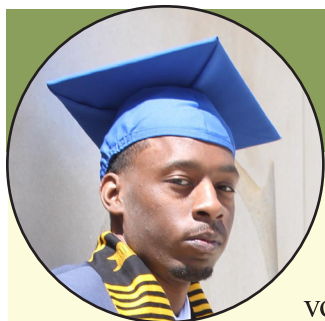


# Cabbage Patch Scholar Bios

2019-20 Edition



School Attending: **UofL**  
Current Program: **MBA**  
Career Goal: **CPA**

Graduation Date:  
**Dec. 2020**

## TyJuan

TyJuan has worked very hard to achieve his dream of going to college. He earned a 3.1 GPA in his Senior year at UK and was granted a place in UofL's competitive MBA program. Philanthropy has always been important to TyJuan and he thinks he may want to serve as a CFO for a non-profit someday. To this end, he continues to give back to the community through volunteering at The Patch and through his fraternity, he chose the non-profit New Directions Housing as his required internship opportunity.

## Javoughn

School Attending: **UofL**  
Current Major: **MSSW**  
Career Goal: **Social Work**

Graduation Date:  
**May 2021**



Javoughn, called Juju by his Patch Family, has been a Patch member since he was 6 years old. In May of 2019 Juju graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BS in Psychology. He was the first man in his family to earn a college degree and he accomplished this goal debt free, thanks to UK and The Cabbage Patch. It is his sincere hope that he can use this degree to raise awareness of the stigma around mental health and help struggling young people. He says he might even want to work in Family Development here at The Cabbage Patch! He currently is an intern with Catholic Charities and regularly returns to The Patch to volunteer in our Teen Debate and athletic programs.

## JUNIORS

## Maggie

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Education**  
Career Goal: **Spec. Ed Teacher**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Maggie has been an active member of The Cabbage Patch for most of her life and credits her time here with helping her develop a strong sense of philanthropy. Maggie has continued this tradition by joining the "LEXengaged" Living Learning Community, a group of students devoted to volunteer work in Lexington. Maggie's devotion to help others is carrying over into her major and career goals, she plans to join the College of Education at the end of this year and becoming a Special Needs Teacher.

## Jaliyah

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Strategic Comm.**  
Career Goal: **Event Mgmt.**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

During high school, Jaliyah found she loved putting on amazing events, from Black History Month Pageants to homecomings, but she hadn't realized it was a valid career goal. After an introductory business class, Jaliyah rediscovered her love for event management and changed her major to reflect that goal. Jaliyah has interned with The Cabbage Patch as part of our fundraising and Special Events team, and hopes to continue to give back as she progresses through her degree.

## Genesis

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Biology**  
Career Goal: **Nurse**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Genesis has a strong sense of helpfulness and a deep desire to care for others. The other college scholars often refer to her as "Everyone's Big Sister" During her time in the dental program at Central High School, she realized she could channel her love of caring for others into a career as a nurse. She was an active member of many Cabbage Patch programs, including the Teen Club and the step dance team, and has continued these activities at UK through participation in campus leadership and engagement programs at the MLK Cultural Center.

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## JUNIORS

### Sharonda



School Attending: **Berea**  
Current Major: **Studio Art**  
Career Goal: **Museum Curator**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Sharonda has long had a passion for art, inspired during her time in The Cabbage Patch art classes. She was an active artist in high school and spent summers as a youth artist through the Kentucky Arts Council. She was accepted into Berea College on a full scholarship and continues to explore her passion for art by majoring in studio art. Her time spent exploring the KMAC, Speed and other museums with The Cabbage Patch has fueled her hope to one day work as a museum curator or gallery manager. The Patch provides scholarship assistance for books, art supplies and personal needs, as well as providing much needed emotional support and guidance.

### Janae

School Attending: **NKU**  
Current Major: **Digital Communications**  
Career Goal: **Public Relations**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Janae is an exceptional student with a passion for making the world a better place. After becoming a Governor's Scholar in 2016, she came to understand that the world was "bigger than I realized, with so many viewpoints different than my own. I realized I want to make an impact, and do my best to connect different people together!" Janae hopes to accomplish this goal by studying digital communications and becoming a PR Specialist. This year Janae has become a Resident Assistant and has started her own club on campus dedicated to social justice issues.

### Tatiana

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Psychology**  
Career Goal: **Therapist/Social Worker**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Tatiana is an amazing student who is hoping to make her passion for helping others into a career by becoming a therapist or social worker. Her sense of humor makes her a favorite among the college scholars and staff members, and she thrives on making everyone around her a little happier. She found a passion for debate during her time in Teen Club and continues to use those skills by participating in poetry and public speaking clubs at UK. She remains active in athletics, playing on intramural teams and working hard to keep her body in shape and her mind sharp for school.

