

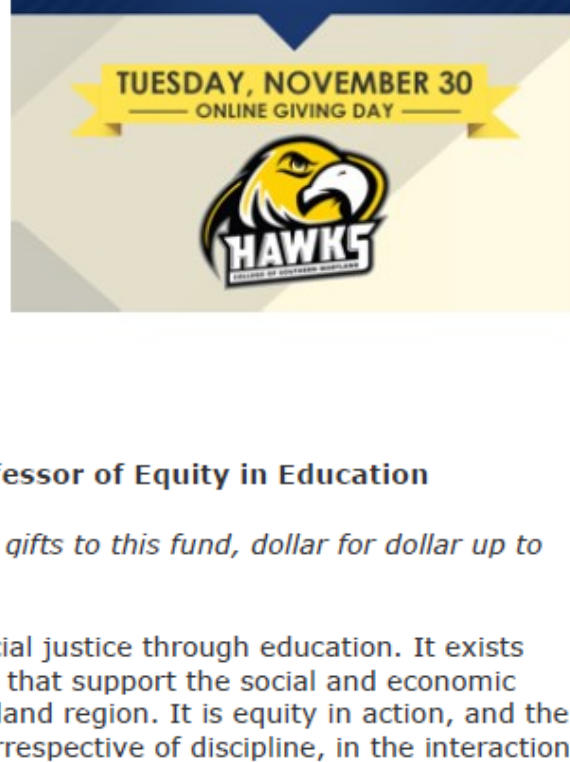


November 2021 Newsletter

Foundation News

CSM Foundation to Host Giving Tuesday on November 30

Join us for Giving Tuesday - a global day of giving that unleashes the power of radical generosity to transform the lives of our students and enrich our community. Choose CSM and champion student success by donating to scholarships, athletics, or Hawk Feeder, which are micro-pantries on each of CSM's four campuses. Gifts of every size, contributed on Giving Tuesday by people like you, will help change lives here in Southern Maryland.



NEW THIS YEAR! Distinguished Professor of Equity in Education

President Murphy has pledged to match gifts to this fund, dollar for dollar up to \$25,000!

The College of Southern Maryland is social justice through education. It exists solely to provide programs and services that support the social and economic mobility of people in the Southern Maryland region. It is equity in action, and the root of that action is in the classroom, irrespective of discipline, in the interaction between professors and students. This is hard work and requires the continual support and professional development of excellent and committed faculty. One means to facilitate that professional development is through the Distinguished Professor for Equity in Education program. [Read full press release.](#)

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CSM Alumna Takes the Helm as CSM Foundation Executive Director

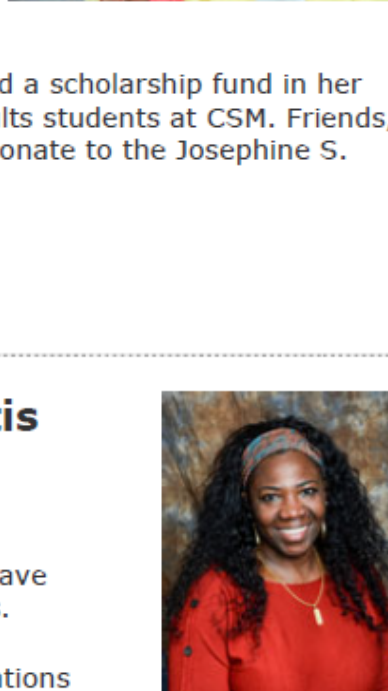
CSM Alumna Chelsea (Brown) Clute '06 is very busy these days getting ready to participate in her seventh Giving Tuesday, but this year's event is special for Chelsea because she is proudly leading the effort as the CSM Foundation's Executive Director - a position she was promoted to in July, and what she calls her "full circle moment."

Perhaps even more poignant, is that Clute is getting into her stride in her new position while also having to mark the one-year anniversary of her mother's death Nov 13. Her mother - Pamela Starkey - retired from CSM in June 2020 after an extraordinary 30-year career at CSM working as an administrative assistant, office manager, benefits coordinator and human resource generalist, but most notably, as a beloved friend to all of her CSM colleagues.

