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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. 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 that doesn't forget where they come from after they become successful," he said.

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You can ensure that UVA continues to attract and support exceptional students like Khalif Audain-El by contributing to the Bicentennial Scholars Fund. In return, UVA will increase your generosity by matching your gift through our Strategic Investment Fund. With this extraordinary opportunity, you can create a long-term source of financial aid, limiting both student debt and tuition increases and perpetuating your legacy into the future.

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Catherine Im (Col '20) knew she wanted to attend a great university. Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, this 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 allowed me to focus on my studies and not worry about the total amount of loans I needed to pay off," she said. "I'm so grateful." Im, who majored 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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You can ensure that UVA continues to attract and support exceptional students like Keli Presley by contributing to the Bicentennial Scholars Fund. In return, UVA will increase your generosity by matching your gift through our Strategic Investment Fund. With this extraordinary opportunity, you can create a long-term source of financial aid, limiting both student debt and tuition increases and perpetuating your legacy into the future.

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Tenacity and grit come naturally to **Brandon Thompson (Col '20)**. Hailing from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, this 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 scholarship, Thompson spent his four years serving as a valued member of the community. Thompson embarked on another new adventure after graduating with a degree in economics. He plans to pursue a career in non-profit management and hopes to attend graduate school.

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