Teclezghi





“Thank you very much for awarding me the Charlene Holmes Memorial Award. I will be going to Union College, undecided to explore my options and figure out what direction I will be taking in life. Not only have you lightened up some of my financial burdens but you have shown me that treating others with care, respect, and generosity can go a long way no matter the setting or situation. I will continue to carry on the values that represent this award and hopefully spread this attitude to others.”

— José  
(nominated by guidance counselor Stephanie Richards)

**Charlene Holmes Memorial Award** (five, sponsored by FOCRLS) – to students nominated by teachers and staff members for exhibiting generosity, caring, and aspirations. Awarded to: Grace Thompson, Ivelisse Garcia, José Moreno Del Los Santos, Naika Vincent, and Nikolas Taylor

**Elaine Schear “Voice of the First Generation” Creative Writing Scholarship** (one, sponsored by Elaine Schear) – to a student who demonstrates a talent for and an interest in creative writing and who is a first generation college student. Awarded to: Naika Vincent

**Elizabeth Vernon Scholarship for Volunteerism and Community Service** (one, sponsored by FOCRLS) – to a student who has demonstrated a dedication to community service. Awarded to: Maryam Dar

**“It Takes a Village” Multi-Year Scholarship** (one, sponsored by FOCRLS) – to a student planning to attend a Massachusetts public university or community college. Awarded to: Sajid Ahsan

**CRLS Core Values Scholarship** (four, sponsored by FOCRLS) – to students who exemplify *Opportunity, Diversity, Respect*. Awarded to: Amine Djellakh, Mattingly Wood, Sabira Uddin, and Yacine Bouabida



“I want to express a massive thank you for choosing me for the CRLS Core Values Scholarship. I am honored to be one of the four students chosen for this scholarship and I cannot thank you enough. My biggest career objective is making film production my job for the rest of my life, as either a cinematographer or an editor. You will help me fund my education at Massachusetts College of Art and Design, and I am so incredibly thankful!”

— Mattingly

"I am incredibly grateful and honored to be a CRLS Core Values Scholarship recipient. Thank you for your belief in my abilities and recognition of my hard work. This scholarship has considerably lessened the financial burden in the pursuit of my higher education and will help ensure my success."

— Sabira

Sabira is attending Bates College, where, she says, "I intend to major in psychology with a concentration in visual art, or double major in both subjects. I am also interested in potentially minoring/ concentrating in education."



**Friends of CRLS First Scholars** (one, sponsored by FOCRLS) – to a student who is the first in their immediate family to attend a 4-year college. Awarded to: Luis Maldonado Rezendes

**Friends of CRLS First Scholars Sponsored by Cambridge Trust Company** (one, sponsored by Cambridge Trust Company) – to a student who is the first in their immediate family to attend a 4-year college. Awarded to: Esrom Negash

**Friends of CRLS First Scholars Award Sponsored by the CRLS Classes of 1987/1988 in Memory of Dorise Chase '88** (two, sponsored by the CRLS Classes of 1987/1988) – to students who are the first in their immediate families to attend 4-year colleges. Awarded to: Sarah Ikram and Matthew Hernandez

**Juliette Kayyem & David Barron Scholarship for Children of First Responders** (one, sponsored by Juliette Kayyem & David Barron) – to a student who is the child of an emergency care, firefighting, or law enforcement professional. Awarded to: Stephanie Grassi

**Mary Frances Monti Memorial Scholarship** (one, sponsored by Neil & Kathleen Rosenberg) – to a student showing academic and personal growth. Awarded to: Ralph Paul



"I plan to pursue a Bachelor of Science in software engineering at George Washington University. My focus is to create an app that uses augmented reality to improve the lives of others. As I pursue my degree I know that it will not be easy financially or academically, but with the help of this scholarship I was able to eliminate some of my financial struggles, which allows me to focus more on my school work."

— Ralph, awardee of the  
Mary Frances Monti Memorial Scholarship



**Maria J. Tavares Memorial Scholarship** (one, sponsored by Drs. Mary Tavares Sutula & Francis Sutula) – to a student who is a first generation college-bound student with immigrant parents. Awarded to: Midline Lajoie

**Patrick Ewing Scholarship** (one, sponsored by Patrick Ewing) – to a student of African or West Indian descent. Awarded to: Jahmaya Adamson



“By awarding me the Patrick Ewing Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on learning. I vow to make use of the money by maintaining good grades at Allegheny College. I will be majoring in criminal justice and minoring in political science. I hope to become a judge. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.”