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Former CSM Dean Legacy to be Honored

CSM mourns the passing of our former colleague, Josephine (Jo) Williams. Starting at the college in 1966 as a professor, Jo went on to become Associate Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and finally the Dean of Arts and Sciences before her retirement in 2000. Jo was a strong advocate for the arts at the college, in the community and in the state. She was instrumental in the development of the college's Fine Arts Center and served as its executive producer for 14 years. Jo led by example and will be remembered as a valued administrator, teacher and friend.



The family and friends of Jo Williams have established a scholarship fund in her memory to offer financial assistance to returning adults students at CSM. Friends, former students, and colleagues are encouraged to donate to the Josephine S. Williams Memorial Scholarship on Giving Tuesday.

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Natalie Cotton and Joanne Yakaitis Join CSM Foundation Board

The College of Southern Maryland (CSM) Foundation announces that Natalie Cotton and Joanne Yakaitis have joined the Foundation's board as its newest directors.

Cotton is the government affairs and community relations director for the Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative (SMECO), where she has worked for 19 years. She received her associate degree in Management Development from CSM, and her bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of Maryland, College Park. She is a 2011 graduate of Leadership Southern Maryland.

Yakaitis is currently an executive at Fortune 500 firm Booz Allen Hamilton, where she serves as the lead of the Chief Growth Office Proposal Team and is responsible for leading the Contract Proposal Management team. She has previously worked at the Computer Science Corporation in Lanham, MD, Navigant International and GlaxoSmithKline, and co-owned a video production and multimedia company.

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Foundation Hosts Brick Recognition Ceremony

The CSM Foundation was joined by faculty and staff Oct. 26, to reveal engraved bricks laid in remembrance of loved ones, and in celebration of colleagues and friends of the CSM community who serve as the college's champions. The bricks were installed along the walkways surrounding the James C. Mitchell Center for Health Technology at the La Plata Campus. Proceeds benefit the student success fund.

Since its inception in 1989, the brick program has recognized over 400 individuals in the walkways of the La Plata, Leonardtown, and Prince Frederick campuses.

[Bricks can be purchased](#) for \$100 and serve as a lasting celebration of those who have a special connection to CSM and the Southern Maryland community.

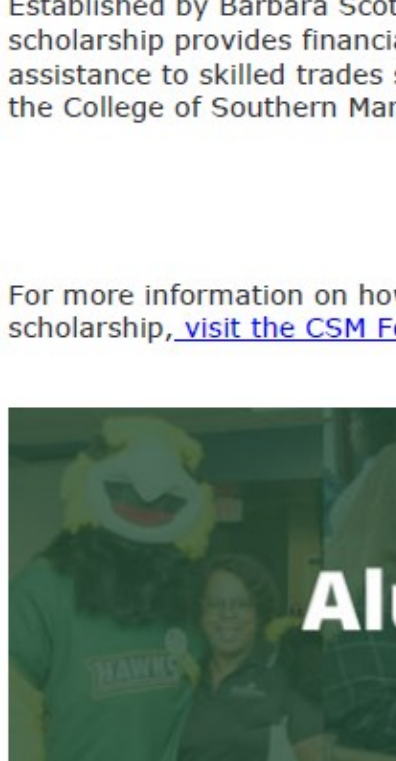
Pictured above are CSM Foundation Board Member Trey Proctor, his wife, Charlita Proctor, and their daughters, Zauriel and Simile, with their commemorative bricks.

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[Event photos](#)

The Perfect Holiday Gift - CSM Alumni Row Flags

Celebrate that special CSM alumnus in your life with a custom flag in their honor. CSM Row Flags are placed at all CSM foundation events, CSM Commencement, and student life events. Flags can be purchased for a \$100 donation.

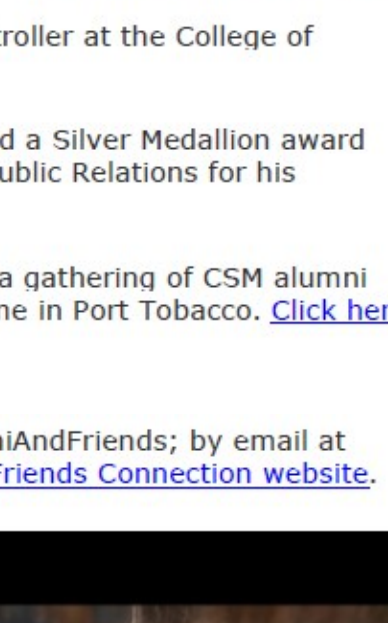


[Purchase your Alumni Row Flag](#)

Scholarships

Joy Hinton Music & Arts Scholarship

Established in memory of Joy Hinton, this scholarship provides financial assistance to music and arts students at the College of Southern Maryland.



