On June 7, 2021, our Newport News senior class walked the stage at Todd Stadium and received their diploma from An Achievable Dream Middle & High School. Friends and family members cheered students on from the bleachers, and students heard from class Salutatorian, Krystal Langhorne, and Valedictorian, Tejah Butler. Also attending graduation was special guest, Alan Witt, recently retired CEO of PBMares. The accounting firm sponsored college scholarships for the Class of 2021 in honor of Mr. Witt, and the class will forever be known as the Alan S. Witt Scholars. Members of the senior class presented Mr. Witt with a special gift: a framed group photo of the class with Mr. Witt, PBMares CEO Harvey Johnson, and PBMares Partner Jennifer French. The photo was signed by each member of the graduating class.

We are so proud of the determination and resilience our students exhibited as they navigated their senior year of high school in the midst of a global pandemic. It was a unique and challenging year, with senior activities and experiences looking very different this year. We are so pleased with how each member of the senior class handled such a difficult year with courage, determination, and grit.

We are incredibly proud of the courage with which we know they will continue to take on the future, and we will be here to encourage them every step of the way!

In a special letter to the senior class, Dr. Vreeland shared the following words:

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Believe in tomorrow, believe in yourself. Trades, college, or the military, continue with your education; the world needs you now more than ever. Find your passion. Do your best. Don’t be late. Read often. Appreciate others. Open your mind, nurture your body. Get outside. Cherish family, friends, health—these are your true riches.

You pushed through the hard times and made it here today. And wherever you go from here, An Achievable Dream is always home.

Congratulations, An Achievable Dream graduating Class of 2021!
CLASS OF 2021 STUDENT STATS

48 Graduates
314 Applications to colleges and universities
211 Total college acceptances

$2,073,650 Total amount of scholarship funds awarded

42% of the Class of 2021 graduated with a 3.0 or higher grade point average

6% of the Class of 2021 graduated with a 4.0 or higher grade point average

96% of the Class of 2021 graduated with an advanced studies diploma

54% will be attending a 4-year college
30% will be attending a 2-year college
10% will be joining the military
6% will be entering the workforce

Anthony Augustus, Jr.
Attending Norfolk State University

Ke’Mani Bennett
Attending Mary Baldwin University

Kiyah Boggs
Entering the Workforce

Sha’Niyah Boothe
Attending Radford University

Laila Bowens
Attending Christopher Newport University

Deaveon Brooks
Attending Old Dominion University

Syncere Bullin
Attending Old Dominion University

Tejah Butler
Attending Christopher Newport University

Luther Collins, Jr.
Joining U.S. Navy

Zahnique Cooke
Attending Old Dominion University

Ameni Diggs
Attending Norfolk State University

Naseem Dixon
Joining U.S. Air Force

De’Andre Fields
Joining National Guard Reserves

Tylicia Fields
Attending Christopher Newport University

Christopher Flores
Attending Old Dominion University

Talisa France
Attending Virginia State University

Eddie Grady
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

Breon Graves
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

Lena Hardy
Entering the Workforce

Keshawn Hatch
Attending Old Dominion University

12 students were members of Christopher Newport’s Community Captains program.

4 of those 12 will be attending Christopher Newport University.
The Class of 2021 completed

- **126** honors courses
- **42** advanced placement courses
- **12** dual enrollment courses

**Bryanna Haywood**
Attending Richard Bland College

**Zhanasia Henderson**
Attending Bryant & Stratton College

**Ta’zahna Holmes**
Attending Liberty University

**Aniya Hunter**
Attending Norfolk State University

**Kaleb Jarman**
Attending Richard Bland College

**Arianna Jones**
Attending University of Virginia

**Krystal Langhorne**
Attending Christopher Newport University

**Breanna Lewis**
Attending Old Dominion University

**X’zavion McLauchlin**
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

**Kail McMillian**
Attending Bryant & Stratton College

**Zariyah Mitchell**
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

**Abrielle Mormon**
Attending New River Community College

**Trinity Newell**
Attending Norfolk State University

**Richard Nolff**
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

**Shaliyah Perkins**
Attending Norfolk State University

**Solenia Reid**
Attending Old Dominion University

**Torin Saunders**
Attending Virginia State University

**La’Ron Skinner**
Joining U.S. Air Force Reserves

**Alphonzo Solomon, III**
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

**Camrynn Taylor**
Attending Tidewater Community College

**Rickey Taylor**
Joining U.S. Air Force Reserves

**Trey Terry**
Attending Radford University

**Parish Thompson**
Attending Old Dominion University

**Teryn Twine**
Attending Thomas Nelson Community College

**Tyjala Weston**
Entering the Workforce

**Tyrik White-Stagg**
Attending Christopher Newport University

**Jada Wilson**
Attending Christopher Newport University

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**Honors, Advanced Placement, and Dual Enrollment Courses**

- **126** honors courses
- **42** advanced placement courses
- **12** dual enrollment courses
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, A Night to Dream, a virtual speakeasy benefiting our Virginia Beach program, held on March 5, 2021, was successful in raising important funds to provide for our Dreamers through and beyond the pandemic. In fact, with your support, we exceeded our fundraising goal for this event! We heard from alumni keynote speaker, Dr. Brian McGowan, and presented Will Sessoms with the Dream Maker Award during one very special evening. We are so grateful for your support!

A Night to Dream Was a Night to Remember!

“People often ask me... ‘would you be where you are today without AAD?’ and the answer is no. I am proud to be an AAD alum. This program changed my life. The difference between the next kid in my community and me was that AAD gave me access to opportunities. AAD works.”

— Dr. Brian McGowan, A Night to Dream Alumni Keynote Speaker

“By working together to support systems like An Achievable Dream and Virginia Beach City Public Schools, this is how we make our city, Commonwealth, and country a better place to live.”

— Will Sessoms, former mayor, City of Virginia Beach, and recipient of the 2021 Dream Maker Award
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“...I have participated in several virtual events over the last year but AAD has by far exceeded the experience of others!”

