

2020 LSV Virtual Scholarship Award Ceremony

The ceremony was held on June 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Seven qualifying high school graduates were awarded the LSV Scholarship valued \$1,000 each.

The Theme: **“Embrace the New.”** Director, Leah S. Vines presented a warm and cordial welcome. The invocation followed by Treasurer, Helen Collins. The scripture was read by Secretary, Marsha Cooper. “He made everything beautiful in His time; also, He hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.” Ecclesiastes 3:11
The CYCLES IN life, the seasons of change, are completely natural and part of God’s order. When you need reassurance and guidance turn to the source of all wisdom. He will help sustain you through the ebb and flow of faith and times of uncertainty.

Entertainment was by the magnificent voice of Evangelist Wanda Barnes of Rocky Mount performed her rendition of “Everything Beautiful in Its Own Way,” and “I’ll Rise Up.” The purpose was given by Bylaws Chair, Katie Staton.

The keynote speaker was Victor Vines. President of LSV Scholarship Fund and President/Owner of Vines Architecture in Raleigh, NC. He narrated through the ceremony with an inspiring message advising the recipients how to move forward as they endeavor a world of change. After greetings and congratulations, he began with “You are being presented with two choices. Evolve or Repeat. Your life has purpose. Your story is important. Your dreams count. Your voice matters. You were born to make an impact. “If you stress about something before it happens, you’ve put yourself through it twice.” Working hard for something we don’t care about is called stress. Working hard for something we love is called passion. Its okay to have off days. Never judge someone without knowing the whole story. Always go boldly and honestly through the world. Learn to love the fact that there is nobody else quite like you. Five things to keep quiet about are 1. Your Big Plans. 2. Your love life. 3. Your next move. 4. Your Income. 5. Your family issues. The three simple rules in life are: 1. If you don’t go after what you want, you will never have it. 2. If you don’t ask, the answer will always be NO. 3. If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place. A quote from Albert Einstein, “You never fail until you stop trying.” No matter what your circumstances are, if you can imagine something better for yourself, you can create it. There are many

ways to success, and everyone has their unique set of challenges. Be ready for new challenges. You're on your own more than ever ...In new College and University Environments. (Be Smart) Be aware of Corvid 19 Protocol. Everything is Unrest-Unsettled. "An entire sea of water can't sink a ship unless it gets inside the ship. Similarly, the negativity of the world can't put you down unless you allow it to get inside of you." People do not decide their future, they decide their habits and their habits decide their future. FM Alexander. You may wonder what the new year will bring us? 365 opportunities each day. Every decision you make won't be the right one. Parents understand your child's perspectives are different from your perspectives. The key is "managing expectations." Four Simple rules to remember, wake up early; work harder than you did yesterday; never go more than three days without exercise and make time to read every day. There will be heart breaks, failures, struggles, loss, doubts. Whatever happens, do not lose hold of two main ropes of life- HOPE and FAITH. Good Thoughts, Good Work- Good Deeds. The Best career advise that I can give: Don't ever attach yourself to a person, a place, a company, an organization, or a project. Attach yourself to a Mission, a Calling, a Purpose ONLY. That's how you keep your power, and your peace. It has worked pretty well for me thus far. Never Stop or Turn Back Until the Things Intended are Done.

The Award presentation was by Director, Leah S. Vines. Seven Scholarships were awarded to the following graduates from five different high schools, attending five different colleges. Five seeking medical careers; one business career, and one Architecture. Congratulations to our 2020 outstanding group of scholars!

Ambre M. Flowers Graduate of North East Carolina Prep. School, Tarboro, NC will attend Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC. Major Nursing. Ultimate goal is to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Vallery Hesketh Gore Graduate of Fike High School, Wilson NC will attend NC State University, Raleigh NC. Major Masters in Architecture. Her long-term goal is become a high achieving employee of an Architecture firm and ultimately open her own Architecture Firm.

Kylar Jelene Wiggins Graduate of Northern Nash High School, Rocky Mount NC will attend East Carolina University, Greenville NC. Major Chemistry, continuing to school of medicine to become a pediatrician.

Silas JaShaad James Graduate of Junius H. Rose High School, Greenville NC will attend Randolph-Mason College, Ashland Virginia. Major Business Administration. Upon college he hopes to be prepared for an excellent job, long term goal is to one day start his own car dealership business.

Colin John Bateman Graduate of Fike High School, Wilson NC will attend East Carolina University, Greenville NC Major Biology & Psychology. His long-term goal is to become a Cardiologist.

Keyley Cheyenne Shackelford Graduate of Farmville Central High School, Farmville NC will attend University of NC, Chapel Hill NC. Major Biology, continuing to medical school to become an OB-GYN.

Gabriel Owens Cox Graduate of Fike High school, Wilson NC will attend NC State University, Raleigh, NC. Major Biological Sciences, continue to University of North Carolina or East Carolina University in pursuit of orthodontics.

Closing remarks was given by Parliamentarian, Vernon Vines and Vice President, Travis C. Vines. Travis jokingly commented the ones going to ECU were going to the best school. Victor chuckled; everybody knows which one the best school. The comments gave everyone a good laugh. The three brothers are: Travis ECU, Victor NC State, Vernon UNC Graduates, sons of Leah S. Vines.

The ceremony was 1.5 hours long with an attendance of approximately 50 viewers. The LSV Scholarship Fund Committee extends sincere thanks to everyone for making this ceremony a success. To the Scholarship recipients, now is the time to show the world how you shine. You have our warmest and best wishes for the bright future you deserve. We depend on you to make the world better. May God continue to bless and guide you on your journey.

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