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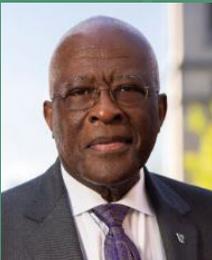


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The Evening's Program

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MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL OFFICE

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Chief Development Officer, UNCF

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James Thomas

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OUTSTANDING CORPORATE LEADER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Beverly Anderson

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Tod Leiweke

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PORTFOLIO PROJECT

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

Dallas Richardson

Portfolio Project Manager

PORTFOLIO PROJECT STUDENT SPEAKERS

John Kai Dupe'

Senior, Redmond High School

Princess Green

Senior, Garfield High School

Sydney Heidelberg

Senior, Skyline High School

Neva-Nataia Briana Lowery

Senior, University Prep

Pierce Thorn

Senior, Interlake High School

STUDENT SINGER

Maya Russell

Senior, Holy Names Academy

LIVE AUCTION

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CLOSING REMARKS

Linda Thompson-Black

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Axzavor Dill, DJ





Greetings,

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I welcome each of you to the UNCF Seattle "A Mind Is..."[®] Gala. Your presence here reflects a profound commitment to the power of education and the belief that together, we can build a brighter future for our communities.

As we gather in this space, let us take a moment to acknowledge the incredible journeys that have brought us here. Each of you represents the collective hope and aspiration of countless students striving for excellence. Your dedication to supporting their educational endeavors is not just commendable; it is transformative.

To all our sponsors, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you. Your commitment to this mission not only changes lives but also inspires others to join in this vital work. Together, we are lighting the way to promise and prosperity while fostering a culture of empowerment and achievement.

As we engage in today's activities, let us remember the impact of our collective efforts. Each conversation, each collaboration and each moment spent together strengthens our mission and enhances the lives of those we serve. The education and opportunities we provide are not just investments in individual futures, they are investments in the future of our communities and our nation.

Let us continue to inspire one another, share our stories and work together to make a lasting difference. Together, we can break down barriers and open doors for the next generation of leaders, thinkers and innovators.

Thank you for being here and for your belief in the mission of UNCF.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael L. Lomax'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D.
President and CEO, UNCF



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the UNCF Seattle Gala! I'm deeply grateful to each of you, our sponsors, donors and community members, for joining us tonight in support of our mission to uplift students and expand access to higher education. Your presence here plants powerful seeds of hope, and together, we're helping those seeds grow into opportunity, achievement and lasting change.

A special thank you to the Seattle Seahawks for honoring me with the Inspire Change - Changemaker of the Year award. I'm humbled by the recognition and energized by the work we continue to do together. I also want to thank NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and the NFL for inviting me to attend Super Bowl LX. It was an unforgettable experience made even sweeter by our Seattle Seahawks' incredible victory!

Tonight is a celebration of community, commitment and the belief that every student deserves the chance to thrive. Thank you for being a part of this journey and for helping us build a future filled with promise.

With Deep Appreciation

Linda Thompson-Black

UNCF Area Development Director Washington, Oregon and Alaska



GALA CO-CHAIRS



James Thomas

Vice President,
Organizational Equity Inclusion and Belonging, BECU

James Thomas is a seasoned executive with more than 22 years of leadership experience, including over 16 years leading diversity, equity, and inclusion strategy across multiple industries. He serves as Vice President of Organizational Equity, Inclusion & Belonging at BECU, where he leads enterprise efforts to advance equity and belonging for employees, members, and communities. His portfolio also includes Sustainability, aligning environmental, social, and governance priorities with BECU's mission to improve the financial well-being of its diverse membership.

Prior to BECU, James served as Director of DEI, Recognition, and Engagement at Alaska Airlines, where he embedded inclusive practices across business operations to enhance guest experience, employee engagement, and organizational performance. He also led Inclusion, Equity & Diversity strategy for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates and spent more than a decade at Nordstrom advancing DEI across the U.S., Canada, and Puerto Rico. Earlier in his career, he held operational leadership roles at Starbucks and Nordstrom, bringing a strong business lens to culture and inclusion work.

James holds a certification in Diversity Management from Cornell University, a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix, and a graduate degree in Legal Studies from Arizona State University.

He currently serves on the Bellevue College Foundation Board of Directors. He previously served as a board member and Chair of the Board of Directors for City Year Seattle King County, and as a board member for the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce, Choices Education Group, Seattle Goodwill, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound.

Outside of work, James enjoys being a husband and father, playing tennis, hiking, and riding his motorcycle.

GALA CO-CHAIRS



Jack McCullough

Founding Principal
McCullough Hill PLLC

John C. (“Jack”) McCullough is a founding principal of the law firm of McCullough Hill PLLC. Mr. McCullough holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard College (1978) and a law degree from Harvard University (1982). He was a Harvard Commencement Orator in 1982.

Mr. McCullough has practiced for 37 years on behalf of landowners, users and developers throughout the state of Washington, emphasizing land use and real estate financing and development.

