

NEWSLETTER

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DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY,

We want to wish you the happiest of holidays and bring you up to date on the activities of the Madeleine Jude Brown Foundation.

Eleven of our scholars have graduated from college. Two scholars are living abroad and bringing Madeleine's spirit to distant shores. One scholar is in nursing school and one is completing a doctorate in physical therapy. Three scholars are in graduate school. The six current scholars have settled well into their fall semesters; all are back to in-person classes.

All of the scholars have shown tremendous positivity, dedication and perseverance and we are proud of them! We are so thankful for the love and support you have extended to us. It is hard to believe that 16 years have passed since Madeleine took her last breath. May the Peace that surpasses all understanding be upon you and your loved ones this holiday season.

Peace – Mary, Reay, Veronica and Annie

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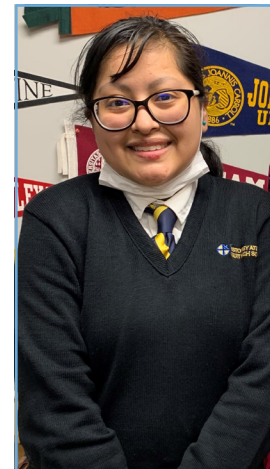
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SCHOLARS

CAMILA TREJO-SALVATIERRA | 2022

Camila Trejo-Salvatierra, one of our two new scholars, graduated from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in May 2022. During high school, Camila was a member of the choir and she served as a student ambassador to Cristo Rey. In August, she enrolled at Mercer University in Macon where she hopes to pursue a degree in a healthcare-related field. Camila was born in the US to parents who emigrated from central Mexico. Initially disinterested in high school, Camila gradually became aware of the opportunities afforded by Cristo Rey. She took 6 AP classes and graduated in the top of her class. For her MJB application essay she wrote a letter of thanksgiving to her parents. “It took some time, from the naiveté of my younger self to my more aware self, to be able to come to the realization that all your hard work came from a necessity. I did not know how hard it really was to navigate an entirely new country with not even the knowledge of the common language... It did take me several years, but I will make sure it is all worth the waiting and hoping.” We are looking forward to following Camila as she begins a new chapter at Mercer University.



BRAYAN TORRES | 2022

Our second new scholar is Brayan Torres who graduated from Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in May 2022. Brayan Torres is the eldest of 3 children born to parents who emigrated from Mexico. During high school he was an active volunteer for his church. Most notably, he worked at a restaurant 18 hours on the weekends during the school year and full-time during school breaks. His favorite job was cashier “because it involved math”! Brayan received glowing letters of recommendation and it is clear that his teachers and supervisors held him in the highest regard. His desire for learning was infectious; when Cristo Rey launched their hybrid learning model during COVID, Brayan chose to return to the classroom in person full time. Often, he was the only student in the room with the teacher. He writes: “Life has many bumps and we must overcome and always put forth our best effort. Hardships cannot stop us from achieving our goals”. We will be rooting for Brayan as he begins his college experience at Mercer University this fall.



BAE NA DAE TA | 2021

Bae Na Dae Ta is a sophomore at Mercer University where she is on the nursing track and will apply to nursing school in December. She has volunteered with the Missionaries of Charity for 5 years teaching catechism and working in their summer camp. After final exams last year, she went on a retreat!



ABRAHAM PIZANO | 2020

Abraham Pizano is a junior at Georgia Tech where he plans to major in Civil Engineering. This past summer he interned at Atlas, a project delivery management firm providing comprehensive support in managing large-scale infrastructure improvement programs. He was assigned to the transportation department and was so successful that Atlas offered to pay for graduate school! Recently, the Institute for Transportation Engineers invited Abraham to present his summer research at the Georgia ITE Meeting as one of their young member spotlights. He has been accepted into Georgia Tech’s BS/MS program in Civil Engineering.



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TSION FITSUM | 2020

Tsion Fitsum is a junior at Georgia Tech where she is studying industrial engineering. This summer she worked full time for Comcast and took physics at Tech. Tsion has been working for Comcast since high school and she has rotated through many departments, most recently customer experience, data analysis, coding and SQL database management.



ANGELA VASQUEZ | 2019

Angela Vasquez is a senior at the Georgia Institute of Technology where she continues to thrive. Angela is majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing. Last year she had an internship with a local church creating a web site and brochures, fostering community outreach and organizing large retreats (300 - 500 participants!). "People are still seeking God!"



WHERE ARE THEY NOW

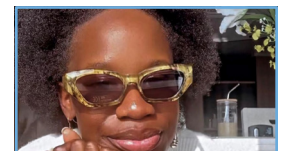
Yemesrach Tadesse (2009) graduated from Emory University with a major in Global Health. For 8 years she lived in Addis Ababa working as a consultant, researcher and field manager for nongovernmental organizations. She returned to Atlanta in July 2021 to begin a master's program in Development Practice at Emory University Laney Graduate School. This past summer she interned with the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. She was stationed in Bangalore, India where she set up a pilot cooperative program between India and Africa to develop agricultural business incubators in Malawi, Benin and Cameroon.



