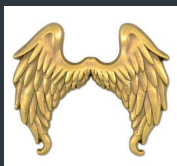


# THE BROTHERHOOD

## THEY EARNED THEIR WINGS

The following registered participants of the Brotherhood Initiative earned a 3.0 or better during the Fall 2020 semester

- Mr. Anas Alomari
- Mr. Brian Bible
- Mr. Mahmoud Elassy
- Ms. Fathima Fazeel
- Mr. Joseph Gohar
- Mr. Kyle Knobel
- Mr. Devyn Lozada
- Mr. Moise Mokat
- Mr. Teague O'Connor
- Mr. Ola Olamuyiwa
- Mr. Daniel Ragozzine
- Mr. Samuel Rego
- Mr. Rachney Sainval
- Mr. Jason Scalora
- Mr. Sophia Solis
- Mr. Cade Snow
- Mr. Jackson Toomey
- Ms. Shwar Zaidi



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## COVID

By William Fothergill



**The COVID-19 pandemic has changed us forever.** The change I am referring to is neither good nor bad. Each of us has a responsibility for what we do with this change. I hold to the belief that we cannot always control what is done to us or what we experience, but we do have control over how we experience it and what we do with the experience. Sadly, many lives and jobs have been lost to the pandemic. We are seeing an increase in suicidal ideations, domestic violence, depression, anxieties, and substance use. Some are not doing well with this change. Prior to the pandemic, many Baby Boomers criticized Millennials for appearing lost in their cellphones, tablets, and headphones. It is very interesting how the tables have turned and now we are globally reliant and dependent on the same technology just to get by. Online work and school have become common place. Who would have ever thought that we would spend most of our day at home working and/or attending school? In my opinion, the quarantine has taken away much as it has given. I would like to point out the positive takeaways from the pandemic:

- The pandemic required us to **social distance**. For some it fostered a sense of loneliness and isolation, while others took advantage of the opportunity by spending quality time with their loved ones. Social distancing provided the opportunity to strengthen our relationship. Take the time to love the ones you are with.
- The pandemic reminds us of the importance of hygiene and **washing our hands**. We can take this a step further by applying these steps to other areas of our lives. Consider washing away the lingering hurts, the invisible sorrows, anger, disappointments, and the unresolved feelings you are still holding onto. These things are just as dangerous as the COVID virus. Show diligence by keeping your mind clean and free of the diseases that affect the heart, mind, and soul.

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- The approval of the **vaccines** has restored hope and has helped many to see the light at the end of the COVID tunnel. some protection but does little to save us from the virus called intolerance, bigotry, racism, and the many other isms that exist as a global pandemic that equally sickens humanity. Yes, consider taking the COVID vaccine, but equally inoculate yourself from the other injustices and inequities plaguing our society.
- Finally, the charge to **wear your mask**. During the pandemic there has been much debate about the mask. Does it protect you or is it warn to protect others from you? No matter your beliefs, the mask is a line of defense and protection. We all wear masks. Some refer to these masks as our personalities or personas, and we wear these masks for the same reasons. Sometimes we protect ourselves and sometimes we protect others when we wear our masks. I challenge you to examine the masks you wear. If you are not careful your masks may leave you vulnerable and prevent you from being your authentic self. Wisely select the masks you decide to wear.

The COVID pandemic will leave a lasting impression on all of us, but we have the authority to identify your takeaways. We can focus on what wasn't or we can focus on what the pandemic has the potential to be. The Brotherhood Initiative encourages you to find the best in every situation. You define your own pandemic experience and don't let it define you.



## Mastering Finances: A Conversation with Howard K. Hill

by Javen Harris



Over the course of 2020 and with the COVID-19 pandemic, I have realized that with so many people losing jobs that it is important to have financial literacy. All over the news, millions of people were losing their jobs daily. I then had a realization that I need to learn about finance, how money works, how to spend, save and invest it properly. I brought this to the attention of Dr. Fothergill who introduced me to the renown financial business owners Howard K. Hill.

On October, the Brotherhood had an opportunity to meet with Howard K. Hill, the owner and operator of Howard K. Hill Funeral services about financial literacy and advocacy. In the meeting Mr. Hill talked about his humble beginnings in the funeral business and how he rose to start and own his own funeral business.

After he gave us a great synopsis as he answered a plethora of questions about finances. Some of the questions focused on how to build credit, such as credit cards and loans, and other questions focused on how to save money and build wealth over time. Mr. Hill also spoke on investing, such as the stock market and real estate.