From 1989 to 2010, Jack was general counsel to the Downtown Seattle Association, where he was Chair for 2012-2014. In 2015, he brokered Seattle’s “Grand Bargain” on affordable housing and has since served as co-chair of Seattle For Everyone, the multi-interest stakeholder organization supporting the implementation of the Grand Bargain. In 2019, he negotiated an agreement with the City of Seattle, on behalf of Downtown property owners, regarding the size and implementation of the Central Waterfront LID project.



Sandy McCullough

Community Advocate

Sandy McCullough enjoyed a 30-year career in communications, beginning in television news and culminating as a partner in a public affairs consulting firm. She and her team were recognized for advancing organizational missions, implementing strategies for worldwide clients, and delivering impactful messaging across multiple business sectors.

For the past two decades, Sandy has shared her expertise on nonprofit boards focused on education and leadership opportunities for women and girls. Elevating women leaders and advancing strategic goals in the nonprofit sector reflect her deep commitment to building community.

To serve the other side of her brain, Sandy began making and selling handcrafted jewelry in 2007. Her business allows her to source materials from around the world, create wearable art, and champion other women makers through collaborative pop-up events.

When she’s not working, Sandy and her husband Jack can be found traveling, golfing, hiking with their rescue pup Lexi, sipping wine, and spending time with their adult sons.



UNCF PORTFOLIO PROJECT 2026

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The mission of the Portfolio Project is to increase the number of minority and low-income college and scholarship applicants. Our strategy is to 'Engage, Enable, and Ensure' that 11th and 12th-grade students of color are equipped with the tools, access, and exposure necessary to reach their dreams and aspirations of attending universities, colleges, trade, and vocational schools. The Portfolio Project is a college and career readiness program placing major emphasis on increasing knowledge about students options for college and careers. Since the program's inception in 2006, the Portfolio Project has impacted more than 3,000 students through weekly sessions that include: access to college admissions professionals, essay writing workshops, financial aid/financial literacy workshops, guest speakers, and mentorship from industry professionals. Over the course of the program, UNCF has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships to Portfolio Project participants. **Over 85% of participants have been accepted in colleges and universities, many of whom are first-generation college students.**

THE PORTFOLIO PROJECT INCLUDES:

- 14-Week College Preparatory Program
- Mentorship From Industry Professionals
- UNCF College and Career Fair
- HBCU College Tour
- UNCF Scholarship Awards Program
- Summer Enrichment Workshops
- Internships / Hire (Helping Interns Reach Excellence) Program
- Essay Writing Workshops
- Financial Aid and Financial Literacy Workshops
- Access to College Admissions Professionals
- Guest Speakers
- Company Tours



Sydney Heidelberg
Senior, Skyline High School
Sammamish

Sydney actively participates in a variety of academic and cultural organizations, including the Seattle UNCF Portfolio Project. Committed to community involvement, collaboration, and intellectual curiosity, Sydney plans to pursue a biology degree with a Mandarin minor and aspires to become a cardiothoracic surgeon. She has earned over \$917,000 in merit scholarships from nationally ranked universities and is awaiting her final college decision in April 2026. Inspired by her experience with the UNCF Portfolio Project, Sydney plans to partner with the program as an alumna and launch a science mentoring initiative for students aspiring to become physicians.



Pierce Thorn
Senior, Interlake High School
Bellevue

Pierce has been in the Portfolio Project for the past 2 years, and the program has had a significant impact on himself and his family. Pierce is involved with his BSU, Jack n Jill of America Seattle Chapter, and the Interlake Track n Field sprint team. He has been accepted into North Carolina A&T, Prairie View A&M, Tennessee State University, Hampton University, and Tuskegee University and plans on studying civil engineering and environmental studies. Pierce is thankful for the Portfolio Project for many of the opportunities he has been given.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Seattle University, Seattle Central College, First AME Church, and our newest partner, ACE Academy, for generously providing space for our students.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Leadership Council for their unwavering support and commitment to advancing opportunities for our students. Your guidance and advocacy help strengthen the impact of the Portfolio Project year after year.

A special thank you to all our mentors who are truly dedicated to the vision and future of our students. Despite having lives and responsibilities outside of this program, they consistently show up every Saturday and beyond ready to make a meaningful difference.

We are also deeply grateful to our donors and sponsors whose generous investments make this work possible. Your support directly impacts the lives of students by opening doors to higher education, career exploration, and scholarship opportunities.

If you or someone in your network is interested in investing in the success of our students, we encourage you to sign up to become Portfolio Project staff or a mentor.

2026 UNCF Portfolio Project Scholarship Recipients

Binetou Diop
Danite Esayas Habte
Fiori Alexis Archer
Isaac Elegan
Jaylah Tene-Danyaile Cage
Jordan C. Powell
Judah Emmanuel Doucettperry
Khmera Jade Swazer

Laila Bolton
Lazaya Adahe Howard
Maliyah Thomas
Neva-Nataia Lowery
Niyah Janae Thompson
Nyat Meharry
Pierce Ellis Thorn
Princess Teja'vell Faith Green

Sorin Joshua Smith
Sydney Yvonne Heidelberg
Zelma Quaynor
Jessie Gilmore II
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Kennedy Elise Saunders
Naomi Beneyam
Andrew Boamong Owusu

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For questions or to get involved, please contact Portfolio.Project@UNCF.org



Princess Green
*Senior, Garfield High School
Seattle*

Princess has been a part of the Portfolio Project for two years, and is also involved in her community as a student activist, cheer captain, and Links Building S.T.E.A.M. Intern. Princess is grateful for UNCF's exposure to HBCU connections and experiences and plans to attend Spelman College in the fall. Princess thanks the UNCF staff and volunteers for all of the dedicated support and advice that has allowed her to apply and soon attend college!