— Jahmaya

**Rose & Victor Rifkin Family Scholarship** (two, made possible by family, friends, and descendants of Rose & Victor Rifkin) – to students who are first-generation U.S. citizens pursuing the American Dream. Awarded to: Anindita Turna and Saimon Teclezghi



“Thank you very much for selecting me for the Rose & Victor Rifkin Family Scholarship. Being a first generation immigrant and the first one in my family to go to college, this scholarship means a lot to me. It helps me feel more prepared and excited for entering college in the fall.”

— Anindita

Anindita will be attending UMass Boston and says, “My intended major is biology. I am especially interested in becoming a physician and helping people in need.”



**Fresh Start Contracting Corporation Award for Carpentry** (one, sponsored by Fresh Start Contracting Corporation) – funds re-allocated, at sponsor’s request, to CRLS’s Falcon’s Market to purchase supermarket gift cards for students and families experiencing food insecurity

## Student Travel Fellowships

**Friends of CRLS awarded \$8,126 in Student Travel Fellowships during FY19-20** to students participating in educational group trips led by CRLS teachers. We distributed \$6,826 among four students joining in on the February school vacation trip to Portugal & Spain and issued \$1,300 to the World Jazz Ensemble to complete the band performing at the Panama Jazz Festival in Central America.

Fellowships covered up to 75% of trip costs, with each of the fellows raising and earning 25% or more of the money they needed to go on the trips. All travel fellows, who met academic and financial requirements, were highly recommended by CRLS faculty.



## Unsung Heroes

Since 2009, FOCRLS has sponsored the Unsung Heroes program, which celebrates 16 students each in-school term, one per grade per learning community. Students are nominated by deans, counselors, and teachers as emerging learners who play a positive role in the CRLS community.

*Learning Community 'C' Unsung Heroes with  
Dean of Students Dr. Susie Espinosa and  
Guidance Counselor Stephanie Richards,  
November 2019  
(Photo courtesy of Dr. Susie Espinosa)*



Honorees are selected for excellence or notable improvement in one or more of the following areas:

- Leadership
- Character
- Stewardship
- Community Service
- Academic Performance and Studentship
- Athletics
- Citizenship
- Contribution to a Positive School Climate
- Attendance

The Heroes and their families attend breakfast celebrations — catered by the Rindge School of Technical Arts culinary arts department — where certificates and Falcon logo watches are presented to the honorees.

## **Faculty Innovation Grants**

**Friends of CRLS awarded \$12,791 in Faculty Innovation Grants during FY19-20** to 30 teachers and staff members to fund 15 projects with the goal of energizing the educational experience beyond the limitations of the CRLS/CPS budget. The sum was an increase of \$1,291 over last year's grants total.

### **Our 2020 FOCRLS Faculty Innovation Grantees**

- Lauren Bean, Wellness Teacher; Alex Elia, Department Paraprofessional & Extended Term Substitute for RSTA Wellness; and Patrick Kantlehner, Lead Teacher for PE & Wellness — “Continued development of the Substance Abuse Curricula by creating more interactive learning experiences that address identified areas of need defined by the teen health survey”
- Melissa Chaney, Art Teacher and Ani Johnson, Muralist — “Math and Art Mural”
- Brett Cramp, Drama Teacher — “August Wilson Monologue Competition Guest Acting Coach”
- Amy Dolan and Kathleen McCormick, Math Teachers — “Equity in the Math Classroom begins with Calculators”
- Vera Duarte, Teacher-in-Charge, ELL Department — “Bringing the Prom Experience to Immigrant Youth”
- Charlotte Dumont, Teacher, ELL Department — “CRLS Department of English Language Learners Community Building Project”
- Elizabeth Hansel, Physics Teacher — “Making Lectures Digital”
- Conrad Hauck, James Pringle, Henry Donaldson, and José Martinez, Engineering Instructors — “CRLS Robotics Club”
- Drake King and Casey Leonard, Mathematics Teachers — “Calculus Roller Coaster Project”
- William McDonald, Barbara Dorritie, and Pei-Yun Chu, Biology Teachers — “Antibiotic Resistance Lab”
- Matt Mena-Landry, Director of Media Arts Program and Angelica Brisk, Media Journalism Teacher — “Youth View Cambridge Student Media Site – [youthviewcambridge.org](http://youthviewcambridge.org)”
- Monica Murray, Drama Teacher/Director/Improv Club Coordinator; “CRLS Improv Club Guest Artist/Teacher”
- Janani Nathan, Guidance Counselor; Devan Hannigan, School Psychologist; Allison Wade, Social Worker; and Susie Van Blaricum, Dean of Students — “Building Community in School L”
- Elizabeth Sher, English Language Arts Teacher — “Creative Writing Master Class with Poet Melissa Lozada-Oliva”
- Ashley Sitkin, BRYT Program social worker and Sam Bensley, BRYT Program social work intern — “The BRYT Program: Cultivating a Therapeutic Holding Environment”