Beatrice Flowers (2010) graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Interactive Game Design. She lives in Seattle as a trans woman and was married in November 2021. She works as an Associate Systems Designer at Bungie.



Raven Osborne (2011) graduated from Kennesaw State University in Psychology. She currently is living in Nanjing, China and working for First Leap, an afterschool English program. On Mother's Day 2022, she sent Mary a message: "Thank you for being the butterfly of hope that I needed. Forever thankful for the love you've shared with me. The scholarship was an amazing reward but you have always been my biggest blessing."



Melanie McCall (2012) graduated from Georgia Tech in Computational Media and works as a coding instructor for NuCamp. She married Kyle Diaz in 2019 and had baby girl Luna Jewel on January 2, 2020. Baby #2 is due December 2022. In addition to her design work, Melanie and Kyle established their own company, Crystal Fengshui, an online metaphysical shop that specializes in crystals, a variety of herbs and tools for meditation.



Aniya Hamilton (2013) graduated from the University of Georgia in Environmental Science and spent three years living in Lomé, Togo in West Africa where she became fluent in French, worked in public health and tutored local children. In August 2021 she began graduate school at The Paris Institute of Political Studies. This summer Aniya was an invited speaker at the "Pan African Youth Assembly": Her program introduction read: "Kicking off the first session of day 2 is an aspiring professional in international development — Aniya Hamilton. Aniya is passionate about working alongside communities in Africa to guarantee countries on the continent have effective health, political and socio-economic institutions and to ensure everyone has equitable opportunities to live dignified lives."



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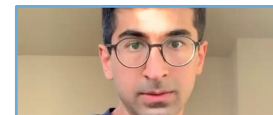
Simon Chang (2015) graduated from the University of Georgia with a major in Exercise and Sports Science and a minor in Chinese Language and Literature. He is in the final year of the Doctoral Program in Physical Therapy at Augusta University (Medical College of Georgia). He also has been working 4 days per month as a Physical Therapy Assistant. Simon recently became engaged to Erica (a burn unit nurse in Macon) and has asked Mary to officiate their wedding in November 2023!



Apoorva Thapa (2015) graduated from the United World College USA, Montezuma, New Mexico (MJB high school scholar). He obtained a full scholarship to the University of Florida and graduated with honors in April 2022 with a major in architecture and a minor in finance. He returned home to Nepal to work at a non-profit organization, Ek Ek Paila, that provides comprehensive health care to very remote areas in Nepal. He will start graduate school in Paris in January 2023.



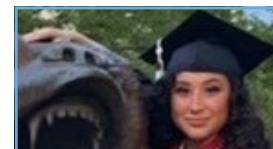
Ferdous Abdul Qassimi (2016) graduated from Emory University, with a BS in Biology and a second BS in Environmental Science. After graduation, he worked as a translator for the US military at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in New Jersey. His contract ended this summer and he is back in Atlanta applying to medical schools!



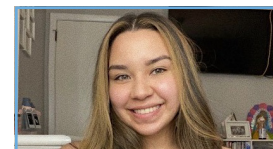
Janki Patel (2017) graduated from the University of Georgia in 2021. After graduation, she obtained her Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license and worked at Wellstar Kennestone Hospital while she applied to nursing schools. Thankfully, her hard work paid off and Janki was accepted into the BSN Accelerated Nursing Program which she will complete in March 2024! She plans to continue working part time while going to school.



Lisbeth Villegas (2018) graduated from Mercer University in May 2022 with a triple major: Law & Public Policy, Spanish and Political Science. She will be applying to laws schools this fall. We asked Lisbeth what helped motivate her during college. Her answer: staying very focused the first and second years, having a sister to motivate her and mentoring from the MJB Foundation. "The Foundation played a huge role in my life! You are part of my family!"



Dariana Ruiz (2018) obtained her Associates Degree in Health Sciences from Perimeter College in May 2022. This fall she began the dental hygiene program at Georgia State University which she will complete in May 2023.



Ewnet Ayissa (2019) completed second year at Oglethorpe University at the height of the pandemic. He had played soccer and worked at Whole Foods on the weekend until Covid. After second year he returned home to Ethiopia to spend time with his mother who lives in Jimma. Ewnet returned to Atlanta this summer, got his own apartment and is working at Lowes while he plans his next educational move. Mary and Reay have been able to visit with him often. He has found a community at Bethel International Evangelical Ethiopia Church and recently was baptized.



ACTIVITIES

The Madeleine Jude Brown Foundation continues to support Mercy Care which provides healthcare to uninsured and marginalized communities in Atlanta. A ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony was held May 6, 2022 for the new clinic and administrative space – "McCauley Park". The clinic waiting room was dedicated to Madeleine.

Mercy Care is a gift to Atlanta, providing in 2021:

- 16,193 street medicine visits to the homeless population
- 29,580 medical visits
- 11,368 mental health visits
- 8,261 dental visits
- 6,572 case management visits
- 3,482 substance abuse visits
- 2,373 vision visits