KEEPING THE AMERICAN DREAM ON TRACK

2020 ANNUAL REPORT
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Over the years, while the Foundation kept true to its mission, it adjusted to the ever-changing landscape of higher education and the needs of its Scholars. As the financial aid programs changed, so did that of the Foundation. From pilot programs that identified and mentored college-bound students, to Scholar counseling, to today’s Symposium, the Foundation has strived to address all aspects of helping its Scholars successfully earn a college degree.

Today the Foundation is once again adjusting in response to COVID-19 becoming more involved in helping its current Scholars navigate unchartered waters such as returning to campuses with tighter restrictions, remote learning and sheltering in place.

Since its creation 70 years ago, the Foundation has always been forward thinking while addressing the current needs of its Scholars. As we look to the future, please join us in celebrating its 70 years of success.

Barbara Miller Kaufman
President

I find myself frequently encouraged by the kindness and resiliency emanating from our scholar community including current students and alumni. Our students listen keenly and take much inspiration from alumni stories of great perseverance. Scholars like Dr. Peter Stang, a teenager during the 1956 Hungarian uprising who was awarded the National Medal of Science by President Barack Obama in 2010. And Valarie King Bailey who made the short, but impactful, journey from Chicago’s Stateway Gardens public housing project to the University of Wisconsin–Madison’s College of Engineering, where she became the first Black woman to earn an engineering degree from the prestigious institution.

The true tales of individual determination, despite structural and systemic obstacles, recalls the stories of our forebears whose legacy of determination is passed onto us. Like many of our scholar alumni whose fathers and uncles worked for the Pullman Company, my great-grandfather and uncles were Pullman Porters. Their efforts have increased our resolve to move forward.

The support of the Pullman Scholar Community has increased our resolve to move forward. We know that this period in history will be remembered for those who not only survived, but helped others thrive. It is because of you—our alumni, donors, friends, and supporters—that our scholars will be okay, actualizing their dreams, overcoming insurmountable obstacles, and building the America of the future.

Robin Redmond
Executive Director

P.S. Our scholars enjoy connecting with alumni and hearing your stories. We encourage you to connect with them online through our LinkedIn group.
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A BRIEF HISTORY

1950: Florence Lowden Miller, the granddaughter of George Pullman, establishes the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation. In its first year, the Foundation awards $20,000 in scholarships to 60 young women and men. The average cost to attend a public university is $400 a year.

1960s: The Foundation is recognized nationally as a model private scholarship program after education director, Graham R. Taylor, initiates a more precise needs assessment and selection process for choosing scholars.

1970s: The Foundation focuses its efforts on helping students in Chicago’s inner-city public schools and public housing realize the dream of a college degree. The Chicago Area College Assistance Project (CACAP) is implemented and provides college admission and financial aid assistance to students.

1978: Florence Lowden Miller, George Pullman’s granddaughter, retires after 50 years of leading the Foundation as Board President.

1980s: In recognition of Florence Lowden Miller’s many contributions, the Foundation initiates the Florence Lowden Miller Early Identification Project. The groundbreaking program employs social workers in targeted high schools to identify and prepare the most vulnerable but promising high school students for college success.

1997: John H. Munger, the Foundation’s executive director for nearly 40 years retires. At the height of his career, 700 students were receiving scholarships, and the Foundation was the single, most important source of college funding for Chicago-area students.

2011: After more than 60 years of supporting a diverse scholar population, the Foundation appoints Robin Redmond as its first African American Executive Director.

2013: Responding to the rising cost of a college education, the Foundation increases the maximum scholarship award to $10,000 per student, per year, renewable for up to four years.

2014: The Foundation hosts the inaugural Pullman Scholar Symposium for current scholars and alumni. The event becomes the largest annual gathering of Pullman Scholars.

2018: The Foundation is awarded operating foundation status by the Internal Revenue Service, paving the way for the launch of planned giving and comprehensive fundraising programs to augment investment income.

2020: The Foundation celebrates 70 years of providing merit-based, need-based college scholarship for Chicago-area students.

