

## BOARD BRIEF

Date: October 26, 2018

For ACTION \_\_\_\_\_

For INFORMATION  X

Board Agenda: Yes \_\_\_

No  X

**FROM:** Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

**TO:** The Honorable Ramee A. Gentry, Chair, and  
Members of the Alexandria City School Board

**TOPIC:** Scholarship Fund of Alexandria

**SUMMARY:** Two opportunities to join me in supporting our students by contributing towards scholarships that help send our students in need to college. Your contribution, large or small, can help change a life. Here is how you can help:

- **Participate in the Payroll Deduction Enrollment Challenge**

You can contribute to the SFA through a bi-weekly payroll deduction in the amount of your choosing. I have personally signed up to [support the SFA through a payroll deduction](#) and I hope that you'll join me. [Enroll today](#).

Each donation received through next Thursday, November 1, will be matched, up to a total of \$8,000. Donate today to maximize your gift.

- **Contribute Towards a Scholarship Fundraising Event**

If you are free this Sunday, join me from 5 - 7 p.m. at an [event hosted by T.C. Williams Principal Peter Balas and Diego Delago](#) as part of an effort to raise scholarship funds for our Titans.

**BACKGROUND:** More than 60 percent of families at T.C. Williams receive federal assistance for free or reduced-price meals. Half of all scholarship recipients are the first generation in their family to attend college. We know that scholarships from SFA often mean the difference between a student being able to afford college or not.

As a beneficiary of a scholarship from the [Scholarship Fund of Alexandria](#) (SFA) when I graduated from T.C. in 1995, I know firsthand the difference a scholarship can make. It was an enormous help for me and my family and I felt immense pride as I stood on the stage to receive a scholarship from the SFA. To me, it meant that my community and my school believed in me.

Since 1986, thanks to the generosity of the Alexandria community, the SFA has awarded more than \$14.5 million in scholarships and sent more than 4,600 of Alexandria's students in need to college — students who might not otherwise have the chance to attend college.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the School Board review the opportunities available to help change the life of a student.

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**IMPACT:** College scholarships really do change lives ... forever.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

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