— Guest of A Night to Dream
The Dreamers for Change Task Force was created in the summer of 2020 and holds a membership of more than 15 staff and community leaders. The group has met virtually over the last 12 months and has touched on topics such as systemic racism and unconscious biases and helped explore training options for task force members, board members, teachers, and staff on diversity, equity, and inclusion. After selecting Cook Ross, a full-service consulting firm with 30 years of experience addressing organizational development issues, including deep expertise in the role of unconscious bias in the workplace, a series of training sessions was held. These training sessions took place virtually and helped facilitate dialogue and provided task force members, staff, and board members with a framework to process what was happening nationally related to acts of racial injustice and what could be done individually and collectively to achieve equality.

Several members of the An Achievable Dream staff are currently enrolled in the CoachDiversity Institute (CDI) and are obtaining a Certified Professional Diversity Coach (CPDC) certification. CDI focuses on diverse communities and helps organizations ensure they are leading with diversity, equity and inclusion in mind. The CPDC certification will give the AAD staff members the foundation needed to work with others on topics such as developing awareness of cultural difference; cultivating non-judgmental attitude toward difference; transforming bias toward inclusion; cultural competency; minority stress; managing conflict around diversity and inclusion in the workplace; and micro-aggressions.

Lee Vreeland
President and CEO

“Beginning a new school year is always an important and special time of year at the Dream, and this year, we are celebrating more than ever before! From joint kickoff parties for our staff, back to school bashes with our communities, and other celebrations, we are ushering in the new school year the way we always do at the Dream: with enthusiasm and excitement. We are excited for the year ahead, thrilled to welcome back our amazing and energetic educators, and overjoyed to welcome our Dreamers back to our schools. On top of this, our organization continues to expand and grow, from the launch of our education product, Achieve SAME Pro (available for purchase by other schools and districts), to expanding to middle school in Henrico and high school in Virginia Beach. We continue to focus on growth with excellence, blending best practices learned during the pandemic with our traditional practices to come back stronger and better than ever. I am most looking forward to doing what we do best: educating and equipping our students for the future and for success. Let’s do this!”

Pervis O. Blake
Vice President of Academics

“As we look ahead to the upcoming year at all of our campuses, one word comes to my mind: ready. We are excited, we are prepared, and we are ready to usher in the next season of An Achievable Dream. During the 2021/2022 school year, we will be welcoming new Dreamers to the program, expanding to encompass 9th grade in Virginia Beach and 6th grade in Henrico, maintaining our 100% on-time graduation rate, and ensuring every single student has what they need to be successful, and every family feels supported, valued, and loved. The Dream is growing, and we know we have work to do. We could not be more ready for what the future has in store.”
“Excitement is a mixture of enthusiasm, motivation, intuition and a hint of creativity.’

Excited isn’t enough to describe how thrilled we are to welcome all of our Dreamers back for the 2021-2022 school year. The focus now is to get all of our Dreamers acclimated to being back face to face.

The addition of sixth graders has expanded our An Achievable Dream Certified Academy family in Henrico and we couldn’t be happier! This group will be our first graduating class in Henrico and they are bringing along four years of experiences as Dreamers as they continue to embrace the amazing opportunities headed their way for years to come. AADCA Class of 2028 is now loading!

With all of our students, we are ready to do what’s necessary to ensure they are adjusting socially, academically, and morally into the environment they left behind in 2020. Things are certainly different, but we are willing to do what it takes to ensure all of our students and staff members are excited and motivated to embark on this awesome adventure!”

“Excitement is BUZZING in Virginia Beach! As we are coming back to school, students and staff in Virginia Beach are looking forward to the continued growth of the program into 9th grade, continuing to cultivate the partnerships with all of the organizations, and growing new partnerships! We are ready to welcome the community back to our Virginia Beach campuses to show our Dreamers the support they have from the community. We are welcoming over 50 new Dreamers through our recruitment efforts, and when they were asked if they were excited to be Dreamers, each one emphatically agreed with a wide smile! Staff members are excited to work with seasoned and new Dreamers alike as they are ready to get to the business of building relationships and preparing them for life.”

“Excitement is in the air—literally! Coming off of a successful virtual Intersession filled with field trips and exciting elective courses such as American Sign Language, International Travel and Impact 2021, our students jump-started the school year building meaningful relationships with peers and teachers alike. We are MORE than excited to get back to face to face learning, stimulating our Dreamers’ minds with social rotation courses, athletics, growth opportunities through clubs and mentorships and of course our signature What It Takes program at the middle and high school level. We are looking forward to taking what we learned during the pandemic and building even more meaningful relationships with our families and the community!”
As we continue our Profiles in Leadership series highlighting a few of the many leaders making a difference and impacting our communities, we are pleased to feature Adelia Thompson. In February, 2021, Paul Trible, President of Christopher Newport University, announced a six-month sabbatical to care for his wife, Rosemary Trible. President Trible appointed Ms. Thompson, chief of staff, as acting chief executive officer. We had the opportunity to interview Ms. Thompson on the opportunities and challenges she faces as a leader, as well hear from President Trible on leadership and community impact.

President Trible has been a powerful leader for CNU for more than 25 years. What have the last six months been like for you, fulfilling this role for him while he was on sabbatical?

When President Trible made the decision and the announcement about his sabbatical, he did two really powerful things as the leader of Christopher Newport:

1. He showed the 1,000+ people who work at Christopher Newport, and our 5,000 students, that part of living a life of significance is knowing when it is time to, as he says, “step away from something you love for something you love more.” He said that when he decided to step away from his successful political life in order to spend more time with Rosemary and his young family, and he said that once again when he made this latest decision to be fully present with Rosemary—the love of his life—to care for her while she undergoes treatment for a debilitating autoimmune muscular disease. He reminded us all that caring for the love in your life is what matters most. What a powerful thing to model for our Christopher Newport family.

2. He made an extraordinary statement about the faith and trust he has in the leadership team he has assembled at the University. It is a group of colleagues who would walk through fire to support him and most importantly, to care for this remarkable University—its values, vision, mission and future, and the people who bring it to life. We promised him we would take care of this place and this family, so he could take care of Rosemary.