Mr. Hill also informed us about the many foundations and community building programs he sponsors and runs. These programs focus on the health, education, and economic growth in the Black community, such as the Prosperity Foundation and the Hartford Renaissance District, which focused on improving

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impoverished neighborhoods around the City of Hartford. Overall, the meeting with Mr. Hill opened my eyes and many of the other brothers in the Brotherhood Initiative. In many ways, we learned how to make money work for us such as learning how saving and investing will help many of the brothers start on a path to financial freedom. Mr. Hill also opened our eyes to many different opportunities where we can help our communities.

Learning about the different organizations Mr. Hill created gave us the idea that we could do the same and we could help him out with his plan to rebuild communities. We thank Mr. Howard K. Hill for giving us this valuable information. We hope to meet with him again.

*Mr. Howard was awarded the Ebenezer D. Bassett Humanitarian Award in 2016.*

#### Mastering Finances: A Conversation with Howard K. Hill

It's never too soon to begin to prepare for your future financial security. This workshop is tailored to meet the needs of inquisitive college students and those who seek to enhance their financial competencies. Financial literacy education can provide an understanding of how to manage personal finances, establish financial goals, and form specific plan to achieve economic pursuits. This workshop will provide you with the tools and resources to help build your knowledge, to help you understand your finances, and to develop or refine your money management skills. Howard K. Hill is a motivational speaker, presenter, and advocate for Economic Development and Justice.

The virtual interactive workshop is hosted by the Brotherhood Initiative at Central Connecticut State University.

Mr. Howard K. Hill is the founder and owner of the Howard K. Hill Funeral Services. He also serves as the founder and president of The Prosperity Foundation. The Prosperity Foundation's mission is to strengthen Connecticut's black communities in critical areas such as health, education, and economic development. Mr. Hill's business is exemplified by his slogan "We're Honored to Serve You". His dedication and commitment to the community has been recognized by many churches, civic, and professional organizations.



**Monday, October 19, 2020**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Virtual Event**

## KEEPING BASSETT'S LEGACY ALIVE!



## ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS BENEZER D. BASSETT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND SCHOLARSHIP

The Ebenezer D. Bassett Awards were created to celebrate the accomplishments of CCSU college men. The Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Award and the Legacy Medal are two distinguished honors given out annually by the HEALTHYfellows Brotherhood Initiative's Alumni Committee. The Student Achievement Awards is presented to CCSU male students who exemplify Ebenezer D. Bassett's Legacy Virtues, and the Scholarship is awarded, by the Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee, to any qualifying CCSU student.

It is our hope to showcase college men who are striving to make healthy and meaningful contributions to society. It is our intent to expand the definition of student success by highlighting the personal attributes that are involved in the health, retention, and graduation of male students. A series of achievement honors are awarded at the ceremony. These awards include the Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Award Legacy Medal, Bassett Scholarship, and the Dr. Jacqueline Harris "Rising Star" Award.

CCSU faculty, staff, students, administrators, and/or the general public are invited to nominate students for this award. **Please submit the application by Friday, March 19, 2021.** You can find the Nomination Forms on the Ebenezer D. Bassett website

<https://www.ccsu.edu/bassett/studentAchievementAward.html>





## TRAVELERS Edge

by Samuel Rego

There is so much excitement behind attending college and everything that it entails that sometimes one may get lost in the true purpose of it. Behind all the sporting events and activities, the people you will meet and create relationships with, and just the memories you will create there is a bigger meaning behind attending a university. That purpose is so one can have a brighter future and truly learn about oneself in numerous different ways.

When I came to Central Connecticut State University, I was looking for fun without a doubt but also was thinking about where I would be once I left this university. My freshman year of college I was granted the opportunity to apply into a program that I will forever owe massive amounts of gratitude, Travelers EDGE. Travelers EDGE (Empowering Dreams for Graduation & Employment) is a program which supports underrepresented students and allows them the opportunity to network, learn, be supported, as well as much more. I was fortunate enough to be picked to be a part of this program and it is something I will forever be grateful for. Between the internships I have had the opportunity to be a part of, the people I have met, and the amount of knowledge I have picked up in a short time it has truly been so beneficial in my career development. While this program has been a helping hand in my corner, massive amounts of work have still been necessary on my end.

