

Scholarship Recipients for 2021



MacKenzie E. Clarke – MacKenzie is a senior English major at Spelman College (Atlanta, GA). She is from Murfreesboro, Tennessee. As a Mellon Mays Fellow, MacKenzie is committed to the work of transforming the academy into a space where black scholarship and black students are encouraged and valued as powerful thinkers, writers, and change agents. She is active in a number of organizations on campus, including being a writer and editor for the undergraduate journal *They Saw the Sun First*.

Her career goal is to obtain a PhD in English and to conduct research in the following areas: 20th century black women’s fiction, feminist film criticism, feminist psychoanalysis, and postcolonial and renaissance studies.



Saleana K. Copeland --- Saleana is a senior at Clark Atlanta University majoring in history. She is a native Atlantan. Her career goal is to become an archivist in our nation’s finest libraries, museums and histories societies. Saleana is an honor Mellon Mays Fellow who takes pride in her work as a Quarterman Keller Scholar and as a Student Brand Ambassador for the History Makers Digital Archive. Additionally, she is a member of the Clark Atlanta University Chess club and BLAQ (LGBTQ+)



Shaniah R. Francis --- Shaniah is a junior Mellon Mays Fellow at Spelman College pursuing a double major in sociology and anthropology. She is a native Atlantan. Shaniah’s career goal is to become a lawyer and run for a political office in the city of New York. She is very active on campus and in the community, participating in the Saturday Discovery Program at an elementary school, cleaning up MLK BLVD, spending a night on Brown Street to raise awareness of homelessness and being active in the Morehouse Business Association, Spelman College Women of Hip Hop

and Spelman Future Business Leaders.



Jevaunl C. Malcolm --- Jevaunl is a junior Claflin Honors Scholar and Mellon Mays Fellow majoring in English at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. He is from Hampton, SC. He is very active on campus having served as a Freshman and Junior Senator and currently serving as Senate Pro Tempore. Jevaunl has also participated in the ACT Honors College, Honda Campus All Star Challenge and served as a peer

mentor and peer tutor in the Upward Bound Program.



Jasmine N. Mitchell --- Jasmine is a junior history major attending Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. She is from Gallatin, TN. Jasmine's ultimate career goal is to earn her PhD in history and teach on the collegiate level. In the interim, after receiving her master's degree, she would like to teach history in a museum. She is very active on campus in the following clubs: 301 Poetry Club, Going Against the Grain Club, Political Science Club and The Rotaract Club. She is also a participant in the Fisk W. E. B. DuBois Honors Program and is a Mellon Mays Fellow.



Chauncece A. Reed --- Chauncece is a junior Mellon Mays Fellow majoring in English at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her home is Nashville, TN. Her career goal is to earn a PhD in higher education in order to teach black and brown young adults. Chauncece's extracurricular activities include the Beauty Bar, participating in a Mock Trial and volunteering at the Second Harvest Food Bank.