With the hard work and incredible loyalty and dedication of faculty and staff across this campus, and with the leadership and commitment of our board and volunteers, alumni and parents, we hope he will be proud of what he and Rosemary return to in August, when they come home to us and we all begin the celebration of Christopher Newport’s 60th anniversary year. I know for me, and I think for all of us, leaning into the trust and responsibility he invested in us has been and continues to be a profound honor and pushes us all to bring our very best, in every way, every day.

As we transition out of the pandemic regulations, what challenges have you experienced, and what perspective have you tried to maintain as you approached those challenges?

Throughout the pandemic, a group of administrators, faculty and staff have worked to navigate all things COVID-related for the University. It was convened by the President, and that group is about 11 people—bringing in other colleagues from time to time with expertise in specific areas—and has served since the pandemic began. The many challenges we faced were the same as those facing lots of organizations and certainly all of higher education: how to continue delivering on our promise of the very best higher education, liberal arts and

“Adelia is passionate about people and pursues excellence in all things. She works from early morning to late at night to make good things happen. Adelia has led Christopher Newport with joy, kindness, and remarkable success in very difficult and challenging times!”

—Paul Trible, President, Christopher Newport University

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Wrapping up the school year will always be bittersweet; as we launched those bright-eyed seniors into the world in June, we were already preparing to welcome new Dreamers for Summer Intersession. There were tears, and excitement, and so much joy and pride as we celebrated the accomplishments of our amazing teachers, staff, and students at the end of the school year. I could not be more proud of our students or our team.

This year, even as we continue to see the lingering effects of the pandemic, we also see the light at the end of the tunnel. We will still face new obstacles and unexpected challenges, but this past year and a half taught us how much we can accomplish together, and how resilient we can be.

I remain immensely grateful for the incredible support of our community. Without the Dream family — each and every one of you — we would not be able to accomplish the important work we do daily. Without your belief in our students and their bright futures, we would not be where we are today: emerging from a global pandemic, stronger, better, and able to help those around us.

I hope you enjoy reading some of the highlights from this season, and I look forward to seeing many of you in person very soon.

With all my gratitude,
Lee Vreeland, Ed.D.
President and CEO

This past year and a half taught us how much we can accomplish together, and how resilient we can be.
Honoring the Legacy of Senator John Warner

On May 26, 2021, we mourned the passing of former U.S. Senator, John Warner, and we honored his legacy. The very first honorary “Doctor of Dreams” award recipient in 1997, Senator Warner was an early and staunch supporter of An Achievable Dream. We will be forever grateful for his advocacy for AAD beginning nearly 30 years ago and spanning through his entire career. We stand on the shoulders of giants, and John Warner was, without a doubt, one of those giants.

AAD President and CEO Dr. Lee Vreeland shared: “I remember first meeting Senator Warner when I was just beginning my career with An Achievable Dream in 1997, and I vividly recall his unmatched passion for this program and the success of our students. He was a visionary just as our founder, Walter Segaloff, was, and he stood proudly as a supporter of what was then a new program. He was instrumental to the success of An Achievable Dream. From playing tennis with the very first AAD students on opening day in 1993, he was there at the beginning, and all through the journey since. Today, as his chapter closes, we honor his remarkable life and legacy and we know the story he began will continue.”

In 2018, writing on lessons from the Greatest Generation, Warner shared: “All of us, no matter our age, are shaped by the events of our time... These times are shaping who we are today and the hardships—and lessons—from these events are not all that different than they were nearly a century ago. I can only hope that we all learn from these times, that we learn that sacrifice can be good for us, that discipline is required of us, that humility is necessary for us, and that loyalty must guide us.”

We salute you, Senator Warner, for your sacrifice, discipline, humility, and loyalty, and for the legacy you helped build for our Dreamers and future generations.
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class of 2020 has marched into life commencement experiences, and the world with full-on (if re-invented) of service last year!). Our 2021 to log more than 80,000 hours opportunities (they still managed the challenges of in-person service to serve the community in spite of fall. Our students still found ways students in record numbers last story amazing.

Christopher Newport family's COVID in their own lives that makes the with fear, illness and major change campus, all the while navigating the classroom and across the campus, which sounds dry and small in the grand scheme of things but mean major savings. We have learned the importance of communication, certainly in a crisis time, but all the time, to keep our campus community informed, connected, and engaged. We have new ideas for in-person events, like commencement and homecoming, because figuring out how to do versions of them with masks and distancing actually revealed new ways to make them even more personal, more special. We are right in the middle of figuring out all the details for life on campus this fall, but we are grateful that colleagues across the campus have been open with their thoughts and experiences about lessons learned and how to bring those new skills and capacities forward to do more and be better as we move ahead.

In what ways are you most proud of your team as it navigates an already challenging field of higher education during a global pandemic?

Again, really it is how the people of this place managed to fiercely protect who we are and what we do and maintain the level of excellence in the classroom and across the campus, all the while navigating the necessary difficulties and dealing with fear, illness and major change in their own lives that makes the Christopher Newport family's COVID story amazing.

I should note that CNU retained students in record numbers last fall. Our students still found ways to serve the community in spite of the challenges of in-person service opportunities (they still managed to log more than 80,000 hours of service last year!). Our 2021 graduates were sent off into the world with full-on (if re-invented) commencement experiences, and the class of 2020 has marched into life successfully and with great purpose, as we recently learned that 93% of them are either employed full time or in graduate school.

And perhaps for us as a part of the larger Peninsula and Hampton Roads community, being a partner in, and serving as the host location for, the vaccine clinic operated through the partnership among the City of Newport News, York County, and the Peninsula Health District was the most important experience of this past year. Knowing that 25,000 of our first responders, frontline workers, teachers, neighbors, and our faculty, staff, and students received the vaccine through that clinic means everything to us.

What did we learn through that? The power in and importance of being a leader in the community we share and a renewed respect for what can be accomplished when we bring our best, individually and collectively. We are so grateful to our partners and to all those who worked endlessly for months to protect our community and open the doors for a future where we can once again be fully present with one another—something none of us will ever take for granted.

What are some of the ways you have maintained positivity throughout this pandemic, especially now as routines are once again changing? Do you plan to continue any mental health or wellness tools that you have developed?

