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# *Dedicated to Greatness*

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A self-professed “math nerd,” third-year student **Khalif Audain-El (Col '21)** is from Richmond, Virginia. Audain-El visited UVA during high school and knew that it was the university for him. Cost was a factor for his family, however, and he worried whether they would be able to afford the tuition. Thanks to the Lemuel E. and Sandra Wicks Lewis Bicentennial Scholarship, Audain-El is now happily enrolled and thriving on Grounds. He is pursuing a double-major in African American studies and politics and is involved in a variety of extracurricular activities. Audain-El plans to take the LSAT and hopes to attend law school. “I want to be someone

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*“I want to be someone that doesn’t forget where they come from after they become successful”*

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# *Support Merit-Based Scholarships at UVA*

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## A MATCH FOR THE FUTURE



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A portrait of Catherine Im, a young woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark top and a maroon blazer. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

**Catherine Im (Col '20)** knew she wanted to attend a great university. Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, this fourth-year student devoted herself to her studies during high school. She worried that a high-quality education was out of reach. Thanks to support through a Bolster Family Bicentennial Scholarship, she is now enjoying all that UVA has to offer. "Receiving this scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and not worry about the total amount of loans I need to pay off," she said. "I'm so grateful." Im, who is majoring in computer science and linguistics, is considering a future as a college professor.

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A native of Sallisaw, Oklahoma, **Keli Presley (Col '23)** never thought she'd have the opportunity to study at a place like UVA. Raised by her grandmother, Presley worked diligently through high school but lacked financial resources. Thanks to support made possible through AccessUVA, she is now enrolled at the University and is the first person in her family to attend college. She's making the most of her time on Grounds and is enjoying balancing academics with a variety of extracurricular activities. "I love telling people I got into UVA," she said. "I can do so many things now." Presley is considering attending medical school after she graduates.

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A portrait of Brandon Thompson, a young man with brown hair, wearing a grey suit, white shirt, and blue tie. He is smiling and standing in front of a brick wall with a white pillar to his left.

Tenacity and grit come naturally to **Brandon Thompson (Col '20)**. Hailing from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, this fourth-year student knows what it means to work hard. Growing up in a single-parent household, Thompson never dreamed attending a university like UVA would be possible. That didn't stop him from becoming an academic all-star. Thanks to a Blue Ridge Scholarship, Thompson has spent the last four years serving as a valued member of the community. Thompson will embark on another new adventure after graduating with a degree in economics. He plans to pursue a job in finance or technology and ultimately hopes to attend graduate school.

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