

## **TVC ENRICHMENT FUND AWARDS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS**

When the TVC Board was discussing establishing TVC Enrichment Fund in 2018, one of the benefits of the fund, in addition to lightening the financial burden for our employees, was to address employee retention issues the Club was experiencing. As we enter the second year of awarding educational scholarships, the Enrichment Fund is fulfilling the goal of being able to grow and retain employees. This year, one TVC employee is a scholarship recipient, and two recipients are the children of TVC Valet, John Cooks. The Village Club Enrichment Fund Board of Directors is excited to announce that each of the three recipients were awarded \$2,000 scholarships based upon your generosity. Please take the time to read their profiles and acknowledge their pursuit of education when you see them at the Club.

All funding for TVC Enrichment Fund comes from the generosity of our members and friends as tax-deductible donations. If you would like to help ease the financial burden of higher education facing our employees and their families and lighten the stress load so that more focus can be spent on educational pursuits, then consider donating to TVC Enrichment Fund. All donations received through December 31, 2022, will go towards awarding scholarships in 2023. Let's keep this momentum going. We are asking each member to help make a difference in the lives of our employees by considering donating to The Enrichment Fund.

If you would like more information about TVC Enrichment Fund or would like to volunteer, please email [enrichment@thevillageclub.org](mailto:enrichment@thevillageclub.org). We are most grateful for your continued support.

### **CORTNEI COOKS**



If this photo looks familiar, it's because last year Cortnei was one of two, first time scholarship recipients from The Village Club Enrichment Fund. You may have also seen her serving drinks this summer as a bartender on the Wyatt Terrace. Last year as a senior at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Cortnei made the Chancellor's list with a 3.90 GPA. This Fall, she will be attending NC Central University School of Law. Cortnei is the daughter of John Cooks, a valet at The Village Club.

### **CHELSEA COOKS**



Chelsea graduated from Alma College in 2021 with a 3.3 GPA receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. During her college years, she was a board member of the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board and founded the Alma College Accountability Coalition (ACAC), designed to educate and prevent unconscious biases across campus. This Fall, she will be pursuing a Master's degree from Adler University in Chicago majoring in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Chelsea, the older sister of Cortnei, is also the daughter of John Cooks, a valet at The Village Club.

## **MARNELL JONES**



In 2010, Marnell was working towards a bachelor's degree in accounting at Eastern Michigan University when a car accident turned his life upside down. During recovery, Marnell found his passion for cooking and graduated from Dorsey School of Culinary Arts Academy in 2014 where he has been an innovative chef manager for renowned area restaurants and private clubs, including The Village Club. His one regret was not being a college graduate. EMU recently established a program to encourage former students to return to school to finish their degree. Only twenty-four credits shy of graduating, Marnell enrolled immediately and starts this Fall. Marnell is a broiler cook for The Village Club.