Being able to be fully present together this fall is a powerful motivator for us all, and I think hanging onto that vision during the darkest days of the pandemic kept us all forging ahead. Our Student Affairs and Counseling teams are constantly looking at how best to address the mental health needs of students, especially emerging from the last 16 months, and our HR office has new possibilities to launch this fall that will offer faculty and staff new tools and opportunities for professional and personal development—again because of lessons learned through the pandemic.

But the biggest driver of positivity and hope is the ability to come back together as a community and do what we do best: provide the best possible liberal arts and sciences educational experience with honor, service, and leadership at our core and commitment to hearts AND minds as the star out in front of all of us, every day.

What are you most looking forward to for the Fall 2021 semester?

1. Move-in day for our freshmen!
2. Honors Convocations—two of them, one for freshmen and one for sophomores, when they sign the Honor Code and join our community of honor for their time as Captains and throughout their lives;
3. Welcoming the first class of Community Captains from the Newport News Public Schools (several of whom are your Achievable Dream students!)
4. Formally opening the spectacular new Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center;
5. Opening the doors of the Ferguson Center where we have been “saving your seats,” and bringing the best performances in the world back to that stage;
6. Launching a full season of competition in every sport we offer on this campus—and winning!
7. And most of all, saying “Welcome Home” to Paul and Rosemary Trible as they return mid-August to lead us into our 60th anniversary year. I believe all of us at Christopher Newport are more grateful than ever for this special place, for our neighbors and for the future we get to build, together.
Motivated, Educated, Vaccinated!

When COVID-19 vaccines were approved for public distribution, the coordination of making the vaccine available throughout the region quickly became a community effort.

When An Achievable Dream received a request to support Riverside Health System’s vaccine distribution by utilizing our elementary school and middle and high school in the southeast community as vaccine clinic locations, the answer was an easy “yes.” Dr. Vreeland, AAD President and CEO, shared, “The vaccination clinics at AAD were just a no-brainer to me. This is a community effort, we all have to come together and stop the spread, and we felt very passionate about doing our part.”

An Achievable Dream staff volunteered to provide appointment registration facilitation and assistance, assistance onsite at the clinics, and raising awareness about the availability of the clinics through community engagement. Qualifying patients contacted An Achievable Dream’s office to book an appointment in advance, then received their dose at either An Achievable Dream Middle and High School or An Achievable Dream Academy on Saturdays throughout March, April, and May, 2021.

Many partners were engaged in this concerted effort, including Newport News Public Schools, the faith community including the Coalition of Concerned Clergy 757, NAACP, and service groups. In a March, 2021 CIVIC Leadership Institute article highlighting the community impact of Dr. Vreeland and Dr. Kevin Swann, (both 2016 graduates of CIVIC), Dr. Swann, who is Senior Pastor of Ivy Baptist Church, shared: “I am acutely aware that COVID is disproportionately impacting African-Americans at a much higher rate. In marginalized and underserved communities, access to healthcare is much more difficult to obtain.”

These partnerships and coordinated efforts with our schools brought the vaccine to more than 2,500 people in the southeast community of Newport News, as well as Hampton.

William B. “Bill” Downey, CEO of Riverside Health System, shares this about the collaboration with An Achievable Dream and the local community:

“Partnering with An Achievable Dream to make COVID-19 vaccines available to individuals in Newport News and Hampton was an integral part of the vaccine rollout in our communities. Working with partners like An Achievable Dream, Newport News Public Schools, NAACP, service groups, Coalition of Concerned Clergy 757, and many more in our Vaccinate the Peninsula efforts, made it not only possible to provide vaccines efficiently, but also exceeded our expectations for vaccine administration. From hosting clinics in their schools to providing food for volunteers and logistics support, An Achievable Dream’s partnership through the COVID-19 crisis has been invaluable to Riverside Health System.”
For the second time, we hosted a Job Shadow Day for our junior class. This year, it was held virtually with great success! Job Shadow Day gives students an opportunity to spend part of the day with an individual or team working in a field the student may consider pursuing. This year, students learned about entrepreneurship, graphic design, real estate, healthcare, engineering, and more!


Student Kiara, who shadowed Mr. Carl Cleanthes at Epic Made, a design studio focused on storytelling for outdoor brands, shared: “I learned about what it takes to run your own business and getting your own experience to do it. I really enjoyed this meeting, and I hope to do something like this in the future. It encouraged me to keep pursuing this field.”

Maria, who learned from Christopher Burton, owner of Global Branding Agency, which focuses on helping other companies create their brand with a business plan, enjoyed her experience and shared: “This was interesting and it’s something that I could see myself doing.” Mr. Burton guided the students through the steps of creating a business plan and creating business goals.

Mike Little of Iron Valley Real Estate spoke to the students about the real estate industry and what it takes to be successful, encouraging them to always follow their dreams. Student attendee Kamari shared: “Mr. Little told us that we’ll know when we have found the right job because we’re going to feel happy whenever we go to work. Real estate is interesting because if you are determined, you can really make a good career out of it.”

Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School representatives Natasha, Kevin, and Jessica met with students and led them on a fascinating tour around the Apprentice School, including stepping into an all-hands meeting and being introduced to Dr. Latitia McCane, the Director of Education, touring the Simulation Lab and viewing many practical demonstrations. After the session, student Raekwon said: “I learned about the Apprentice School and what it can offer me if I decide to join. I enjoyed the 3D printing and I learned about the different materials you can use to print things.” Another student attendee Harris shared: “This encouraged me to consider going to the Apprentice School. I learned that you can get paid to attend school and learn a trade and saw the different types of technology used.”

Elisiana, who learned from our Riverside representatives Dr. McAllister, LaTanya Robinson, and Amy Smith, shared: “I learned about different specific careers in the healthcare field that I was completely unaware even existed. I got to see actual equipment used for specific medical careers. It was helpful to learn about the different routes available to me. This experience gave valuable insight into the vast array of potential medical careers available to our Dreamers.”

Khalise, who job shadowed Dwayne Sellars at W.M. Jordan, said after the session: “I learned that the company makes its own apps for people to use onsite. The speaker showed a virtual model of a building and explained how it correlates to building it physically and how it is used to solve problems.” Another student attendee Dajah, shared: “I learned that construction is a broader subject than I once thought. This field is full of opportunities in mathematics and technology. I liked how detailed the model of an upcoming 12-story building is.” Mr. Sellars gave students an overview of his career path and took them on a virtual tour of the W.M. Jordan office, where they had the opportunity to speak with several staff members about their roles and career paths. He also showed them virtual design and construction and building information modeling.