MISSION VISION VALUES
OUR 71ST CLASS
CLASS OF 2020

23 NEW SCHOLARS
52% IDENTIFY AS FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

Isabella Aguilar
Whitney M. Young Magnet High School
Pepperdine University

Kevin Argueta
Intrinsic Schools
Illinois Institute of Technology

Amara Chiedu
Walter Payton College Preparatory High School
Cornell University

Kylie Gaeta
Amos Alonzo Stagg High School
DePaul University

Asisat Giwa
Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy
North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

Jenny Gong
Walter Payton College Preparatory High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Aman Idrees
Evanston Township High School
Illinois Institute of Technology

Myana Johnson
Jones College Prep High School
Howard University

Marlem Juarez
Infinity Math, Science & Technology High School
University of Illinois at Chicago
CLASS OF 2024: OUR 71ST CLASS

Diacos Love
Thornton Fractional North High School
Oberlin College

Angelina Marino
Marist High School
Marquette University

Haillé Minor
Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy
Texas Southern University

Malika Sampson
Morgan Park High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Sarah Smail
Maine West High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Osman Syed
Hoffman Estates High School
Illinois Institute of Technology

Conor Niznik
Wheeling High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Canyon Novick
Oak Forest High School
Baldwin Wallace University

Yetunde Ogunfowokan
Friedrich von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Geri Velinova
Elgin High School
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Alana White
Robert Lindblom Math & Science Academy
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

David Zhou
Northside College Preparatory High School
University of Illinois at Chicago

Janice Otero
North-Grand High School
North Park University

Anahy Perez
Charles Allen Prosser Career Academy
DePaul University

AVERAGE FAFSA EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION (EFC): $1,260

70% IDENTIFY AS FEMALE
30% IDENTIFY AS MALE

Identify as Black, African American
Identify as Asian
Identify as Hispanic, Latino
Identify as White
Identify as Multi-ethnic

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NOTES OF GRATITUDE

We are especially grateful to our scholar alumni community for your immediate response to our call for assistance early in the pandemic. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide funding to those scholars who needed immediate assistance.

I just wanted to send a thank you for the generosity shown by the Foundation. I have been struggling as I depend on my on-campus job which was shut down due to COVID-19. This semester has definitely been emotionally and financially straining, as my mom was in a car accident and times overall have been difficult, so I just wanted to say thank you so much for your kindness and it means a lot that the Foundation genuinely cares for its members. Your kindness and generosity is making a large difference for me at this time and I hope that when I graduate I will be able to support a Pullman scholar who is in my position as well.”

-Scholar A.K.

As a current college student in such an unfortunate situation I would like to thank you for the support that you provided me. The COVID-19 pandemic put such a financial and emotional burden on my life and education and having the Foundation members provide support means a ton. This motivates me to graduate and later on give back the same way as you are right now. Once again thank you and your support doesn’t go unnoticed.”

-Scholar W.R.

I really appreciate you and the whole Pullman community helping during this time. This was something unexpected and new that a lot of us weren’t prepared for. I’m thankful to be scholar and have the foundation care about us beyond just our scholarships. Every little bit helps and I am so grateful.”

-Scholar A.M

During these difficult times, it has been very stressful on me and my family to overcome certain obstacles as this virus has unexpectedly entered our lives. I hear stories of others helping within their communities, and giving what they can to help others in need. It is stories like these that makes this challenging situation more tolerable. Knowing that there are others who are willing to help those in need makes me feel grateful for them. Being on the receiving end of this makes me even more thankful for generous people like those who have donated to help my family and others in the Pullman Foundation. The donation that I received has given me and my family two weeks of groceries, and it has alleviated the stress and worries on our financial situation. Thank you very much for your support, it truly has helped my family and I get through in the midst of this chaos.”

-Scholar J.P.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your generosity. Coming from a family that practices the opposite of giving, it really means so much to see this coming from people that don’t even know me. You give me inspiration to keep going so I can remain a part of this wonderful community that is the Pullman Foundation. Please know the impact that you have on us. Thank you for this gift. I hope I have the opportunity to do the same for someone else in the future.”

-Scholar A.G.