### Ravon



School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Studio Art**  
Career Goal: **Artist/Educator**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **December 2020**

Ravon has been a Cabbage Patch member since he was 12 years old. His involvement in The Cabbage Patch was essential in finishing high school and continuing on to higher education. Ravon has a love of drawing and sculpture, and is working toward a degree in Fine Art, which he hopes to use as a professional artist in a studio or center where he can create art and also work with young people interested in the field. He has recently discovered an interest in politics and has spent time creating political cartoons for on-campus organizations.

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## JUNIORS

### Jaylah

School Attending: **NKU**  
Current Major: **Exercise Science**  
Career Goal: **Physical Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Jaylah has been an active Cabbage Patch participant since she was 12. She was very active in summer camps and athletics activities. Her time in these activities helped to fuel her interest in the capabilities of the human body and in helping athletes achieve their fullest potential. She is studying Exercise Science at NKU with hopes of becoming a physical therapist. She takes part in on-campus philanthropy, and has given back by volunteering with our recent round of summer camps.

### Chson

School Attending: **EKU**  
Current Major: **Aeronautics**  
Career Goal: **Commercial Pilot**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Chson is a bright, focused young man with big dreams. After years of being fascinated with aeronautics and flight, he was thrilled to be accepted into the very competitive piloting program at EKU. Chson's family was excited to receive a scholarship, as they would otherwise have been unable to support him in this expensive program.

### Dejah

School Attending: **WKU**  
Current Major: **Psychology**  
Career Goal: **Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Junior**  
Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Dejah is a focused student with a dream of becoming a therapist and has become a mentor for other students on campus at WKU. Dejah enjoys the social life on campus, but mostly focuses on her studies. While home on breaks, she reconnects to The Patch by volunteering. Dejah is currently looking for internship opportunities. She hopes to work somewhere like The Cabbage Patch one day, so she can serve at-risk children and families.

## SOPHOMORES

### Alexis

School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Nursing**  
Career Goal: **Nurse/RN**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

As the primary caregiver for her ailing grandmother, Alexis developed a passion for nursing and health care that she is working to turn into a career. Alexis completed her initial certificate as a nurse's assistant through the Central HS Nursing Magnet Program and is working to complete her RN. She will be working part-time to help cover the costs of her schooling and supplies, and also continues to serve as a caregiver in addition to attending college.

### Diamond

School Attending: **NKU**  
Current Major: **Theater/Japanese**  
Career Goal: **Undecided**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

As a young Patcher, Diamond was very active in our education department and theater classes. She has carried these interests into college as a double major in theater and Japanese. While she isn't completely sure what her career will look like, she knows it will involve performance, because she truly has a passion for being on the stage. She is very active in theater programs at NKU, and has chosen to give back to The Patch by volunteering with our girls' groups during the summer.



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## SOPHOMORES

### Jared



School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Computer Engineering**  
Career Goal: **Computer Technologist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Jared is a hard-working, motivated young man who has been extremely active in leadership development at The Cabbage Patch. He is a first-generation student and his mother has actively supported him and emphasized the importance of his school work. Jared has an amazing mind for engineering and is really enjoying the challenge of his science and math classes. We know his love and passion for engineering will carry him far academically, and are pleased that he has found positive ways to engage on campus through technology club and an on-campus job.

### Pablo

School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Computer Technology**  
Career Goal: **Tech Support/Computer Programmer**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Pablo is a brilliant student with a mind for technology and a love of anything computer related. While he received a great scholarship to WKU, he turned it down in order to stay in Louisville and assist his mother with her health concerns. He plans to return to JCTC and then transfer to UofL through their ULtra program. He stays busy with volunteering at The Cabbage Patch and with JCTC's technology club.

### Nautia

School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Associate's Degree in Nursing**  
Career Goal: **Nurse**  
Current Status: **Part Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Nautia worked hard to graduate high school, and is now working a full time job in addition to her part time school schedule. She is a single mother, raising her two-year old little boy. Nautia truly believes that a good education is the only way to make a better life for her son, who she says is the light of her life!

### Autumn



School Attending: **Berea**  
Current Major: **Math/Spanish**  
Career Goal: **H.S. Math/Spanish Teacher**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Autumn is a young, single mother. Her life had never been easy, and when she found out she was pregnant she was unsure what lie ahead. She worked hard to finish high school and had impressive grades. With help from The Patch, she was accepted into Berea's program to assist single parents. She said, "For the first time I feel like my own person." While Berea covers her tuition and housing, The Patch provides much needed emotional support and guidance as well as scholarship assistance for books and personal needs.