Nina Brewton, of We Be the Light, and Patrice Boone, of Fringe Creative Company, talked about their experience creating and promoting their businesses. As a performing artist and speaker, Ms. Brewton shared her business vision and goals and spoke to students about pursuing their dreams. She also discussed how to find funding and support for one’s business as an entrepreneur. Student Tashara, said: “I learned that image matters when starting a business; it was encouraging because I want to host events myself. I love Ms. Nina so much!”

Nygeria, who shadowed Claire Bellecci at Mellen Street Creative, shared one of her takeaways: “We learned that brands have a certain look and popularity. If mistakes are made, it could affect the company’s image and income.” Ms. Bellecci talked with students about her education and work history and discussed the concepts of branding and brand marketing, sharing specific examples from several companies including Gap, Hampton University, and Norfolk State University Athletics.

We are so grateful for all of our Job Shadow Day partners for providing such rewarding and insightful experiences for our students as they identify their own career paths.
At our all-staff, end-of-year celebration, we gathered our teachers, staff, and administrators from ALL An Achievable Dream campuses, as well as our staff from the AAD corporate office, and celebrated an incredible school year in the books! Not only did our entire team rise to the challenges and obstacles presented throughout the school year, they rose above them as well! Not only did they think outside the box—they removed the box, too! We laughed, cheered, and celebrated together as a team.

One very important part of our end-of-year celebration is the awards ceremony! We recognized so many outstanding individuals and presented them with cash prizes as a small token of our gratitude and thanks for doing incredible work every day.

The mission and vision of An Achievable Dream brings us together, and this amazing Dream Team is one that we celebrate all year long!

AWARD RECIPIENTS

An Achievable Dream Academy (Newport News)
Teacher of the Year: Sherelle Ashburn, Fifth Grade
Exemplary Support Staff of the Year: Deborah Griffin, Student Support Coordinator
S.A.M.E. Teacher of the Year: Mequisha Collier, SPED Instructional Assistant

An Achievable Dream Middle & High School (Newport News)
Teacher of the Year: Ashley Francis, Junior English, Senior AP English
Support Person of the Year: Officer Yolanda Thompson, Security
S.A.M.E. Teacher of the Year: Jason Davis, Middle and High School Band Teacher

Seatack Elementary
An Achievable Dream Academy (Virginia Beach)
Teacher of the Year: Linda Habich, Kindergarten Teacher
Teacher Assistant of the Year: Jameka Canady, PE Teacher Assistant
S.A.M.E. Teacher of the Year: Stacey Goode, Reading Coach, Co-Etiquette Teacher, PBIS Chair, SRT Chair

An Achievable Dream Academy at Lynnhaven Middle School (Virginia Beach)
Teacher of the Year: Suzanne Pease, 7th Grade English Teacher
Teacher Assistant of the Year: Ebony McCoy, Guidance Counselor

An Achievable Dream Certified Academy at Highland Springs (Henrico)
Teacher of the Year: April Prentiss, 2nd Grade Teacher
Teacher Assistant of the Year: Bernita Bates, Kindergarten Instructional Assistant
S.A.M.E. Teacher of the Year: Cassandra McKnight, Kindergarten Teacher
Travis Jones, AAD Class of 2006
I am a full-time training coordinator for Simplisafe Inc., owner of Trendz Nation LLC, co-owner of Goldencloud757, and a happy father and husband. An Achievable Dream prepared me for life in various ways. The teachers at AAD were a great example to becoming an adult and understanding leadership skills and how to adapt to change. As an adult, one thing is constant: change.

My experience at AAD has also shown me how the statement we repeated every day, “nothing was ever achieved without enthusiasm,” is true. I always look to do things with good energy and to make a positive impact on others. I have so many partnerships, plans, and goals for the future. I am looking to scale my business by networking and building proper relationships while supporting my community through personal and financial development.

Jeff Newsome, AAD Class of 2010
I live in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I work for the United States Army as a Military Intelligence Warrant Officer at Fort Carson, Colorado. Some of the biggest accomplishments I am proud of are earning my bachelor’s degree in intelligence operations from American Military University and earning a spot on the Fort Carson Army 10-miler team. Earning my degree was a huge step for me because I want to use it as a good example for my children to know that anything is possible. Running the Army 10-miler is fun and challenging for me and I plan to continue to do it yearly.

From my experience with An Achievable Dream, what I felt prepared me most for my career were etiquette classes and being part of the drill team. These two experiences helped me to build upon the manners my parents instilled in me and gave me a strong sense of order. This made me a perfect fit for the military and the current field I work in.

My next step will be to complete my master’s program, then go to the National Intelligence University in Bethesda, Maryland to earn my Masters of Strategic Science degree in Intelligence. After that, I plan to work for the Defense Intelligence Agency in the North Capitol Region. I plan on continuing my career in the intelligence community and making changes that will affect the national security of the United States.

Quamara Grady, AAD Class of 2018
I am currently in Los Angeles, California, attending The American Musical and Dramatic Academy for Acting (AMDA). I am most proud of myself for not giving up on my dream during the pandemic.

As an acting major at AMDA and an independent, growing young lady, there are many life skills and tools An Achievable Dream equipped me with and prepared me for. These include a sense of commitment, leadership, building positive character traits, maintaining ethical behaviors of a student, teamwork, time management, maintaining outward appearance, displaying appropriate behaviors in the home, college campus, and on set; effective communication, and active listening skills, as well as utilizing support and coping skills to overcome challenges. Without An Achievable Dream I would not be the person I am today.

