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## Fall 2019 Newsletter

Since 2008, The Danna K. Johnston Foundation has empowered over 400 youth from diverse socio-economic backgrounds to succeed academically and socially in high school and beyond. We are very proud of our achievements to date and have continued to evolve and find innovative ways to meet our objectives in a very cost-effective manner. The **DKJ Scholars** program provides underrepresented, academically-sound college students pursuing STEM related degrees with a supportive network that is comprised of financial scholarships, internship referrals and networking opportunities. Through **DKJ Scholars**, we are continuing to build our legacy of making meaningful impacts on students who have successfully demonstrated their desire to succeed through vigorous academics and community-focused activities. Program participants are required to maintain specific grade point averages, progress toward graduation and irrefutable community standing.

### WE ARE PROUD TO CURRENTLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING OUTSTANDING DKJ SCHOLARS:

***Kyla Marks** – Washington State University, Pre-medicine & Microbiology Major*

***Ciera Devers** – Clark Atlanta University, Computer Science Major*

***Audrey Price** – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Emergency Services Major*

***Ryshun L. Sampson** – Seattle University, Business Major*

***Kaila Taylor** – CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice (NYC), Forensic Psychology Major*

### GRADUATES

***Kelsey Smith** – 2017 Graduate of Gonzaga University, Biology Major. Kelsey is entering her third year of study at the University of Washington School of Dentistry.*

***Karrington Ogan** – 2019 Graduate of Gonzaga University, Mathematics Major. Ms. Ogan is now employed as a Post-Baccalaureate Data Scientist with the **Brent Lab at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center**. She works directly with Dr. William Peria and DKJ Ambassador Dr. Roger Brent. We at*



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The Danna K. Johnston Foundation are excited about this post-graduation process and delighted to continue to assist Karrington's efforts. A big thank you to Dr. Brent for his on-going support of The Danna K. Johnston Foundation!

**Marvette Charles** – 2019 Graduate of Langston University, Criminal Justice Major. Marvette is the first of eight children in her family to graduate from college. She is actively seeking professional opportunities.

If you would like to provide support to a DKJ Scholar, you can help in the following ways:

1. Fully or partially fund a scholarship award; and/or
2. Arrange or provide a career-oriented networking opportunity or interview for a Scholar.

To learn more about the DKJ Scholar program, please visit our website at [www.dannaKjohnston.org](http://www.dannaKjohnston.org).

The work we do is made possible by our team of volunteers, donors, sponsors, Board members and DKJ Ambassadors. To them we are gratefully appreciative and deeply humbled by their generosity.

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*Danna K. Johnston*

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## DKJ Ambassadors

DKJ Ambassadors are civic-minded leaders who understand and support the DKJF mission. They have joined our efforts to bring hope, spirit and good will as we grow and expand our programs to neighborhoods throughout the nation.

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