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I am trying to get to the following point, one must prepare for their future early on to have a path set out. Try different things and take that risk to see what you truly enjoy. Of course, one can plan everything out and things happen along the way that make that plan change, but it is so important to really structure something out. With a hard work ethic, a humble head, and just simply being curious one will go to unimaginable places. It is never too early to start thinking ahead about your future and while one may make many mistakes, (I certainly have), you will continue to learn and grow. Create a plan and execute and understand that you must create your own pathway because no one else will do it for you. There will be people around you that want to help and support you, but they can only be there if you allow them to. Take advantage of resources, ask that question, and continue to grow.

Thinking about your future is important because it allows to have balance and live in the moment. Whether you believe it or not you are creating memories by the second. So of course, enjoy your life day to day but always have your future in the back of your head. A great quote, "Do something today that your future self will thank you for" (Sean Patrice Flanery). The greatest investment you can make will always be in yourself.



**The Travelers EDGE (Empowering Dreams for Graduation and Education) is an innovative public/private educational opportunity developed by Travelers in partnership with colleges, universities and community-based programs designed to increase access to higher education and provide students with the opportunity to excel.**



## A Conversation with Dr. Michael Jasek

by Cade Snow



The Coronavirus this year has made life difficult for everyone.

Whether a CEO of a multimillion-dollar company or a student in elementary school, COVID-19 opened the door to never before-seen problems. Salespeople were forced to constantly video chat with clients, receiving zero commission, small businesses were forced to close, and all schooling was moved to online. That's just to name a few.

This semester ended up being one of the strangest I have experienced due to the movement of all classes to an online format. In coordination with the Brotherhood Initiative, I was able to organize an online event to voice our concerns and to advocate for our education. The virtual event took place on November 16<sup>th</sup> and was titled, **"Does Anyone Hear Us: The Challenges of Online Education"**. Some students had concerns about professors, price of tuition, and others about the lack of socialization on campus. Many different points were made that focused on specific individual experience.

One student brought up how learning online was not an accurate representation of our classroom experience. This is a broad topic that everyone was able to relate to for different reasons. I brought up how one of my professors did not hold office hours and how it affected my ability to ask specific questions about material taught. Another student brought up how professors aren't staying true to the schedule on their syllabus, which in turn created problems surrounding the workflow. For students who are on campus, online learning basically eliminated the ability to have a true "college experience" because movement and socialization were so limited. Mentally, this affects students in more ways than one. When isolated, some find it difficult to stay focused and not procrastinate. Students were forced to study in their dorm, while normally they can change their study environment which allows some students to get more done or study more efficiently.

These are just a few examples of concerns voiced to Dr. Jasek in our meeting. The meeting was incredibly productive, and students were able to say their peace.

I am very grateful for the Brotherhood and Mr. Fothergill, for providing me the opportunity to create a safe and productive space to voice my concerns as well as those of fellow students, to advocate for our education in a time that nobody has ever experienced before. While changes may not take place right away, I am pleased to say that I am still engaged in conversation with Dr. Jasek and am excited to see what changes will be made on behalf of this group. Lastly, I would like to thank Dr. Michael Jasek for listening to us and committing himself to the change suggested by our student circle. The Brotherhood is not just to help us get through the social difficulties of school, but the educational difficulties as well, especially after a year like the one we've had. We always welcome new faces and hope to hold more events like this for more students to be heard in the future.



*Dr. Jasek agreed to formally address our concerns by sharing the details of our meeting with Dr. David Dauwalder, Provost. Dr. Jasek is no longer employed at CCSU, but we hope to reach out to the Provost to bring our concerns to his attention and work with him to strength the learning experience for all CCSU students. Does anyone hear us? Is anyone willing to hear us?*



## Men's Initiatives on college campuses

By Martin Reyna

Some universities have Men's Initiatives within their college campus, examples of this universities are the city University of New York. The University of New York has The City University of New York Black Male Initiative. This Initiative focused on the graduation and matriculation rate for New York men of color and for those that are underrepresented students within their campus. Another example of Men's Initiative comes from the Black Male Initiative also known as (BMI) and Men of Color Initiative (MCI). This program focuses on the inclusion and educational success for all men of color, they primarily focus on African American Males with helps them with their academic and professional careers. This program tries to increase the percentage of graduated African American students. This organization focuses on men of color from low economic society populations and localities in the state of Illinois.