In this next chapter of my life I will be continuing to build myself and my craft in acting.
An Achievable Dream Launches Founder’s Hope Circle

A n Achievable Dream has previously established the Walter S. Segaloff Society, recognizing those who have given cumulatively $500,000 or more to An Achievable Dream. Since the founding of the Walter S. Segaloff Society, Walter’s legacy has continued to grow. In 2021, An Achievable Dream launched the Founder’s Hope Circle. In honor of An Achievable Dream (AAD) founder, Walter S. Segaloff’s extraordinary life of service and dedication to providing a better future for ALL students, AAD is proud to establish the Founder’s Hope Circle for supporters who arrange an endowment gift of any amount to sustain An Achievable Dream into the future.

The Story

Walter S. Segaloff was a man of action. In addition to building a successful chain of women’s clothing stores across southeast Virginia, he dedicated himself to many causes about which he cared deeply. Perhaps his truest passion and deepest calling was establishing and guiding An Achievable Dream (AAD). What Walter launched as a summer and after-school tennis and tutoring program for rising 3rd-graders in Newport News, Virginia, soon expanded to an elementary school, then middle and high school, becoming a full K-12 program dedicated to leveling the playing field for underserved students from challenging socioeconomic backgrounds by bringing a social and moral focus to academics.

One of Walter’s most cherished core values was hope. He created an organization that made a difference in the lives of the students and families it served by providing hope. Hope for a future beyond the bounds of a neighborhood; beyond the city limits. Every day, he worked to ensure that AAD was equipped to continue providing experiences, opportunities, tools and resources for students to achieve and succeed. Providing hope for the future guided Walter, and it guides An Achievable Dream today as we carry Walter’s mission and vision forward.

The Impact

• Every year you will receive information on what your gift provided for our students and alumni.
• This is your opportunity to impact students now, as well as generations of students to come, right here in the community you care about. Your legacy of making a difference will live on forever, inspiring your friends and loved ones.

Visit AchievableDream.org/plannedgiving to learn more about planned giving and how you can become a member of the Founder’s Hope Circle.

Our mission.
their future...
Now part of your story.
A Taste of Legacy:  
A Tribute to Mr. Cornell Burcher

As AAD launched the Founder’s Hope Circle, an important inaugural member of that Circle was Mr. Cornell Burcher. Mr. Burcher had been involved with An Achievable Dream for several years, attending events such as Sponsors Day and staying invested and in touch with updates on the program. When creating his estate plan, he made the mission and work of An Achievable Dream part of his lasting legacy.

Mr. Burcher passed away on April 8, 2021, at the age of 91. Mr. Burcher’s legacy is one that we honor as we launch the Founder’s Hope Circle and tell a small piece of his story of generational impact.

Mr. Dan Vicroy, a long-time family friend of Mr. Burcher’s, has shared with us some of the most important elements of Mr. Burcher’s life. Many of these details were also shared in Mr. Burcher’s obituary.

Mr. Burcher was born, raised, and spent the majority of his life in Poquoson, Virginia. He was a graduate of the University of Virginia in 1957, where he majored in psychology.

Mr. Burcher spent two years in the Army during the Korean War. He then began a 32-year career at NASA’s Langley Research Center in various administrative roles. He was very civic-minded, having served 12 years on the Poquoson Planning Commission, 10 of those as commissioner; followed by two terms as mayor of Poquoson, 1988-1996. He also served as chairman of the Advisory Board for the Poquoson branch of Central Fidelity Bank, which his father founded. Once retired, Mr. Burcher thoroughly enjoyed volunteering at Peninsula Reads and both Riverside and Hampton Sentara hospitals.

Mr. Cornell was an avid runner, enjoyed water skiing with his friends at his cabin on the Chickahominy River, and loved to travel. He served as the organist for Poquoson Tabernacle United Methodist Church for several years. He later became an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Peninsula. In addition to An Achievable Dream, a few of his many philanthropic interests included WHRO, as well as the University of Virginia and Christopher Newport University, where he established scholarship funds stemming from his appreciation of and value for education.

Mr. Vicroy shares, “He was passionate about health, current affairs, modern architecture, travel, classical music, and opera. His hobbies were running, travel, and working in the yard. He was a big fan of hard work. He cared deeply about helping those who were working hard and needed a hand.”

Christopher Johnson, who worked with Mr. Burcher for five years in the capacity of trust and fiduciary advisor, shares, “I believe Cornell, over the course of his lifetime, developed an acute realization of how important it was to understand and address cycles of socioeconomic disparity and racial inequity. He also came to realize that these disparities created tangible and lasting burdens for a significant number of people in the Hampton Roads community. Cornell was an extremely deliberate and thoughtful person about pretty much everything he did. So when, later in life, he began to zero in on the legacy he wanted to leave behind, he wanted that legacy to have tangible and lasting benefits for those same members of this community. He did a lot of due diligence around crafting his estate plan to make sure the plan would be able to bring about those benefits. He was fascinated with what AAD has built and does for children in our community who face certain risk factors, and that was essentially the capstone of his legacy planning: to build Achievable Dream into his plan. He evolved significantly with respect to his worldview and wanted that evolution to be made permanent for the benefit of this community.”

Neil Brodsky, Mr. Burcher’s estate planning attorney, found it extremely rewarding to work with someone like Mr. Burcher. He shares that having known Mr. Burcher for more than 10 years, he could see his great interest in philanthropy, helping young people, and supporting education. He spent much time and effort over the years in support of these causes and aligned his estate plan with those values.

Dr. Lee Vreeland, President and CEO of AAD, shares that Mr. Burcher’s legacy gift will have a far-reaching impact on the program. “Through legacy gifts, we are creating hope for generations to come by sustaining AAD’s programs into the future, and serve students for generations to come. Mr. Burcher’s gift will have an immense impact not only today, but tomorrow as well, and for years to come as his personal values of supporting education and giving back to underserved communities come to fruition through the work of AAD. We are so grateful for the example set by Mr. Burcher, and we will continue to honor and celebrate his legacy.”

Mr. Burcher’s life has many lessons to teach us about the importance of growing and evolving, learning, finding ways to impact our communities for the better, and planning in such a way that our legacies reflect our values. We are grateful for Mr. Burcher’s life well-lived, his legacy, and the lessons he learned, and we are honored by the opportunity to share a small part of his story.