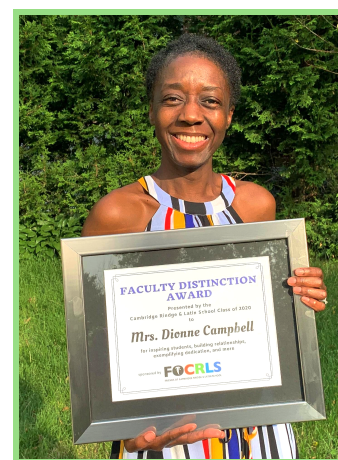
## Faculty Distinction Awards

For the 14th year, FOCRLS sponsored the Faculty Distinction Awards, honoring these four outstanding educators, nominated by members of the graduating class for having the most positive influence on their high school years. We produced framed certificates and mailed them to the awardees in time for virtual graduation on Thursday, June 11. The awardees kindly sent us photos of themselves with their awards.



**Janira Arocho** has been a biology teacher for 26 years: 16 in Boston and 10 at CRLS, where she currently teaches AP Biology and Sheltered English Instruction Biology. She holds a bachelor's degree in biological sciences and Spanish literature from Wellesley College and a master's degree in education from Harvard University. She strives to create an atmosphere where students are challenged and receive support. She finds inspiration in her students, especially those who show incredible resilience in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

**Dionne Campbell**, a Cambridge native, holds a B.A. in history from Ripon College in Wisconsin and an M.A. in teaching from Tufts University. As a James Conant Fellow, she earned her Ed.M. at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She taught for a year at Longfellow Elementary School before joining CRLS's history department. At CRLS, she has co-coached the Basketball Cheerleading Team, co-advised the junior class, and advised the senior class and the Black Student Union. She advises the K-Pop Club and volunteers at the Salvation Army. She has been married to Devon Campbell 25 years, and they are parents to four children.



**Brendon Snyder**, who decided at age 12 to become an English teacher, taught for 20 years in urban, suburban, and rural systems before finding his way to CRLS in the fall of 2016. At CRLS, he has taught sophomore and junior English, Psychology & Literature, Immersion Journalism, and Examining the Works of Alfred Hitchcock. He hopes the study of literature will help his students find their own moral base as they learn about the nature of both society and the self. He is very thankful to have had the pleasure to meet so many wonderful students throughout his time in the classroom.

**Christopher Montero** earned a B.A. in political science from Vassar College and a Master of Law in criminal justice & human rights from the National University of Ireland, Galway. He has been teaching introductory and AP US history at CRLS since 2017. He and other educators launched a pathway program for young people of color interested in education careers. He co-chairs the Latinx Educator Resource Group, advises the student Latinx Club, and co-advises the #HerVote Club. He wishes the Class of 2020 had been able to celebrate their accomplishments in grand style but has great faith that our world will be better for having them take another step forward in leading it through these historic times.



## Donations and Gifts

*We at FOCRLS are deeply grateful to all of our donors!*

### Summary of Giving

In FY19-20, FOCRLS received **\$160,212** in donations from hundreds of generous contributors in and around Cambridge who want to brighten the future for our students and our whole community: **\$107,079.32** from individual donors, including families and **\$53,132.68** from organizations, including businesses, corporations, and foundations.

### Individuals' Donations

Gifts from individuals – CRLS alumni and families, Cambridge residents, and other community supporters – in FY19-20 totaled **\$107,079.32**.

This total includes \$4,530.18 in Spring Bash event sponsorships from individuals.