Wow, I am at a loss for words. This is so incredible. Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone. I would like to express my gratitude to those who have offered to help out, for my family and I are eternally grateful. Please let them know that we truly appreciate their kindness and God bless them. We will never forget what they’ve done for us.”

-Scholar F.E.

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OUR BRAVE NEW GRADUATES

CLASS OF 2020
OUR SCHOLARS

Celeste Arzota
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Elizabeth Benitez Hernandez
University of Illinois at Chicago

Marcos Camacho
Brown University

Alexandra Cenatosa-Deir
Lewis University

Javon Chandler
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lawrence Cunningham
Emory University

Deshawn Etridge
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Farah Elbousmoudi
Loyola University Chicago

Alexia Escudero
University of Illinois at Chicago

Allannah Giles
Amurria University

Mercedes Guzayo
University of Southern California

Albert Haase
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Nikiyo Jordan
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Anthony Kang
Harvey Mudd College

Bye Kang
Northwestern University

Tania Lopez
Columbia University

Rida Mansoor
Loyola University Chicago

Kasumi Mey
Illinois Institute of Technology

Gina Muzio
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jawhar Panseri
Western University

Yoselin Pate
University of Southern California

Juan Pyates
Case Western Reserve University

Fatima Shariff
Loyola University Chicago

Sebastian Szymanski
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Lalitha Thomas
Laurence University

Kenshukea Uwakwe
University of North Carolina

Andrew Valencia
Illinois Institute of Technology

Daniela Wujewicki
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Noah Zhang
Loyola University Chicago

Alexandra Akhoury
New York University

John Anderson
University of Pennsylvania

Aryan Aiz
Illinois Wesleyan University

Esmerachoque-Jimenez
Ross-Mahani Institute of Technology

Rafael Orrant
University of Notre Dame

Malka On
Howard University

Ali Alzahr
University of Southern California

Andrew Lagunas
DePaul University

Ivana Lami
Middlebury College

Cyrus Lau
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Gabriela Macino
Marquette University

Adriana Martinez
Carnegie Mellon University

Alexander Markos
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Julia Patel
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Alexander Ramos
University of San Francisco

Nahidah Rojas
Washington University in Saint Louis

Aastin Schaalhuber
Bradley University

Jaime Sera
University of Illinois at Chicago

Skelar Thompson
DePaul University

Ehsan Abdala
University of Illinois at Chicago

Sofia Aliz
Loyola University Chicago

Driesquin Bannister
University of Illinois at Chicago

Magin Bannister
Howard University

Muzammil Chaudhry
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Christina Cortes
Marquette University

Sarah Diefrey
Elmhurst College

Zakhay Dollard
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jeanette Eldridge
University of Illinois at Chicago

Henry Edgar
Loyola University Chicago

Daisy Evans
Henderson College

Andrew Garck
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jane Go
University of Illinois at Chicago

Tora Goldstein
Howard University

Lauren Hucks
Washington University in St. Louis

Saulys (Svein) Martinez Barudino
California State University, Long Beach

Daniel Mielnik
University of Pennsylvania

Amphong Nguyen
Purdue University

Tiffany Nieves
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Chulima Oba
Northwestern University

Kooytjan Pendler
Valparaiso University

Hilary Pham
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jeanette Pham
University of California San Francisco

Nebiy Snaw
Dalke University

Maya Torun
Lamar University

Daniel Tseh
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Virginica Valska
Concordia College

Darius Vincent
University of Illinois at Chicago

Ivy Zhu
Loyola University Chicago

Orlando Alegria
University of Illinois at Chicago

Tiffany Nieves
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Yasmeen Baker
Columbia College Chicago

Litija Bandurovych
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Catherine Buchanan
Northwestern University

Alicia Cervantes
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Xia Wei Chen
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Chia-Chen Chiou
Loyola University Chicago

Luis Correa
Saint Louis College

Juliabitez
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Samuel Johnson
DePaul University

Tara Jones
Howard University

Hannah Kim
Savannah College of Art & Design

Daniel Morales
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Eisha Perez
DePaul University

Alicia Perzynski
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Alan Fung
Duesons University

Tatyana Raskin
University of Southern California

Keyla Ruiz
George Washington University

Teila Ruiz
Loyola University Chicago

Wesmila Rybalka
Illinois State University

Omar Shabib
University of Illinois at Chicago

Julio Stegmay
Howard University

Terey Tellez
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Jorge Ullon
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Imara Vierati
University of Illinois at Chicago

Tobitha Williams
Ohio State University

Malachi Zamora
Loyola University Chicago

Daisy Evariz is pursuing a Master's of Medical Sciences at Boston University.