This organization was started with only nine male students and then it has increased all the way to 100 male students. Another university that has created a male Initiative is the California State University, this university has created the Black Male Initiative Organization which they created the African American Male Academic Success Program. This program focusses in increasing the percentage of the academic for African American students and to make them man that will be helpful for the best of their community. The University of Louisville also has their own male initiative, this organization focus in the excellence of black male students. The program at this university started in fall of 2011.

in 2014, the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education created the brotherhood to help black students with their education also students with low income. The university of Georgia created their own male initiative, their Initiative is named African American Male Initiative. This organization focuses on the graduation of African American from postsecondary schools. The university of Delaware also had awarded in October 26, 2020 a total of \$900,000 as a grant that was going to be given to the Black Male Initiative of their college. The last organization that has a Men's Initiative is the Black Male Initiative. This organization is from the California State University. This organization and all the other organization in the other universities look for the success of black students. The universities look to increase the graduation rates of black students to every year.

## WHERE IS HE NOW?



### MR. PATRICK WILLIAMS

Patrick "Rico" Williams  
A founding member of the Brotherhood Initiative (formerly Man Enough Support Initiative) Patrick is an author, educator, and advocate. A perpetual way-maker, his decisions are informed by becoming the person he'd always needed. He is currently a Community School Director with Catholic Charities at McDonough Middle School. Patrick is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Ebenezer D. Bassett Awards Nomination Committee.



### ON THE COVER

Patrick Dwyer  
Psychology Major





# Dear Brothers,

By Shwar Zaidi  
Sisters of the Brotherhood

## HOW TO BE LIKED?

I always wanted to be someone's friend, so it didn't matter who they were. I wanted the whole world to like me, but I realized soon enough that it was impossible to have that happen.

If you are a people pleaser or have a hard time accepting someone who doesn't like you, it can be tough to overcome the stress and drama in your life. But no matter what you do, you can't have everyone like you.

When you find out someone does not like you or is making fun of you, you often wonder to yourself, is there something wrong with me? Why do they not like me? What do other people have that I do not have? Is being different a problem? How can I fit in? We all want to be liked. It is human nature to feel desired, and often some of us become people pleasers. However, being liked has a cost because many people want you to be what they want. Some people can be toxic and manipulative because they also deal with their own insecurities, but they do not want you to be you. They discredit who you are and take advantage of you. You might slowly start to lose yourself and try to become their version of you.

You cannot fit in by trying to please everyone because by the days end you will be left alone and abandoned. If this happens, you might end up questioning yourself, If you decide to speak up, some people might try to blame you and frame you as the bad guy just for calling them out on their toxicity. It's better to leave these toxic friendships and be alone. If you don't you are only going to hurt yourself in the end.

Listen to your own voice, learn to love yourself and become the best version of yourself. Do you know who loses in the end? The wrong people that weren't meant to be in your life. We can't have everyone like us, and we also can't like everyone either. Live your life and do what makes you happy because your happiness matters more than making others happy.

The Dear Brother op-ed column allows college women the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions directly to our male readers. It is our hope that the column will serve as a constructive vehicle to help college men respect and validate the voices of their college sisters. The column is available to women who are committed to the wellbeing of men. The views and opinions expressed in this article are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of the staff of the Brotherhood Newsletter.

## RECOMMENDED READINGS

- Spreading Misandry by Paul Nathanson and Katherine Young
- Why Boys Fail by Richard Whitmire
- The Masculine Self by Christopher Kilmartin
- Engaging College Men: Discovering What Works and Why by Gar Kellom and Miles Growth

## ARTICLES

**The Collegiate War Against Men, Forbes, by Ricard Vedder**

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/richardvedder/2020/01/02/the-collegiate-war-against-men/?sh=32b88fb315b7>

**The Pandemic is speeding up the mass disappearance of men from college**

<https://hechingerreport.org/the-pandemic-is-speeding-up-the-mass-disappearance-of-men-from-college/>

**Men, Masculinity, and Manhood Acts**

<https://www.annualreviews.org/doi/pdf/10.1146/annurev-soc-070308-115933>







## Tabling Events During the Fall Semester

By Sophia Solis

The Brotherhood Initiative hosted many tabling events this semester. As a student worker, I personally hosted two of these events. One of my events was an online Kahoot game that featured facts about men's mental health. It is important that people are aware of others mental health. Men are strong, but also face just as many mental health issues as females do. Men are less likely to seek mental health help than

women are. It is important to check up on your male friends as well. Another tabling event was hosted towards the end of the semester on National Men's Mental Health Day. We were giving out free T-shirts, cups, pencils, phone pockets, watches, and more. This tabling event was very successful and over 40 students learned about men's health. I would expect this number would have been larger if the campus was back to normal. During COVID it has been difficult to host table events. Many students are too busy to stop by or be interested. It is also hard to promote because there are very few students on campus since COVID. Since most things have moved online, we have learned to use online resources as well as in person events. Our office hosts online events almost every week, so come and join us! Or come and stop by next time you see our table and get a free item.