Please see the complete list of Spring Bash event sponsors.

### Individuals' Donations to our General Fund

#### **\$2,500 and up**

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Ben & Chris Thorner

#### **\$1,000 – \$2,499**

George Anderson & Bridget Rodriguez

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Richard Miner & Corinne Nagy

Caroline Butler-Rahman & Naveed Rahman

Orhun Muratoglu & Tonya Orme

## **\$500 — \$999**

Eleanor Andrews	Lulu & Thad Davis	Jamie Sabino & Richard Klibaner
Anonymous	Avra Goldman	Carol Sandstrom & Christopher Small
Elizabeth Barringer & John Clark	Barry Goldman	Susan Schuur
Paul Blackborow & Jessica Daniels	Kay Grunewald	Amy L. Domini Thornton
Lauraine Boccone & Jeremiah D. Schuur	William & Lisa Laskin	Adrian & Yun Soo Vermeule
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## **\$250 — \$499**

Toffee Albina	Alison Field-Juma & Calestous Juma	Tim O'Rourke
Anonymous (3)	MK Foley	David R. Peeler & Katherine C. Kellogg
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Kimberly & Bradley Bernstein	Erin Mahony	Christopher & Ingrid Wright
	Heather Nelson & Lawrence Kolodney	

## **Up to \$249**

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*"CRLS and the Cambridge community helped make our sons what they are : good people. We are glad to give back."*

— Andrea Kramer & Timothy Roach, donors

## Individuals' Donations to our College Scholarship Fund Where Most Needed

### Over \$2,000

John & Kristin Macomber

Gigliola Staffilani

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John Godsman & Rachel Moore

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## Individuals' Scholarship Sponsorships and Targeted Gifts

### \$1,500

John Leydon → Aurora M. (Ciccariello) Leydon Memorial Scholarship

### \$1,000 — \$1,499

Patrick Ewing → Patrick Ewing Scholarship

Juliette Kayyem & David Barron → Juliette Kayyem & David Barron Scholarship for Children of First Responders

Neil & Kathleen Rosenburg → Mary Frances Monti Memorial Scholarship

Drs. Mary & Francis Sutula → Maria J. Tavares Memorial Scholarship

Elaine Schear → Elaine Schear "Voice of the First Generation" Creative Writing Scholarship

### \$500

Donna Spiegelman → Rose & Victor Rifkin Family Scholarship

### \$250

Barbara Hughey → Calvin Hicks Memorial Award for the Study of Music

### Up to \$249

Rhoda Spiegelman → Rose & Victor Rifkin Family Scholarship

Nessa Obten, Irene Williams,  
Steve Mossberg → Calvin Hicks Memorial Award for the Study of Music

Brenda Berkal, Martin Ellman → Dr. Christopher Saheed Future Educators Scholarship

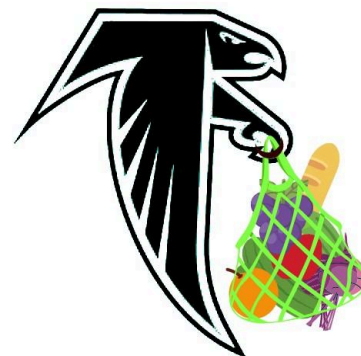
Anonymous → First Scholars Awards

## Individuals' Gifts to CRLS via FOCRLS

### Over \$10,000

Missy & Marsh Carter

→ Falcon's Market



### \$900 — \$1,000

Paula Paris

→ Alumni Association Class of 1965 Scholarship

Anonymous

→ Robotics Club

### Up to \$250

Dorian Thompson

→ Black Students Union

## John & Ellen Moot Community Service Award via The Cambridge Club

\$1,000

David & Fay Hannon

Shippen Page & Anne St. Goar

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*"So impressed with these young people! They give me hope for our future."*

— Deborah Belle, donor



## Organizations' Donations

Gifts from organizations, including businesses, corporations, foundations, and universities, in FY19-20 totaled **\$53,132.68**.

This total includes \$28,214.34 in Spring Bash event sponsorships from organizations.

Please see the complete list of Spring Bash event sponsors.