Driedzom Bansah is a specimen processor at Antech Diagnostics.

Kostadin Pendev is working for Garmin as an Electromagnetic Compatibility Engineer for Avionics Technology in Kansas City.

Jane Go is attending the University of California San Francisco School of Pharmacy.

Tiffany Nieves accepted an early offer from Chicago Public Schools and is teaching in a bilingual classroom this school year.
Tierra Goldston is beginning her career as an Operations Analyst with a thriving startup, Catch Co.

Alanphong Nguyen is attending the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in pursuit of a Master’s of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Zakiyah Dillard earned a full tuition scholarship to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and is working towards earning her law degree.

Viridiana Villalva Salas is a full-time 9th grade English Instructor at Muchin College Preparatory High School in Chicago.

Andrew Gacek is studying towards a master’s in electrical and computer engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ivy Zhu is pursuing a graduate degree in Health Systems Management at Rush Medical Center.

Henry Espinoza is pursuing a Master’s of Science in Information Technology at Loyola University Chicago.

Elsadig Abdalla has been accepted to the University of Illinois Medical College and began his graduate studies this fall.

Hilary Pham is pursuing a graduate degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign’s iSchool.

Neb Tibebu is working full-time on Wall St. at Morgan Stanley in the Wealth Management rotational program.

Daniel Tryba started a new position as an Event Marketing Specialist for Techtronic Industries (TTD) in Denver, CO.

Lauren Hucko is pursuing a dual Doctor of Medicine and Master’s of Public Health at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.
2020 PULLMAN SCHOLAR ALUMNI SELECTION COMMITTEE

