



200+ SCHOLARS BREAKFAST & 200+ MEN INC. SELECTED FACTS

- The 200+ Men Inc., formally known as the Hampton Roads Committee of 200+ Men Inc., is a collective of dedicated men working together to devise and implement impactful solutions for our community's most pressing issues. The mission of the organization is to influence and build better communities by encouraging, inspiring and enabling African American young people and adults to reach their utmost potential.
- The 200+ Scholars Breakfast stands as the cornerstone event and primary fundraiser of The 200+ Men Foundation, commemorating the academic accomplishments of African-American high school males from both public and private schools across the Hampton Roads region who have attained a GPA of 3.0 or higher upon graduation.
- The inaugural 200+ Scholars Breakfast occurred on May 16, 1998. Since then, more than 9,500 African American male scholars have been acknowledged at this prestigious event, officially designated and recognized as 200+ Scholars.
- The 200+ Scholars Breakfast receives generous backing from various colleges and universities in and around the Commonwealth of Virginia. These esteemed institutions, in partnership with The 200+ Men Foundation, have contributed over \$13 million in scholarships to deserving recipients honored at the event. In addition to this vital support, we receive assistance from other community-minded sponsors and friends who generously provide various levels of breakfast sponsorships, amplifying our mission and impact.
- Funds raised during the Scholars Breakfast are instrumental in supporting the diverse array of programs and outreach efforts which include:
 - **Scholars Academy** - A year-round mentoring and summer camp initiative to guide African American young men to high school graduation, preparing them for success in higher education or the workforce through mentorship, guest speakers, and diverse activities with successful role models.
 - **Cravan to Richmond** - A day trip to Richmond that provides civic education to African American youth and 200+ Men members, immersing them in the legislative process, engaging with lawmakers, observing bill negotiations, and concluding with a guided tour of the State Capitol.
 - **Community Outreach** - The 200+ Men Inc. actively engage in numerous community welfare initiatives, extending beyond the following examples: hosting wellness fairs, organizing back-to-school backpack giveaways and cookouts for elementary school students, distributing holiday food baskets to families in need, and greeting children on their first day of school at Mary S. Peake Elementary School.
- Over the years, the Scholars Breakfast has featured distinguished speakers including:
 - Roland Martin - Journalist and TV commentator.
 - The Honorable John Charles Thomas - First Black and youngest Supreme Court Justice in Virginia's history.
 - Clayton P. Turner - Director of NASA's Langley Research Center.
 - Former 200+ Scholars turned successful professionals:
 - Mr. Henry Thompson II - Lawyer.
 - Former Delegate Jerrauld "Jay" Jones - Former member of the Virginia General Assembly.
 - EJ Manuel - Former NFL Quarterback and first round Draft pick.
- The 2024 keynote speaker for the 26th Annual 200+ Scholars Breakfast is Dr. Adren Wilson who is the Executive Director of the Obama Foundation My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Alliance.