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## SOPHOMORES

# Antonio



School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Exercise Science**  
Career Goal: **Physical Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Antonio is an exceptional young man who left his mark on The Patch by speaking on our behalf at several events. He was admitted into the University of Kentucky with a substantial scholarship, despite many personal struggles. During his Freshman year, tragedy struck and his family's home burned down. The stress of this event caused him to struggle and fail his first set of finals. Despite this setback, Antonio continues to pursue his degree, taking classes at JCTC and working to recover his GPA. After JCTC, he hopes to be admitted to UofL through the ULtra program. He wants to earn his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science, and continue on after that to be a physical therapist. He currently works as Game Room Monitor at The Cabbage Patch.

# Micah

School Attending: **NKU**  
Current Major: **Psychology**  
Career Goal: **Psychologist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Micah is a first generation college student, with the goal of becoming a psychologist. While attending St. X on an academic scholarship Micah developed a strong work ethic and a passion for psychology. Both qualities are serving him well in college where he continues to stay involved in campus life through fashion shows, poetry slams and being active in the student union.

# Lynice

School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Sociology**  
Career Goal: **Marriage and Family Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Lynice is one half of a mother/daughter duo working to finish their degree at the same time. After her daughter Saraya began college, Lynice chose to return as well, making education a priority while also serving as a full-time caregiver to another child. Lynice hopes to transfer to UofL after this year, finish her bachelor's, and then works toward a master's in Marriage and Family Therapy. Like her daughter, Lynice is also active in her church.

# Saraya



School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Sociology**  
Career Goal: **Life Coach**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2021**

Saraya is an active, energetic young woman with a passion for dance and sharing that passion with others. She is majoring in sociology, and hopes to help others have a more positive life by serving as a life coach. Her bright and bubbly personality influences everyone she meets, and she leaves others smiling. She has continued to volunteer with The Cabbage Patch and give back to the ministry that gave her so much. She is also active in her church, singing in the choir and assisting with children's programming. After JCTC, she anticipates transferring to UofL to finish her degree.

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## SOPHOMORES

# Myrrakal



School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Psychology**  
Career Goal: **Marriage and Family Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Myrrakal is a young woman dedicated to helping others. Having experienced many personal struggles during her childhood she has come to understand the importance of having a caring and informed adult who will listen to your problems. Now, she wants to be that adult for other young people and their families. She hopes to become a marriage and family therapist to help others, and to increase the presence of minorities in the field of mental health and counseling. Myrrakal is returning to school after taking a year off for her physical health.

# Demetrius

School Attending: **BCTC**  
Current Major: **Math**  
Career Goal: **Secondary Math Teacher**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Demetrius will acknowledge that being a good student didn't always come easy to him. "I didn't really like to work," he says, "until The Cabbage Patch helped me to see that all the hard work was worth it." He has always had an interest in, and skill with, mathematics and hopes to share that passion and skill with other young people as an elementary teacher. Although he struggled his first year on campus, and took a year off, Demetrius is refocusing and working on rebuilding his GPA at BCTC. After a year, he hopes to transfer back to UK.

# Alexis

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Business/Exercise Science**  
Career Goal: **Personal Trainer/Business Owner**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Alexis is a straight-A student who attended St. Francis School on a scholarship and graduated high school with a 4.0! Alexis was offered a significant scholarship to Hanover, but chose instead to attend UK which she described as her "dream school". She was thrilled when she received a scholarship there, thanks to The Cabbage Patch. Alexis has gotten involved on campus through community service groups and has made many new friends through her exercise programs and classes.

# Abdi



School Attending: **JCTC**  
Current Major: **Business**  
Career Goal: **Entrepreneur**  
Current Status: **Full Time Sophomore**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2022**

Abdi is an immigrant and a first generation college student. After two years of classes in community college, he plans to transition to UofL and wants to study business management. Abdi has continued to struggle in his classes, with personal strains and life always getting in the way. He has taken several semesters off over the past few years, but has really refocused and is determined to finish his degree. To that end, he currently serves as Gym Monitor at The Cabbage Patch as a way to reconnect and refocus in a supportive environment.