Lauren L. Adams
Loyola University Chicago 2015

Lawrence Alfie
Valparaiso University 1969

Victor Andrade
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1978

Adam Apostolovich
University of Chicago 2007

Thomas Arvada
University of Notre Dame 1980

Mark Back
Northwestern University 1988

Deborah Baden
Northwestern University 1981

Crystal G. Baha
Parsons The New School for Design 1972

David Bakker
Northwestern University 1983

Robe Banks
Washington University in St. Louis 2009

Judith Bentuk, DNP
Alverno College 1972

Erie Benefit
University of Hartford 1987

Dette Bernatke
University of Illinois at Chicago 1980

Judith Bird
Knia College 1984

Raegan Bricks
LeTourneau College 1999

Allys Brinca
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2004

Patricia Brown
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1984

Tayler Brown
Brigham Young University 2010

Tahilla Brown
Marquette University 2016

Vaunder F. Brown
Northwestern University 1997

Tiffany Burrow
Valparaiso University 2002

Gillian Campbell
Bradley University 1996

Jean Caulston
Grinnell College 1962

Katherine Cea
Northwestern University 1980

Rosetta Church
Warburg College 1970

Xiomara A. Contreras
Northwestern University 2017

Mary Kay "Simi" Cottolo
Kenyon College 1959

Janus Coven
University of Michigan 2005

Adelaide Curry
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2010

Heike Dale, Ph.D.
Miami University, Ohio 1968

Anthony Damion
University of Notre Dame 2003

Karen Dangardas
Northern Illinois University 1975

Jean Delano
Illinois State University 1964

Joseph DeMarco
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1978

Kira Devin
University of Southern California 2005

Kathryn Donovan
University of Notre Dame 1985

Luanne Ellerson
Northwestern University 1978

Juliana Garcia
University of Illinois at Chicago 2018

Michael K. Glynn
Marquette University 2017

Arthur Goweza, Jr.
Loyola University, New Orleans 2002

Lauren Henzel
Saint Mary's College 1991

Lisa Isetal
Calvin College 1985

Kristine Heinik
New York University 2009

Candi Hudson, Ph.D.
Bradley University 1994

Mark Hovland
Southern Illinois University at Carbondale 1985

Jeanne Hultquist
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2009

Joseph Justus
University of Notre Dame 1999

Edward Kaiser
Illinois Institute of Technology 1968

Nedra Karim
University of Technology 1981

Nathan L. Keilshler
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2015

Lori (Loreta) Kelly
Saint Xavier University 1989

Joseph Khazan
University of Chicago 1983

Julia Kohledjian
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2001

David Konkol
St. Thomas College 1972

Stephanie Kromes
Illinois State University 1971

Neil J. Kozulska
Loyola University Chicago 2014

Anthony Latronica
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2008

Rotra Lage
University of Maryland College Park 2004

Billy K. Leung
University of Michigan 2016

Jill Lervick
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 2003

Kechia E. Louis
Loyola University Chicago 2012

Joyce Maxberry Malliet
Northwestern University 1984

Shawn J. Mayberry
Loyola University Chicago 2011

Nina Merchko
Dominican University 2019

John Miller
University of Chicago 2014

Nina Milevski
Northwestern University 1992

Thomas Merritt, Jr.
Purdue University, West Lafayette 2008

Ralph Murdy
Northern Illinois University 1973

Veronica Murphy, M.D.
University of Chicago 1997

Barbara Myers
Northern Illinois University 1994

Lena Neal, Ph.D.
DePaul College 1968

Agata Oshkova
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2001

The Honorable Ramon Ocasio
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1985

Rovena Pantoja
Northern Illinois University 1969

Steven Pappageorge
Lake Forest College 1985

Katherine Pashel
University of Chicago 2011

Wardean Patterson
Eastern Illinois University 1990

Jean Pekoz Huebner
Marquette University 1965

Richard P. Peloquin
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2018

Richard J. Petroncelli
Northwestern University 1974

Deborah Porter
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1983

Gesseba Richardson
Robert Morris University 2004

Debra Ridenour
Eastern Illinois University 1972

Margaret Reiter
Washington University in St. Louis 1973

Samra Ramej
University of Illinois at Chicago 2015

Paula M. Schein
Northern Illinois University 1971

Sarah Shaffer
Saint Xavier University 1986

Charles Shipan, Ph.D.
Gazette College 1983

Leslie Sobot
RSW College 1983

Angela Stathos
University of Chicago 2007

Jovita Storm
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1968

David Sullivan
University of Notre Dame 1993

Michelle Tam
University of Southern California 2007

Nicholas L. Tawil,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2015

Jeanne Thielman
University of Notre Dame 1984

Vitosea Tutu
University of Chicago 1971

Lafarkia Vaughn
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2009

Aleena Williams
University of Illinois at Chicago 2018

Linda Windham
University of Illinois at Chicago 1986

Christina Woods
Saint Xavier University 1992

Jasmin N. Young
Robert Morris University 2004

Debra Yoder
Eastern Illinois University 1972

Annie Yung
Annie Yung

Jasmine N. Young
Jasmine N. Young

Lafakeria Vaughn
Lafakeria Vaughn

Joette Storm
Joette Storm
As the new Chaplain of Brent House at the University of Chicago in 1982, the Reverend Sam Portaro would put pen to paper, sending incoming students a postcard introducing himself and the Episcopal ministry on campus. It was a strategy he had successfully employed during his tenure at the College of William and Mary, and one that new students and their families found endearing and welcoming. One student was especially grateful to receive the chaplain’s postcard, sharing the note with his aunt. She happened to be Florence Lowden Miller, the founder and board president of the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation. Moved by the gesture, Mrs. Miller reached out to Mr. Portaro by phone, thanking him for the kindness he had shown her nephew. This type of gesture was typical of Mrs. Miller who took great care and consideration of all the people whose lives she touched. Shortly after, Mr. Portaro found himself in receipt of an envelope, hand-delivered by a member of Mrs. Miller’s staff. Inside were a handwritten note and a check for $1500, a donation to Brent House.

“It all started with a postcard and a 15¢ stamp, leading to the best return on investment I’ve ever known.”