Mr. Burcher will be remembered as a mentor, colleague, godfather, and loyal friend. At An Achievable Dream, Mr. Burcher will be remembered and honored as a posthumous member of the Founder’s Hope Circle, a believer in dreams, and part of the legacy of Dreamers for generations to come.
Odyssey of the Mind: Students Continue Successful Journey

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving program involving students from kindergarten through college, and this year’s Odyssey of the Mind competition was like no other. This year’s team was made up of four middle school students from An Achievable Dream Middle & High School (Inaya, Ameir, Jayda, and MyAsia) and one student from Booker T. Washington Middle School (Shawn).

The team began working in early October, meeting on Zoom two to three times a week after school and several hours on Saturdays. The students chose to solve the problem of Omer and the Beanstalk. The first order of business was for the students to write a script for the long-term portion of the competition. The script has to meet all the criteria of the chosen problem and be under eight minutes in length. The students had to incorporate characters from at least two classic stories from different countries around the world in their solution. The team chose “Hansel and Gretel” (Germany), Where the Wild Things Are (America), and The Lion with the Red Eyes (Somalia).

Additionally, the students had to have a child character who learns a life lesson from interacting with the storybook characters and a host character to guide the child through Storybook Land. These amazing students created their costumes, props, and backdrops on their own at home with their parents helping them collect materials and their coach, Ms. Mann, dropping off supplies when needed. The students had to accomplish all of this and submit a video of their performance and explanation of required elements, their script, and photos of their costumes, props, and backdrops in March for judging in the Odyssey of the Mind Virtual State Tournament. Additionally, students had to compete online in the spontaneous portion of the competition, where the team is given a problem to solve and 20 minutes to develop a unique solution. The team placed 3rd at the state competition and was invited to compete at the Virtual World competition in May. These students could have easily submitted the same video and materials for World competition that they did for state, but they took the judges’ comments and feedback and improved some of the costumes and props in the three weeks they had after state competition to submit their materials for World’s.

The students’ hard work and dedication really paid off. The team placed 23rd out of 71 teams competing in their problem and division at the Virtual Odyssey of the Mind World competition. They competed against teams from all over the U.S., as well as teams from China, Japan, Sweden, Poland, Korea, and Russia. We couldn’t be prouder of these Dreamers!

Above: The team with Ms. Mann. Left: The team in their costumes.

Save the Date for the 29th Annual Tennis Ball!
Saturday, November 20

Welcome back! We can’t wait to gather together again for a Tennis Ball unlike any other! Join us on Saturday, November 20, at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. Choose how you’ll experience the Tennis Ball! We are thrilled to be able to gather in person as well as continue to provide an engaging and inspiring online experience for guests who wish to join the event virtually. Whether you choose in-person or virtual, you’ll enjoy our online auction, inspiring program, new in-person party format and an exciting program, and more. The glamour and lights of Broadway will set the stage for one unforgettable event!
During the COVID-19 pandemic, long-time AAD partner, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, provided important funding to support mental health and physical wellness for An Achievable Dream (AAD) students. In addition to a $100,000 grant in 2020/2021, the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation has renewed their contribution for the 2021/2022 year as well. For one student in particular, Z.S. (name abbreviated for privacy purposes), this support was absolutely vital. In August of 2020, Z.S. and his family experienced a sudden tragedy when his father was lost to gun violence. Just before the start of the school year, in the midst of the pandemic, he was forced to experience the trauma and grief of laying his father to rest before starting the eighth grade. The beginning of the school year was challenging as students continued to navigate the virtual learning space. For this student, however, attending classes proved to be even more challenging. In addition to the grief he was enduring, his family was without internet service, causing him and his younger sister to be at risk of falling behind. His mother, emotionally distraught over the loss of her child’s father, was not able to assist the students. An Achievable Dream stepped in immediately to provide support. We provided the parent with mental health resources for therapy, and had one of our staff members directly mentor the Dreamer. We also supplied both students with hotspots to access their online courses and stay connected to their peers and teachers. As a result, things began to turn around. Though he began the year struggling to keep up, Z.S. ended his eighth-grade year on the honor roll and even gave a commencement speech at the rising ninth-grade promotion ceremony. Through the immense loss and grief this student has faced, AAD will continue to stand beside him now and during his future healing. And, thanks to our partners and supporters, AAD is able to provide the resources he and others like him need to overcome adversity and move into the future. We are proud to watch him grow and mature into a leader for his peers.

“Mental health and wellness plays a vital role in all of our lives, but especially in the lives of children,” said Jennie Reynolds, Virginia Medicaid President, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. “We know that a lack of mental health education and resources makes it difficult for children to grow into their best selves and may limit their ability to overcome life’s challenges. The pandemic has further emphasized the importance of supporting mental health. Anthem is proud to partner with An Achievable Dream to ensure that every Dreamer is prepared for the opportunities and challenges ahead.”

Dr. Lee Vreeland, President and CEO of An Achievable Dream, shares, “The support from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation provides critical mental and physical health resources to An Achievable Dream’s students and families as well as teachers and staff. These resources have been a vital part of our efforts to ensure our entire Dream family is healthy and well during the COVID-19 pandemic. There has never been a greater need than now to make sure our students are fully equipped with the educational tools and opportunities they need to succeed in school and in life. Anthem’s partnership helps bring equity to education for more than 2,000 underserved students in Virginia and we deeply appreciate Anthem’s support.”

On behalf of all of us at AAD, thank you so much to the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation and the entire Anthem family for supporting our Dreamers.
What’s Happening at An Achievable Dream?

Kindergarten Dreamer Serenity received a special surprise for her virtual learning space! Thanks to a Tennis Ball donor who generously donated the desk they won in the online auction back to the school, she now has a desk of her own to work from!

Mr. Lumbroso joined Ms. Pott’s Honors Biology class. He is studying molecular and cellular biology at Harvard University and came to speak to the class as they begin learning all about mitosis (aka how new body cells are made).

Mr. Prentiss, a Dreamer teacher at Highland Springs Elementary, was honored by Superintendent Dr. Amy Cashwell for being a teaching superstar! As Dreamer mom Sherita Frederick says, “She loves her students dearly and it shows! If you ask me how I know, I work from home in the same space as my daughter while she learns virtually, and I witness April’s greatness! There are examples of this EVERY DAY! Her overall daily attitude just exudes positivity and speaks volumes in itself!”