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## FRESHMEN

### Greg



School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Sports Medicine**  
Career Goal: **Physical Therapist**  
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Greg is our very first, second generation college scholar; his mother graduated with her BA in Sociology in May of 2018 after years of hard work. He credits seeing his mother work so hard with his passion for getting into school. Greg intends to turn his love of athletics into a degree in Sports Medicine, and would love to be a physical therapist for a college or professional sports team. He has gotten involved in sports on campus through intramurals and attending campus sporting events, and hopes to find a part-time job on campus.

### Corey

School Attending: **WKU**  
Current Major: **Computer Engineering**  
Career Goal: **Computer Engineer**  
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Corey began his time at The Patch at the age of seven in Fun Club Day Camp, and he likes to say he never stopped coming! He was actively involved in our performing arts programs, and was especially fond of theater. He landed several starring roles here and credits that time with boosting his self-confidence. Corey also spent a lot of time in the Educational Opportunities Department, and was very active in the computer lab. His time spent with the computers and robotics kits here helped to inspire his interest in computers and helped lead him to choosing his major.

### Aariona

School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Nursing/Business**  
Career Goal: **Nurse Practitioner**  
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Aariona was always a motivated student, who worked hard to accomplish her goals. She always goes the extra mile and stays active with The Patch. She plans to double major in nursing and business with the goal of becoming a nurse practitioner and running her own practice. She is focusing on academics to earn the high GPA necessary to enter the nursing program, but hopes to get involved on campus eventually through student government.

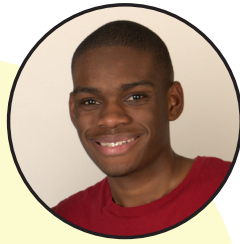
### Maliya



School Attending: **UK**  
Current Major: **Philosophy**  
Career Goal: **Entrepreneur**  
Current Status: **Full Time Freshman**  
Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Maliya had more than her fair share of struggles in high school, but managed to graduate with an excellent GPA and ACT score, earning her admission into UK. With a full scholarship through The Cabbage Patch/UK partnership, Maliya is able to have a stable home on campus and has really enjoyed starting to explore her classes. She is already getting involved on campus through the student union.

# Dyllan



School Attending: **UK**  
 Current Major: **Psychology**  
 Career Goal: **Therapist**  
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Dyllan is an active and passionate student with a deep curiosity about the human brain. His hope is to help make others happier and healthier. Dyllan credits his time in Leadership Development and Teen Employment for increasing his desire to help others. He never misses a campus sporting event, having developed a passion for sports in The Patch gym.

# Jenay

School Attending: **Fisk University**  
 Current Major: **Psychology**  
 Career Goal: **Social Worker**  
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Jenay had always dreamed of attending an HBCU, like Fisk University. Initially she had decided to turn down their offer due to financial concerns, but through shrewd negotiating and with the help of Patch staff, Jenay was able to make her dream a reality. She looks forward to getting involved on campus through the student union, intramural basketball, and possibly community service.

# Chandi

School Attending: **Blackhills State University**  
 Current Major: **Elementary Education**  
 Career Goal: **School Teacher**  
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Chandi spent much of her youth at The Patch; and stayed very active with our college prep programs. She developed a passion for teaching while tutoring in our Educational Opportunities department, and is pursuing a degree in elementary education. Chandi also keeps herself active on campus by participating in art groups and track and field events.

# Mykaylah



School Attending: **UofL**  
 Current Major: **Health Science**  
 Career Goal: **Physical Therapist**  
 Anticipated Graduation Date: **May 2023**

Mykaylah is following in the footsteps of her sister Myrrakal, who is also a Cabbage Patch Scholar and a sophomore at UK. She played volleyball through much of high school, which built her desire to serve as a physical therapist and help athletes remain in shape and recover from injuries. She plans to get involved on campus in intramural volleyball, working part-time, and possibly joining a sorority.

## Congratulations to our 2019 College Scholar Graduates.

Through their hard work, and your support, they have seen their dreams come true.



### *Evan Packer*

graduated from George Washington University with a **Masters in International Diplomacy**. He now works as the Editorial Assistant at The George Washington University Museum and The Textile Museum.

### *Jaquail Fowler*

graduated from U of L with a **Bachelors in Organizational Leadership Management**. Jacquail is pursuing a real estate license, and wants to become a realtor and property manager.



### *Renea Warner*

graduated from UK with a **Bachelors in Business Management**. She worked full-time all through her undergrad, and was an intern with Integri-Tea, where she currently works. Eventually, she hopes to run her own business.

### *Les Holland*

graduated from UK with a **Bachelors in Communications** and a Minor in Media Arts and Studies. He has secured a job in his field and is helping to support his family while he decides whether to pursue a graduate degree.