**EMERGING SCHOLAR  
AND FUTURE EDUCATOR**

## Mr. Julian Ellington

2020

### Ebenezer D. Bassett Emerging Scholar

Mr. Ellington was nominated by Mrs. Clara Ruffin  
Co-Founder of the Hartford Friendship Camp

Julian Ellington is a recent graduate from Great Path Academy and is currently enrolled as a freshman at Springfield College in Massachusetts. During his tenure in high school Julian took honor classes and was fortunate enough to take classes at Manchester Community College. "Outside the realm of academia, I try and combine my hobbies to benefit others. I love music, so I've enrolled myself into my school's jazz band and an acapella group, called Hartt Harmony, at the University of Hartford." Julian has decided to major in education. His love of history, civics and politics influence his decision to become a teacher. "I have decided to pursue a career in History, so others can be enlightened by the wonders of those who came before them."

# Invitation to Submit Papers



## Call for Papers

We are currently accepting papers for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Brotherhood Initiative's Men's Health & Wellness Forum. We are soliciting papers in one of the following categories: Research, Position, or Literature Reviews). It is our aim to inspire students

to become more involved in scholarly and literary activities that promote the discussion of theories, narratives, experiences, discourse, and activism that relate and contributes to the field of Men and Masculinities Studies.

Papers will only be accepted if they conform to the publication style cited in the attachment. Editors will review and will select papers for a newly created Brotherhood Initiative publication. Authors will present their paper at the annual forum. Prizes will be awarded to entrants. Submit the Notice of Intent Form by **Friday, March 5, 2021**.



Request additional information or the registration forms at <https://www.ccsu.edu/brotherhood/contactUs.html>



"We want to challenge unhealthy images of college men by showcasing men who exemplify acceptable standards of conduct and virtue."



### THEY EARNED THEIR WINGS!

Due to the partial campus closure, the BROTHERHOOD Initiative was unable to formally recognize the eighteen students who earned their wings during the spring semester. It is our hope to do something special for the "Wingman" since we were unable to celebrate their academic success at our end of the semester "You Earned Your Wings Honor Roll Reception".

You Earn Your Wings was created as a vehicle to promote male student academic achievement. Each semester, the Brotherhood Initiative recognizes participants of the Brotherhood Initiative and Sisters of the Brotherhood who earned a 3.0 GPA or better. As a symbol of success, Wingman will receive a *gold wing keychain* and/or a lapel pin. ***"Every time a brother earns his wings, we improve the graduation rate of college men."***

Every chair should be a throne  
and hold a king.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



If not  
now  
when?



We live in the era of social justice, at least that's what we are led to believe. Terms like equity, equality, and inclusion are commonly used and, in many ways, have lost their potency. Embracing the true meaning of these terms require much more than lip service. What are you willing to give up to obtain justice? Justice doesn't belong to a selected few or to one group over another. You can be the change you want to see in the world. **If not now when?**



# MASTERING MANHOOD

Mastering Manhood is a developmental capstone project for selected male students. The project seeks to enhance the leadership capacity and potential of college men by helping them define, document, and establish the necessary navigational plans to manifest a healthier version of maleness and masculinity. Mastering Manhood consist of a series of Master Classes or advanced seminars that aim to prepare initiates personally, professionally, and educationally for their future as mature and responsible men. Seminars will consist of workshops, mentoring, service opportunities, constructive dialogues, and character enrichment activities.