## Organizations' Donations, Grants, and Employee Matches to our General Fund

<b>\$500</b>	The Martin & Marci Karplus Charitable Fund	
<b>\$250 — \$499</b>	Alchemy Foundation	Anonymous
<b>Up to \$249:</b>	DTCC Cares	Pullman Charitable Fund
		Committee to Elect Rachel Weinstein
\$4,860.41 — Miscellaneous gifts		

## Organizations' Scholarship Sponsorships and Targeted Gifts

<b>\$5,000+</b>	CambridgeSeven	→ CambridgeSeven STEAM Award
<b>\$2,000+</b>	Members of the CRLS Classes of 1987/1988	→ Friends of CRLS First Scholars Award the Sponsored by CRLS Classes of 1987/1988 in Memory of Dorise Chase
<b>\$1,000</b>	Cambridge Trust Company	→ First Scholars Award Sponsored by Cambridge Trust Company

## Organizations' Gifts and Employee Matches to CRLS via FOCRLS

<b>\$10,000</b>	484 Phi Alpha Foundation	→ CRLS Media Arts Studio
<b>\$500+</b>	Fresh Start Contracting Corp.	→ Falcon's Market
<b>Up to \$249</b>	Bank of America	→ Black Students Union

# Fundraising

## Spring Bash

The Friends of CRLS 2020 Spring Bash raised **\$32,744.52**. Although we had to cancel the live event due to the pandemic, 19 sponsors honored the pledges they made before March. Also, the team at Google, who had been planning to host and cater the Bash, graciously changed their in-kind donation to a monetary one, donating \$10,000 to our organization. **Please see the list of 2020 Spring Bash Event Sponsors on the following page.**

Thank you to Jen Fuchel for updating our Spring Bash logo, originally designed by Caroline Duffy, who also designed our organization's current logo.



## Appeal Letters

FOCRLS composed and mailed two appeal letters, one in autumn (holiday) and one in spring (graduation), to the wider CRLS community: parents/guardians of students in grades 9-12, parents/guardians of alumni, alumni, Cambridge homeowners, and other previous contributors. We also emailed the appeals to our nearly 6,000 email contacts through our listserv.

The autumn appeal drew \$24,027.00 in contributions, and our spring appeal brought in \$19,012.60, for a total of \$43,039.60. (These contributions are all listed under Donations and Gifts.)

## Gift Wrapping at Henry Bear's Park

For the tenth year of our holiday tradition, Henry Bear's Park in Porter Square kindly invited us to gift wrap for donations. On Sunday, December 22, our team of 13 volunteers wrapped shoppers' purchases at the beloved toy store for donations to FOCRLS. The event raised \$545, which Henry Bear's Park generously matched in the form of gift cards to be used in a future raffle and/or online auction. Volunteers' presence in the store was also an opportunity to introduce our organization to more families.

## Spring Raffle

We were unable to hold our annual spring raffle due to the pandemic.

# Much Gratitude to Our 2020 Spring Bash Event Sponsors

## Passionate Patron (\$10,000)

Google

## Caring Champion (\$5,000)

Philips North America, LLC  
(for STEAM College Scholarships)

## Beneficent Booster (\$2,500)

DivcoWest / Cambridge Crossing

Trinity Property Management

## Enthusiastic Cheerleader (\$1,000)

Alexandria Real Estate Equities

Harvard University

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Anonymous

Maria & Greg Jobin-Leeds

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## Supportive Advocate (\$500)

Anonymous

Cambridge Savings Bank

Galluccio & Watson, LLP

Irving House at Harvard

Leggat McCall Properties



## Financial Summary

Description	FY2020	FY2019
Contributions and Grants Received	\$160,212	\$137,912
Raffle Ticket Sales	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$5,122</u>
<b>Total Funds Raised</b>	<b>\$160,212</b>	<b>\$143,034</b>
Investment Income Accrued	<u>\$2,344</u>	<u>\$2,777</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$162,556</b>	<b>\$145,811</b>
Program Support	\$109,735	\$105,559
Management & General	\$35,970	\$36,923
Fundraising	<u>\$19,708</u>	<u>\$25,509</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$165,413</b>	<b>\$167,991</b>
Revenue Less Expenses	(\$2,857)	(\$22,180)
Unrealized Gain on Investments	<u>\$7,805</u>	<u>\$7,702</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$4,948</b>	<b>(\$14,478)</b>
Beginning Net Assets	\$207,833	\$222,311
Ending Net Assets	\$212,781	\$207,833
<b><u>Net Asset Composition</u></b>		
Restricted Endowments for Scholarships	\$59,325	\$62,917
Other Restricted	\$45,695	\$31,607
Unrestricted	<u>\$107,761</u>	<u>\$113,309</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$212,781</b>	<b>\$207,833</b>

