Dear KC Scholars Supporter,

Community is at the heart of everything we do at KC Scholars. As we work, we grow, we learn, and we adapt. As we have progressed, our ambition for creating an even deeper impact in the community has also expanded.

We have a great deal to celebrate as we start this calendar year 2023. Our mission is expanding, and we have more Scholars and Adult Learners engaged in our programs. These are a few of the latest highlights:

• We were awarded an incredibly generous $1.5M grant from Health Forward Foundation.
• We recently awarded one hundred and twenty-five $50,000 scholarships to adult learners.
• There are now 400 adult learners enrolled in our workforce development program, Great Jobs KC. Powerful to see more and more adults on the path to stronger economic stability.

We honored Dr. Martin Luther King this month and celebrated as an organization. Dr. King was BOLD and stood up for his beliefs in creating opportunities for all by inspiring millions as a leader, orator, political organizer and during his many speeches including his famous “I Have a Dream” speech in 1963. At KC Scholars, we will continue to inspire members of the community to BE BOLD, by creating equal opportunities for our scholars to overcome obstacles and excel in their education and their careers. As we honor Dr. King for all that he impacts on the world, we will continue to honor even a small fraction of legacy of Dr. King and support all in becoming their best selves.

Earl Martin Phalen

Hear more from Earl on his commitment to KC Scholars. Take a listen here: https://open.spotify.com/episode/5cFSShffGmCimhJtjydo7X?si=X5lKb7_F8ZUjyFt4rfg
Great Jobs KC Progress

What is Great Jobs KC?
A short-term, flexible, skills-based career training program.

- **It's short term** because you can complete the program in less than a year.
- **It's flexible** because our training partners offer programs that include virtual, on-line, on-campus, hands-on, or even hybrid training.
- **It's skills-based** because you master high demand skills that employers are seeking in the following careers: healthcare, construction, information technology, or manufacturing.
- **It's a career training program** because it trains you for a career, not just a job. A career with a salary that helps you secure your future.

Find out if you qualify for our Great Jobs KC program. Fill out the form and find out. Or, if you think this is the perfect opportunity for someone you know please share the link with them.

It was a full house on January 24th as we welcomed our 2023 Adult Learner Scholarship recipients.

We awarded 125 scholarships to deserving adults in our six-county region.

We love these events and can’t wait to see what impact these scholars have in their communities.

Be Bold. Be You. Be KC Scholars.
We’ve recently partnered with the Community Action Agency of Greater Kansas City to provide reciprocal referrals between GJKC and their Supportive Services program. Having CAAGKC as a partner means that scholars have access to emergency crisis services as well as support on the journey to economic independence.

If your business or non-profit would like to become a wrap-around service partner helping to provide support for our scholars please reach out to Brandey Chandler at bchandler@kcscholars.org
Follow & Win!

Follow us on social media to learn how YOU can WIN!

@kcscholars
We Can’t Do It Alone

We all can make a difference.
Even the smallest contribution can help us make a huge impact.

Consider giving to provide deserving scholars the opportunity for postsecondary education. In helping members of our community secure employment that insures a good paying salary you will also be helping to racially and ethnically diversify our regional workforce.

We encourage you to support our Scholars.

Send a check to:
KC Scholars, 8080 Ward Parkway, #402, Kansas City, MO 64114
or
Donate directly by clicking the button below:

Donate Now

KC Scholars Supporter Spotlight

One of our many KC Scholars community donors, Barbara Bloch, represented the KC business community last month at the Kansas City’s Fashion Industry: An Insider’s Conversation event held at Johnson County Community College. Barbara is the Fashion Group International of Kansas City chapter Co-Director of Programming and an industry leader in fashion. We love seeing our supporters supporting the KC business community.
An individual who had enrolled at one of our career skills training partners had scraped up a $500 down payment to hold her place. She was unaware of KC Scholars. Our training partner gave her the link to register for our Great Jobs KC program to see if we could help. She is eligible and was confirmed with our training partner to be eligible as well. Our training partner refunded her $500 deposit with great relief to the scholar who just reached out to her scholar advocate with much appreciation as now she can make her monthly rent.

Bonus – this scholar told a friend who is now also registered!

“Thank you!! I just wanted to share: I got into law school!! Mizzou accepted me and even offered to pay most of my tuition, 17k annual scholarship.”

“I maxed out my undergraduate FAFSA loans last semester, so this literally wouldn’t be possible without KC Scholars paying for my final semester of undergrad. Thank you so much!!”

Best,

Jenn Halbhuber
Team Tidbits

We’re GROWING!
Below are the current KC Scholars team opportunities.

**Current Job Openings**

Career Resource Manager

Employer Engagement Mgr. (IT exp.)

Scholar Advocate - GJKC

Marketing Coordinator

Data Analyst

Data Visualization Specialist

Education Partner Coordinator

Director of Annual Leadership Giving

Employer Network Systems Manager

Apply on our career page!

https://kcscholars.org/join-our-team/
In The Media

An article featuring Bishop Ward High School–KC Scholars–Avila University appeared in the December 23rd edition of The Leaven, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas.

Read here: http://theleaven.org/believing-and-investing-in-students-pays-off-at-bishop-ward/
Our KC Scholars recruiting team was featured on KUAW Radio
(interview starts around 10:35)
Watch here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpoKSPHXE_k
Be Bold. Be KC.

Ever wonder about your fellow Kansas Citians? This is where we learn a little more about what unites us.

Follow the survey link below and weigh in on this month’s topic

Valentine’s Day

The results and the next round of BE BOLD can be found in next month’s newsletter.

Tell Us What You Think!
Join us online **EVERY Wednesday 12:00 – 1:00pm** for a virtual information session.

Join on your computer, mobile app, or device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

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