## JONATHAN SMITH AND RANDY JARA 2020 FOUNDER'S AWARD RECIPIENT

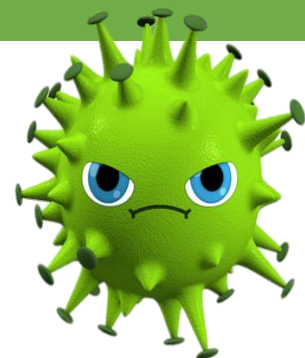


## 5 KEY POINTS

BY JACK PAOLINO

### Preparing for Graduation

- 1) If you have questions just ask Jack.
- 2) If you still need general education courses, you can check your degree evaluation and click on the red text "Still Needed" to get a list of courses that will satisfy that line item.
- 3) If you have a minor, you will want to establish yourself with an advisor in that department in case you should need workarounds. Even the department secretary is a good resource.
- 4) If you ever receive verbal advice from an advisor that differs from what is listed on your programs outline, then you will want to make sure that either a substitution form gets filled out, or email your department chairperson, the college dean, or email Jack. Otherwise, that advice never got processed.
- 5) You will want to apply for graduation in the second semester of your junior year. That's when your applied credits area, on your degree evaluation, reads 90 credits. That 90 credits will consist of 75 earned credits and 15 credits in progress. The application is on the Registrar's web page under "Forms". Hard copies are also available on the form stand outside of the Registrar's office.



# The 6th Annual Dads Matter Too! Virtual Fatherhood Conference



## Reshaping Fatherhood:

Striving for Equality and Equity When Engaging Fathers of Color

September 17 - 18, 2020

During this two-day virtual conference, participants focused on the roles and contributions of fathers, especially fathers of color. Although a larger public dialogue has centered on fatherhood in the African American/Latino communities, much of the discussion has emphasized the negative impacts of father absence. This larger discourse, which has projected

an overwhelmingly negative image of African American and Latino fathers, often does not discuss the positive impacts on the lives of their children. Now, more than ever, it is time to reframe this discussion toward a strength based and socially embedded perspective on fathers' involvement and engagement. Doing so will contribute to the development of evidence-based programming and policy targeting fathers of color and their children.

A flyer for the 6th Annual Dads Matter Too! Fatherhood Conference. It features a white background with a gold border. At the top, it says "6th ANNUAL DADS MATTER TOO! FATHERHOOD CONFERENCE PROUDLY PRESENTS:" followed by the "Dads Matter Too!" logo. Below that, it reads "RESHAPING FATHERHOOD: STRIVING FOR EQUALITY AND EQUITY WHEN ENGAGING FATHERS OF COLOR". The dates and times are listed: "WHEN: SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 9:00-1:00PM (4 HOURS) SEPTEMBER 18, 2020 12:00-4:00PM (4 HOURS)". It also mentions "CEC: 8 CREDITS PENDING NASW APPROVAL (4 CREDITS PER DAY)" and "WHERE: ZOOM". The registration link is "https://tinyurl.com/y6y2ckx6". At the bottom, there are three headshots of the keynote presenters: Dr. Reginald Eadie, Dr. Wisdom Powell, and Mr. William Fothergill.

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Hosted by CT DCF Fatherhood Engagement Leadership Team in Collaboration with: My People Clinical Services LLC, Central Connecticut State University HEALTHYfellows / Brotherhood Initiative, and the Connecticut Fatherhood Initiative.

A yellow banner with a white scalloped top edge. It contains the text "KEYNOTE PRESENTERS: DR. REGINALD EADIE, DR. WIZDOM POWELL AND MR. WILLIAM FOTHERGILL" in a dark blue, serif font.

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# international MEN'S DAY

## International Men's Day AT CCSU

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, The Brotherhood Initiative celebrated International Men's Day. This annual event was held on November 19<sup>th</sup> and is observed by forty-four countries worldwide. International Men's Day raises awareness about the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and communities. The Brotherhood Initiative's theme, "Better Health for Men & Boys", will focus promoting college men as positive role models and will raise awareness about male student wellness.

### Join the Brotherhood Initiative as we celebrate NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEN'S DAY

November 19<sup>TH</sup> is International Men's Day. This day is celebrated annually worldwide to bring attention to the positive value men bring to the world, their families and communities.

#### BETTER HEALTH FOR MEN & BOYS



INTERNATIONAL  
MENS DAY  
November 19  
www.internationalmensday.com

*International Men's Day is an opportunity for people everywhere of goodwill to appreciate and celebrate the men in their lives and the contribution they make to society for the greater good of all.*

### BROTHERHOOD

HAVE A HEART FOR MEN'S  
HEALTH AND WELLNESS



We are giving away gift cards, or T-shirts, Masks, and Brotherhood Swag to the first 25 student filling out our online Contact Us form by November 19<sup>th</sup>

<https://www.ccsu.edu/brotherhood/contactUs.html>

The Brotherhood at CCSU is a men's wellness retention initiative dedicated to improving the health, retention, and graduation of CCSU college men.