# Volunteer and Colleague Appreciation

Thank You to All of the Many Wonderful

CRLS Students, Parents, Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Community Members —  
Including the Following — Who Contributed Their Time, Talents, Knowledge, and Kindness

Yvonne Appiah	Marguerite Kiernan	Paula Paris
Georges Atallah	Brinda Kirplani	Paul Parravano
Patrick Barrett	Raj Kirpalani	Kimberly Ransom
Dawn Baxter	Frank Kramer	William (“Britt”) Rideout
Nancy Bergeron	Paul Lee	Neil Rosenberg
Charlie Bougas	Esther Leidolf	Jamie Ann Sabino
Ted Darling	Jacob Leidolf	Elaine Schear
Janet Dominitz	Win Lenihan	Daniel Serfaty
Carolyn Duffy	Dr. David A. Link	Nadia Shalaby
Maeve McNally Ercolani	Tom Lucey	Selena Sheaves
Corinne Espinoza	Melissa Ludtke	Katherine Shozawa
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Denise Jillson	Oyemisi Oluwole	David Vogel
Joanne Johnson	James O’Toole	Sally Watermulder
Shireen Jyawook	Juliana Pakes	Dina Zelleke

# Become a Friend of CRLS

- **Learn more!** Go to **FOCRLS.org** to see more about our events, programs, and awardees.

Follow us on social media:

- Twitter (@FOCRLS)
- Instagram (friends\_of\_crls)
- Facebook (@FriendsofCRLS)

If you have questions or would like to be added to our email list, please email us at **info@FOCRLS.org**.

- **Donate!** Your financial support will make a lasting difference. We're a 501(c)3 nonprofit, so your donation is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Our tax exempt ID# is 205993874.
  - ❖ Donate by credit card or e-check at **FOCRLS.org** – one time or recurring
  - ❖ Donate by check payable to *FOCRLS* and mail with your contact information to:  
**FOCRLS, P.O. Box 391541, Cambridge MA 02139**
- **Sponsor!** Become a Spring Bash event sponsor, establish a scholarship or sponsor an existing scholarship, fund a grant, etc. Please email us at **info@FOCRLS.org** for information.
- **Host!** Host a House Party in your home or help with one in someone else's home and invite all of your friends, family members, colleagues, and neighbors who'd be interested in FOCRLS. Please email us at **info@FOCRLS.org** to get started. **A great way to reconnect with people in 2021!**
- **Volunteer!** Any amount of time you can give, we can put to good use. Student volunteers can receive community service credit; make sure we sign the form you need. Please email us at **info@FOCRLS.org** to begin.
  - ★ Board of Directors – collaborate in decision making, lead a committee, represent FOCRLS in the community
  - ★ Advisory Council – provide expertise, represent FOCRLS in the community
  - ★ Spring Bash Committee – plan, organize, invite, promote, obtain auction items, help run the event
  - ★ Spring Raffle – table to sell tickets and/or obtain gift cards as prizes and/or organize and/or promote
  - ★ Wrap Gifts at Henry Bear's Park in Porter Square – wrap gifts for donations and represent FOCRLS
  - ★ Media – update our website and/or post on our social media and/or take photos and/or make videos
  - ★ Publicity and Communications – draft appeal letters and/or write articles/newsletters and/or create displays
  - ★ Representing – distribute brochures/answer questions and/or mingle/guide at events
  - ★ Donor Outreach – contact previous donors, communicate with potential donors
  - ★ Business Outreach – contact businesses for the "100 by 100" and other community engagement
  - ★ Volunteer Outreach – contact volunteers and potential volunteers for tasks and events
  - ★ Alumni Outreach – contact alumni for involvement and updates
- **Partner with us!** If you're a business leader and would like to join the "100 by 100," sponsor a scholarship, offer a fundraiser, donate a raffle prize, contribute a Bash auction item, or otherwise be involved with FOCRLS, please email us at **info@FOCRLS.org** so we can explore ways you can join our network of community supporters.

**Have another idea for involvement? Please email info@FOCRLS.org.**



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