Mr. Portaro and Mrs. Miller kept in touch, occasionally crossing paths or corresponding about student life or Brent House. “I remember how passionately she spoke about the Foundation’s work with the students, but I was also captivated by her foresight – she was thinking about how to continue ‘changing the guard’ for the Foundation,” Mr. Portaro recalls, “To that end, she invited me, someone with no prior affiliation to the Foundation or Pullman family but a deep understanding of student life, to join the Foundation’s board. Needless to say, I accepted.”

Never had he imagined a 15¢ investment would lead to an invitation to join the Pullman Foundation board, an organization so aligned with his values of supporting all students in their pursuit of a better life.

“It’s all about the scholars; it always has been. While the board may have changed over time, its responsibilities and vision remain the same.”

Thirty-six years later, Mr. Portaro’s commitment to the Foundation and to Pullman Scholars is as profound as it was from day one. Throughout his board tenure, his knowledge has shaped Foundation programs like the Florence Lowden Miller Early Identification Project (FLMEIP). The groundbreaking program employed social workers in targeted high schools to identify and prepare the most vulnerable but promising high school students for success. He was also instrumental in the decision to begin actively fundraising and engaging the Foundation’s scholar alumni/ae community.

Today, in addition to offering his expertise, Mr. Portaro and his husband Chris are regular and significant contributors to the Foundation and its fundraising efforts.

The Pullman Foundation is unique in its unwavering financial and immaterial support it provides to scholars. What’s more, once you’re a Pullman Scholar, you’re part of the Pullman community for life. It’s so much more than just a check; it’s the final piece of the puzzle.”
WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BEQUESTS
Memorialize your philanthropic interests and your legacy while providing for the next generation of Pullman Scholars by making a bequest to the Foundation for a specific amount or percentage of your estate.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS
Establishing a donor-advised fund may allow you to claim one large charitable gift deduction this year even though you advise annual gifts from your fund to support the Pullman Foundation over several years. Many funds can be established with as little as $5,000. If you already hold a donor-advised fund at a charitable trust (e.g. Fidelity, United Way, Schwab Charitable), please consider recommending grants from your fund to support the George M. Pullman Educational Foundation.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES
This type of donation is a way to make an extraordinary gift to support Pullman Scholars and receive a steady income for yourself or others for life. Learn more by contacting the Foundation office.

IRA CHARITABLE GIFT ROLLOVER
Donors at least 70 1/2 years of age can make a gift directly to the Foundation from their IRA without needing to claim the gift as taxable income. IRA charitable gift rollovers, up to $100,000, can be used to satisfy your annual minimum distribution requirement. Whether you itemize your taxes or claim the standard deduction, you can benefit from donating rollovers.

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES
Keep the American Dream on Track for today’s and future Pullman Scholars by naming the Pullman Foundation as a beneficiary of your 401(k), 403(b), IRA, other retirement account, or life insurance policy.

STOCKS AND SECURITIES
Savvy investors can maximize their philanthropy by donating gifts of appreciated securities. In addition to being able to claim a charitable gift deduction on donated stock, you avoid paying capital gains tax. Speak with your investor for more information.

Thank you for keeping the American Dream within reach for so many hardworking young people. For more information, please contact the Foundation at 312-422-0444, info@pullmanfoundation.org or www.pullmanfoundation.org/support.

The Foundation’s financial statements and 990s are available at www.guidestar.org.
YOUR GENEROSITY KEEPS THE AMERICAN DREAM ON TRACK

On behalf of our current class of Pullman Scholars and everyone at the Foundation, we would like to recognize and extend our deepest appreciation to our generous donors and volunteers for their support.

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Robert and Sally (Carlson) Weist

Suma Cum Laude ($10,000+)

for their support.
We make every effort to assure the accuracy of this list. However, if you note any discrepancies, please bring them to our attention so that we can correct our records. Thank you.

Bolded names are donors acknowledge for their increased support this year.

Tribute gifts are a unique way to recognize someone dear to the supporter by either memorializing the passing of an individual or by celebrating and honoring them for a special occasion. Thank you for making this touching gift to the Foundation in memory or in honor of a loved one.
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