

2025 Impact Report



A message from our President

"In 2025 we continued to lay the foundations for future growth while making an impact today. Thank you to everyone who played a role."

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Ian X. Berry
Founder & President

Impact Snapshot

\$7,500

Donated in scholarships to
local students

Expanding Scholarships

2025 was a year of steady growth and progress, especially in expanding our scholarship programs. We presented our inaugural Michael Folland Merit Award to Kalyse Buster, a high-achieving student at Thomas Jefferson HS. We also hosted our third annual Dervishian Day at the University of Richmond, partnering with Troutman Pepper Locke to award \$5,000 to Henry Dyke, a UR law student. We also made strong progress on a slate of new awards for next year, like the Jimmie Monteith Scholarship for local JROTC cadets, the Ruppert Sargent Award for VSU students, and the James Mifflin Grant for veteran entrepreneurs. Finally, we stayed active in the community by joining events like the Henrico County Juneteenth Festival, the National Medal of Honor Day Summit, and the Pamplin Park Medal of Honor Celebration.



Funds Raised:
\$22,148.52

We're so grateful to all of the individuals and corporate partners who donated this year. Together, we're able to make a bigger impact: honoring legacies, bringing the community together, and building a stronger future for Richmond. Thank you!

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2025 Highlights

Michael Folland Merit Award

We partnered with the West Point Society of Richmond to launch the inaugural Michael Folland Merit Award. This \$2,000 scholarship awards students at Thomas Jefferson High School who show exceptional resilience in the face of adversity. Congratulations and best wishes to Kalyse Buster, the first recipient of this award!

Dervishian Day 3.0

We worked with Troutman Pepper Locke Law Firm to revive and honor the tradition of "Dervishian Day" at the University of Richmond. This year, we presented a \$5,000 scholarship to Henry Dyke, a second year UR law student, at halftime at their Veterans Day football game against Lafayette.

Medal of Honor Day Summit

We attended the National Medal of Honor Day Summit in Washington DC on March 25th. We're proud to continue our partnership with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society to honor the legacy of all 3,561 Recipients from across the nation.

Building Relationships

This year, we made significant progress building relationships in Richmond. VFW Post 6364 contributed \$2,500 to support our operations and pledged to remain a strategic partner. We also began working with St. Christopher's HS, whose alumni group is developing a scholarship honoring George Street. We were invited to speak at a member dinner of the Richmond Chapter of the Military Officers of America (MOAA), and they are now connecting us with 24 JROTC programs. We also established a new link with the Richmond Naval Academy Association, which has provided a volunteer to support our work. Finally, we participated in the VSU STEM Expo, and donated \$500 to the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), an on-campus organization that shares our goal of honoring Ruppert Sargent.



We also deepened our understanding of Richmond's nine Medal of Honor recipients through new connections and conversations. We met with Vietnam veterans who served alongside Michael Folland and engaged with the Covington School for Boys, where Folland thrived after his early years in Oregon Hill. We learned more about James Mifflin, who was born into slavery before joining the U.S. Navy, through discussions with John V. Quarstein, Director Emeritus of The Mariners' Museum and Park. We also connected with Mac Monteith of Oxford, Mississippi, a relative of Jimmie Monteith, adding valuable context to his story. We remain committed to building the historical record and honoring these heroes by learning as much as we can about their lives and service.

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

What's ahead in 2026?

Next year, we're excited to launch three new scholarships: the Ruppert Sargent Award for Virginia State University students, the James Mifflin Grant for veteran entrepreneurs, and the Jimmie Monteith Scholarship for outstanding JROTC cadets. We are also excited to rekindle our efforts to build a new monument in Richmond.



Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and partners.



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