Neva-Nataia Briana Lowery
*University Prep
Seattle*

Neva-Nataia is a published student journalist and accomplished artist with sixteen years of dance training. Neva-Nataia brings discipline, creativity, and a purpose-driven perspective to her storytelling and service. She has held several leadership roles with Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, including Chapter Teen President and her current role as Far West Regional Teen Vice President. A proud second-year UNCF Portfolio Project Scholar, Neva-Nataia plans to attend a Historically Black College or University with aspirations of pursuing a career in corporate and entertainment law.



John Kai Dupe'
*Remond High School
Redmond*

John Kai is a two year scholar of the UNCF Portfolio Project, an experience he credits with building his confidence, strengthening his college readiness skills and inspiring genuine excitement about his future. As president of his school's Black Student Union, he led thoughtful and engaging Black History Month programs for his peers and extended that work to a local elementary school, helping younger students learn, celebrate, and feel represented. Now accepted to Morehouse College, he plans to enroll in fall 2026 and continue his commitment to leadership, service, and uplifting his community.

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Outstanding Corporate Leader of the Year

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Beverly Anderson
CEO, BECU

UNCF Seattle is honored to recognize Beverly Anderson, President and Chief Executive Officer of BECU, as a 2026 recipient of the Frederick D. Patterson Corporate Leader of the Year Award. Ms. Anderson's distinguished career in financial services and her steadfast commitment to advancing equity and opportunity exemplify the leadership ideals championed by Dr. Patterson.

As President and CEO of BECU, the nation's fourth largest credit union, Ms. Anderson leads an organization serving more than 1.4 million members with over \$30 billion in assets. Since joining BECU in 2022, she has guided the institution with a focus on financial well being, community investment, and member centered innovation. In 2024, she was named one of the Most Powerful Women in Credit Unions, a recognition that reflects her influence and impact across the industry.

Ms. Anderson brings more than 30 years of leadership experience in banking and payments, having held senior executive roles at Equifax, Wells Fargo, and American Express. She is a graduate of Florida A&M University, an HBCU, where she earned her B.S. in business summa cum laude, and she holds an MBA from Harvard Business School. Her commitment to service extends beyond her executive role, she serves on the BECU Board of Directors and is an independent Board Director for Expedia Group, Accion, and the Harvard Business School African American Alumni Association.

UNCF Seattle is proud to honor Beverly Anderson for her exemplary leadership, her dedication to expanding pathways to financial empowerment, and her unwavering commitment to strengthening the communities she serves. Her professional achievements and her service across multiple sectors reflect a deep belief in opportunity, equity, and collective progress. We are pleased to recognize Ms. Anderson for the meaningful impact she continues to make in our region and beyond.

A portrait of Frederick D. Patterson, a man with short, graying hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue button-down shirt. He is smiling broadly, showing his teeth. The background is plain white.

FREDERICK D. PATTERSON

Outstanding Corporate Leader of the Year

AWARD

A decorative horizontal band featuring a dark green background with large, detailed leaves of a plant, possibly basil, in various shades of green.

Tod Leiweke

CEO, Seattle Kraken

UNCF Seattle is honored to recognize Tod Leiweke, Chief Executive Officer of the Seattle Kraken, as a 2025 recipient of the Frederick D. Patterson Corporate Leader of the Year Award. Mr. Leiweke's distinguished career and steadfast commitment to community advancement exemplify the values and legacy of Dr. Patterson.

As CEO of the Seattle Kraken, Mr. Leiweke has led the development of the National Hockey League's 32nd franchise and the creation of Climate Pledge Arena, the world's most sustainable sports and entertainment venue. This transformative \$1.6 billion project represents the largest private investment in Seattle sports history and has reshaped Seattle Center as a hub of innovation, sustainability, and civic pride.

With more than 35 years of leadership across major professional sports, Mr. Leiweke has served as CEO for four major league organizations spanning the NHL, NFL, and MLS. His national influence includes his tenure as Chief Operating Officer of the National Football League and his induction into the National Football Foundation Leadership Hall of Fame.

Mr. Leiweke's dedication to community service is equally noteworthy. He chaired the largest United Way campaign in Seattle's history and has been recognized as both Seattle's 2024 Humanitarian of the Year and 2024 Citizen of the Year. His commitment to education and civic engagement is further reflected in his honorary doctorate degrees from Seattle University (2024) and the University of South Florida (2014).

UNCF Seattle proudly honors Tod Leiweke for his visionary leadership, his enduring commitment to community, and his exemplary embodiment of the principles championed by Dr. Frederick D. Patterson.

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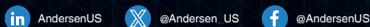


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