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## **Summer 2020 Newsletter**

Since 2008, The Danna K. Johnston Foundation has empowered 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 good grade point averages, progress toward graduation and irrefutable community standing.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to our newest DKJ Scholar graduate**

***RYSHUN SAMPSON***

*Business Major, Seattle University*

### **WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE DKJ SCHOLARS:**

***Ja’Niyah Donaldson*** – *University of Washington, Pre-Nursing Major*

***Kyla Marks*** – *Washington State University, Microbiology/Physician Assistant Major*

***Victoria Mulugeta*** – *University of Washington, Chemical Engineering Major*

***Alma Salisbury*** – *Elizabeth State University, Biology Major*

***Alex Taylor*** – *University of Washington, Informatics Major, Computer Programming Minor*

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

***Tsegaamiak Tesemma (Fio)*** – *Drexel University, Industrial/Product Design Major*

***Kennedy Thompson*** – *Northeastern University, Biological Sciences Pre-Med Major, Social Justice Minor*



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## FEATURED DKJ SCHOLAR – KARRINGTON OGANS



Karrington Ogans is a Computational Biologist at [Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center](https://www.fredhutch.org/) where she works under the leadership of DKJ Ambassador Roger Brent, Ph.D. She was named a DKJ Scholar in 2014 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Gonzaga University in 2019.

Karrington is working on making websites frequently used by researchers more hands free-- a need that the COVID-19 outbreak highlights. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, Karrington's research has become vital for the advancement of technology. As Karrington begins to create the technology needed to manufacture artificial intelligence, she looks forward to making the technology more widely accessible to the general population.



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When asked how being a DKJ Scholar has impacted her educational journey, Karrington said that she embraces the opportunity to make an impact in her community by giving back. She believes that being a DKJ Scholar is more than receiving financial support. She says that Danna checks up on her well-being and mental health in the capacity of mentor which inspires and motivates her to continue performing at her personal best. Karrington added that seeing all of the wonderful things that Danna has been able to accomplish has made her hopeful for her own future, where she hopes to make a difference in the world.

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.

## **DKJF Board of Directors**

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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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