



COLLEGE AND COMMUNITY UNITE TO ENABLE ACADEMIC PURSUITS

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Cincinnati State President O'dell M. Owens and Village of Lincoln Heights community leaders recently launched a novel community-based scholarship program designed to involve members of the Lincoln Heights community in the academic and social success of the scholarship recipients.

Funded by the Dick Weiland Endowed Scholars Program in honor of the late Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, scholarships were awarded to Kimberly Y. Malachi, a 1983 graduate of Forest Park High School, and Thomas McCloud, a 2014 graduate of Princeton High School, to attend Cincinnati State. Malachi and Thomas, both residents of Lincoln Heights, were chosen by a panel of community leaders to each receive \$10,000.

"Kim and Thomas represent two generations of Lincoln Heights promise and aspirations for our community's future," said Robin Campbell, a Lincoln Heights resident who led a committee of local business owners, religious leaders, and educators who reviewed the scholarship applications.

The scholarships are part of a Cincinnati state program funded by Dick Weiland, a Cincinnati businessman, lobbyist active in the civil rights movement, and philanthropist, in memory of the late Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, who was a firm believer in direct action and the opportunity to



(front left—right) Kimberly Malachi (scholarship awardee), Ruby Bester (daughter of Rev. Shuttlesworth), and Thomas McCloud (scholarship awardee) (back) Audra Bester (granddaughter of Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth), Cincinnati State President Dr. O'dell M. Owens at scholarship ceremony.

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advance on the basis of merit. Under the model envisioned by Weiland and Dr. Owens, members of the community will assume a degree of responsibility for helping the students to succeed at Cincinnati State and in their private lives.

"This scholarship lifts a burden off my shoulders so I can focus on my school work," said McCloud after the awarding of the scholarships at a ceremony held at the Lincoln Heights Municipal Building. "When I graduate I plan to start several businesses in Lincoln Heights that will help my neighbors."

The scholarship program in Lincoln

Heights is the second round of scholarships awarded under the Dick Weiland Endowed Scholars Program at Cincinnati State. The inaugural scholarships in 2012 were awarded to two residents in South Cumminsville and future scholarships for deserving students from targeted communities and neighborhoods are planned to be awarded.

"When I first saw the plan, I thought to myself, 'This is Daddy personified,'" said Pat Shuttlesworth Mas-sengill, the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth, in 2012. "I know he's in heaven smiling, knowing this is going on."

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