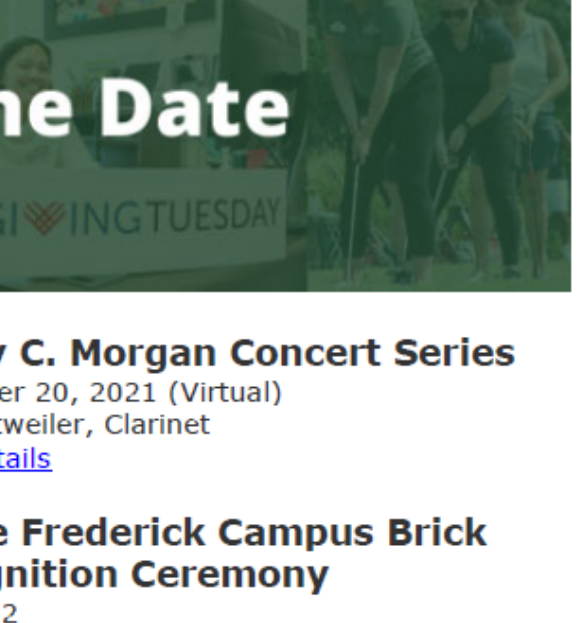
Theresa Y. Banks Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Theresa Y. Banks, this scholarship provides financial assistance to students studying education at the College of Southern Maryland.



Southern Maryland Women in Trades Scholarship Endowment

Established by Barbara Scotland, this scholarship provides financial assistance to skilled trades students at the College of Southern Maryland.



For more information on how to donate to these scholarships or create your own scholarship, [visit the CSM Foundation website.](#)

Alumni News

Join us in congratulating the following CSM Alumni for their recent achievements:

- Kelly Robertson-Slagle '95 was named Director of Economic Development for Charles County Government - read more of Kelly's story below!
- Shelley Mackey '04 promoted to the Director of Communications and Media Relations at the Charles County Board of Education
- Philip Parry '17 recently won the Maryland Department of Natural Resources photo contest. [View winning image](#)
- Lori Shupe '91 was recently promoted to Controller at the College of Southern Maryland
- Darius Sanchez '13, a CSM employee, received a Silver Medallion award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations for his [Computer-generated illustration](#)
- Jay Lilly '75 (pictured above) recently hosted a gathering of CSM alumni and friends at his Historic Mulberry Grove home in Port Tobacco. [Click here to view photos of the event](#)



Got news? Share it with us on Facebook @CSMAlumniAndFriends; by email at alumni@csm.edu; or through the [CSM Alumni and Friends Connection website.](#)

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SPOTLIGHT

Kelly Robertson-Slagle

Class of 1995



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"CSM courses taught me exceptional critical-thinking skills and that the answers will not always be in front of my face. Through this experience I learned how to solve complex problems and that high-quality results take hard work." - Kelly Robertson-Slagle '95

Kelly earned her associates degree in 1995. Since then, she has earned her bachelor's degree in marketing. She is the incoming Director of Economic Development for Charles County Government.

For more information, visit: www.csm.edu/Alumni

Save the Date

Giving Tuesday 2021
November 30, 2021
[Our Giving Tuesday site](#)

Benny C. Morgan Concert Series
November 20, 2021 (Virtual)
Julie Detweiler, Clarinet
[More details](#)

Leonardtown Campus Brick Recognition Ceremony
April 2022
Leonardtown Campus

Prince Frederick Campus Brick Recognition Ceremony
May 2022
Prince Frederick Campus

La Plata Campus Brick Recognition Ceremony
June 2022
La Plata Campus

For more events, please visit
<https://www.csm.edu/calendar/>

Our Mission

The CSM Foundation serves as the fundraising arm of the college connecting donors and regional partners in support of our students, faculty, programs, and community by cultivating relationships and stewarding assets consistent with our donors' intent.