Don't let COVID get the best of you and leave you feeling disconnected and isolated, join the Brotherhood today.

Weekly Meeting & Virtual Discussions  
Awards & Scholarships  
Leadership Opportunities  
Peer and Faculty Mentoring  
Academic Support  
Resource Coordination  
Guy Stuff

- Connections Men's Resource Group – Mondays at 5:00 pm
  - Brotherhood Meeting – Monday at 3:00 pm
  - Real Talk Conversations – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

<https://www.ccsu.edu/brotherhood/>



# THE TIES THAT BIND US

## Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Award Ceremony and Connecticut Freedom Trail Month Celebration

Ebenezer D. Bassett Hall at Central Connecticut State University is one of the newest Connecticut Freedom Trail sites and the first university academic building in Connecticut to be named in honor of a distinguished African American. In recognition of Connecticut Freedom Trail month, the Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee hosted its annual Awards Ceremony and its Freedom Trail Month event honoring the family ties of Ebenezer D. Bassett, the first African American U.S. diplomat, and his cousin William Lanson, the African American contractor who created New Haven's famed Long Wharf. These two men of distinction made major contributions to the social justice issues of the 19th century. The event was held on Thursday, September 17, 2020.



## 2020 Bassett Scholars

EBENEZER D. BASSETT SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES				
Anthony J. Vinci	Daniel G. Herbert	Dominick Daniels	Josh Bouchard	Connor DeLaney
				
<b>2016</b> \$500.00	<b>2016</b> \$500.00	<b>2017</b> \$500.00	<b>2017</b> \$500.00	<b>2018</b> \$500.00
Austin High	Brandon Palmer	Joseph Carangui	Freddy Rios	Anthony Williams
				
<b>2018</b> \$500.00	<b>2018</b> \$500.00	<b>2019</b> \$500.00	<b>2019</b> \$500.00	<b>2020</b> \$1,000.00



# "From Long Wharf to Haiti: The Journeys of William Lanson and Ebenezer D. Bassett"



Christine Pittsley, Connecticut State Library, revealed the newly-discovered ties between two of Connecticut's leading 19th-century African American citizens, William Lanson of New Haven and Ebenezer D. Bassett of Derby. Learn about the families and early lives of these two men and how their experiences and community ties helped them on their paths to success. The event was sponsored by the Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee and the Brotherhood Initiative at Central Connecticut State University.



**The Ebenezer D. Bassett Memorialization Committee**  
invites you to a celebration of  
**Connecticut Freedom Trail Month**  
Thursday, September 17, 2020 | 7:00 p.m. (virtual)



**The Ties That Bind Us  
From Long Wharf to Haiti: The Journeys of  
Ebenezer D. Bassett and William Lanson**

Presented by historical researcher and Bassett Memorialization Committee member  
**Ms. Christine Pittsley of the Connecticut State Library**

Ms. Pittsley will discuss the newly discovered ties between two of Connecticut's leading 19th-century African American citizens: Ebenezer D. Bassett, the first African American diplomat, and William Lanson, the engineer and contractor who created New Haven's famed Long Wharf. Learn about their early lives, family and community ties, and their contributions toward social justice in Connecticut, the U.S., and worldwide.

The event will commence with formal recognition of the  
2020 Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement Awardees and Ebenezer D. Bassett Scholarship recipients.

Free and open to the public | Please reserve access at this link: <https://eviteFreedomTrail>  
For information, please contact William Fothergill: [fothergillw@ccsu](mailto:fothergillw@ccsu).





## CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS

**Connections Men's Resource Group**  
Mondays at 5:00 pm

**NBA2K21 Online Basketball Tournament**  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-7:30pm

**Courage to Speak**  
April 1, 2021  
4:30-5:30 pm

**Ebenezer D. Bassett Student Achievement  
Award Ceremony**  
April 14, 2021.

**Faculty Advisory Committee Conference**  
Friday, April 16, 2021



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The BROTHERHOOD Newsletter contains a broad range of news articles that focus on improving the lives of male students. If you would like to contribute an article, editorial, and/or information about upcoming events, please contact William Fothergill at [fothergillW@ccsu.edu](mailto:fothergillW@ccsu.edu)

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<https://www.ccsu.edu/brotherhood/contactUs.html>



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