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AAD Middle and High School Dreamers placed book orders and picked them up on Bookstore Day to take them home to enjoy as virtual learning continues.

Dreamers who excelled in science last semester were recognized with a home delivery of a gift card of their choice!

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Dreamers are going... to infinity, and beyond! Dreamers had fun at the Toy Story 2 movie night and enjoyed their movie theater snacks!

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When a Virginia Natural Gas (VNG) executive retires, VNG donates a grant on behalf of the retiree to a charity of the retiree’s choice. This gift can be split among multiple charities, or all can go to one organization. We are beyond grateful that Mr. Jim Kibler, the retiring CEO of VNG, donated his entire gift to An Achievable Dream. This gift on his behalf helps provide resources and opportunities for our Dreamers and their families throughout the pandemic and beyond. Dr. Vreeland shared, “To receive this donation from Virginia Natural Gas as a retirement gift on behalf of Jim Kibler, someone who has been a terrific mentor to not only AAD but also to me personally as a leader, is a gift we will truly cherish.”

Even during the pandemic, VNG employees assisted Seatack Elementary Dreamers in maintaining the Community Garden!

One hundred days of school calls for a celebration! Our Newport News Dreamers had an exciting 100-day celebration with goody bags, books, t-shirts, and a virtual party! We are so proud of all of our hardworking Dreamers and cannot wait to see everything they accomplish next!

Newport News Dreamers with perfect attendance received a perfect attendance certificate, some hot chocolate, and a book box!

At the Middle and High School, Ms. Shaw’s Forensic Science class has been learning how to lift fingerprints and examine them for clues! There’s no case that Dreamers can’t solve!

From science class to garden club, Dreamers learned all about things they can do to save our planet. We know Dreamers will be leading the way towards clean, renewable energy and a brighter future for all!

Virginia Beach Dreamers received a special delivery of book boxes! Created by students at Norfolk Academy with the guidance of Vanessa Yearick (pictured right), AAD Virginia Beach board member and assistant director of the Literacy Fellows program at Norfolk Academy. Each box contained a custom drawing and books individually selected with each student in mind!

The First Lady of Virginia, Pamela Northam, visited Seatack Elementary School to welcome students and teachers back to in-person learning! She was accompanied by Dr. Underwood, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer for Virginia, who advises Governor Northam on matters related to equity, including equity in education. They spent the day speaking with Dreamers and teachers, and added a book to the library for Dreamers to enjoy. They even gave a brief lesson on the importance of conserving pollinators in the Community Garden!

First Lady Northam brought a sprig of rosemary and other greens to be planted in the Community Garden and shared, “This sprig of rosemary is from the garden at the Executive Mansion, and that bush was grown from a sprig clipped from a bush at Monticello. Now you have your very own piece of history, right in your garden.”
The Young Men of Distinction Dreamers at AAD Middle and High School won the first place trophy for the Black History Virtual Trivia Bowl.

AAD teachers wanted to make sure their students never forgot that an author’s purpose can sometimes be to Persuade, Inform, or Entertain... aka, PIE! And we bet this is a lesson these Dreamers will remember!

8th grade Dreamers across all AAD campuses joined our friends from J.P. Morgan and Capital Group for a panel discussion about women’s empowerment!

Dreamers were able to join the speakers in breakout rooms and discuss some of the ways they can use girl power to achieve their dreams!

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Thank you, Howmet Aerospace Foundation, for providing a grant to purchase a variety of new STEM supplies and resources for our students. With the Osmo Genius Kit, learning how to spell became a whole lot more fun!

Congratulations to Seatack Elementary An Achievable Dream Academy Assistant Principal Ms. Diana Brown on her recognition as Virginia’s 2021 National Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year! Mrs. Brown is an AAD superstar and someone we ALL can learn from! She not only mentors administrators and other school professionals, but she also motivates school communities to make changes and grow to meet the needs of students and families.

A big thank you to Kyle DeGood, president and founder of The DeGood Foundation! Through a unique partnership with Mascot Books, The DeGood Foundation recently delivered more than 600 books to students at An Achievable Dream Academy. Newport News Shipbuilding connected the foundation and the publishing company to help this initiative come to life. Much like AAD, The DeGood Foundation’s mission is to inspire children to “Dream More, Learn More, Care More, and Be More.” The books will be used to fill summer backpacks for our Dreamers!

Thank you to PRA Group for their generous support of AAD through a $300,000 donation. “We are so grateful for the support of community partners like PRA Group. With this gift, we can further impact the lives of students right here in Virginia Beach, every day, in tangible ways,” said Charles Barker, Chair, Board of Directors, An Achievable Dream Virginia Beach.
Lynnhaven Middle School Dreamers went on a virtual field trip to Dinosaur Ridge in Colorado and had a ROARING good time!

The first week of May is National Teacher Appreciation Week, and oh, how we appreciate our AAD teachers! Across all five campuses, teachers were treated to lots of celebrations complete with food, prizes and gifts, and tokens of appreciation for all they do, every single day, for our Dreamers and their families!

The United Way of South Hampton Roads is grateful for their support of An Achievable Dream Virginia Beach as a 2021-2022 program sponsor!

We are so grateful to Dominion Energy for their support of An Achievable Dream Virginia Beach with a grant in support of our holiday food baskets for families, a return to learn grant, and a social justice grant! Pictured: AAD staff deliver holiday food bags to families.

Look at those SMILES! That can only mean one thing...we gathered a bunch of AAD alumni, teachers and administrators together for our first ever virtual ALUMNI DAY! Everyone had an amazing time catching up and these are just a few of the smiling faces that attended!

Thanks to State Farm for awarding An Achievable Dream the Good Neighbor Citizenship Grant! Pictured: State Farm representatives at the 2019 Tennis Ball.

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  - $2,052,668 million in scholarship offers earned
An Achievable Dream develops independent, productive citizens through a social, academic, and moral education.

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Their journey starts with YOU! From kindergarten through college and beyond, your support of our students means that dreams DO come true.

Make a gift of any amount to the Annual Fund today and help Dreamers follow their path to the future! Visit achievabledream.org/support to give today!

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