The NFL wasn’t the only draft in town last week. KC Scholars continues its tradition of supporting and sustaining educational opportunities for low- and-modest income scholars across the six-county Kansas City region.

KC Scholars awarded 575 scholarships for scholars in a six-county region across the Kansas City area. The 11th grade scholars, who recently completed a competitive application process, received $50,000 scholarships — $10,000 per year for up to five years. The 9th graders are recipients of a college savings match program. The awards provide financial assistance, college advisement, and college planning and persistence support for scholars who have the greatest need and who may otherwise be unable to complete a postsecondary degree. This year, scholars from 69 unique public, private, public charter and home-based high schools applied for a scholarship. KC Scholars not only provides the funding for school they also provide access to a variety of wrap-around support services to help them complete their degrees. As in the past, we surprised several scholars with scholarship announcements and festivities at their respective schools and all schools hosted a fun and exciting surprise award day with the hashtag #draftedbykcscholars.

KC Scholars believes in scholars first and hope which are represented as our core values. It is so gratifying to show our scholars that, because of their hard work, they can attend college and secure careers that will forever change their lives and that of their loved ones. The impact will live on for generations to come and will enrich our regional community. In the last six years, KC Scholars has awarded more than 6,000 scholarship awards and has seen more than 150 scholars through to graduation. Their current persistence rate of 90% supports the organization’s goal that 75% of participants complete an associate degree, bachelor’s degree, or earn a credit-bearing credential.

What began as “Project Choice” in April 1988, through the generosity and vision of legendary philanthropist Ewing Kauffman, continues to help Kansas City-area students realize their dreams to attend college or attain industry-recognized certifications. Nearly 35 years later, the KC Scholars program remains possible through the continued generous financial support of The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. Our Scholars are Changemakers!

Our first Core Value, the one that drives our mission and inspires us everyday is SCHOLARS FIRST, here is what our scholars have to say.

“KC Scholars truly changed my life. Not only was I given the opportunity to earn my degree, but I was able to use that degree to open even more doors. Today I sit a graduate student, on my way to becoming a physician assistant - something that would have been impossible without this scholarship. I will be forever grateful.”

- Tanessa Kenny
On Friday April 28th we surprised students across the metro area with scholarships during our annual Award Day. Our #DraftedbyKCScholars event found our team cheering on local students as they were awarded 11th grade traditional scholarships and 9th grade college match programs. We awarded 300 traditional 11th grade scholarships, 250 9th grade college savings match programs, and 32 Adult Learner scholarships. All together we impacted 582 lives in just one day, we call that a WIN!

Click [HERE](#) to view our CEO and COO congratulate this year’s awardees personally.

We celebrate the team at Kauffman Scholars as they are awarded the Excellence in Impact Award from NPConnect. We are proud to be a part of such an amazing legacy.
Great Jobs KC Update

1,000 Kansas Citians have enrolled in our Great Jobs KC program. Our BOLD BEGINNINGS continue... each day more people take a step toward financial stability.

What is Great Jobs KC?
Provides access to a fully-funded, 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, online, 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.

See if you qualify
Share the Love

We know how much we love what we do, we’d love to know how much you love it too.

Please leave us a review on Google so others can find us and benefit from our programs.

Use this link to leave a Google review:
http://search.google.com/local/writereview?placeid=ChIJl0jA8ZPvwIcR1ewob2APhHc
What makes us different? It’s the support we provide to our scholars from awarding, through completion, and into their first year of employment. Who does this job here at KC Scholars? Our Scholar Advocates. Their commitment and dedication to our core value of SCHOLARS FIRST is an inspiration. We recently captured their commitment and dedication in a reel of video and we’d love for you to experience the passion they bring everyday.

Use this link to watch:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ezNoYKYezw
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 us at CommunityResources@kcscholars.org.
The KC Scholars Employer Network Team has met with and listened to employers about their talent needs. We have scholars available and ready to fill employer talent needs in multiple industries. If you are an employer, or know an employer, and are looking to invest in the Kansas City workforce contact us at EmployerNetwork@kcscholars.org.
May 17th is National Graduation Tassel Day and to celebrate we are having our first annual Giving Day and asking you to help us **FILL OUR CAP**!

We can’t change lives without your help. Even a small donation can make a big difference. Like a pebble dropped in a pond, one makes a tiny splash but many make a huge ripple effect that makes an impact. Help us change lives in Kansas City by filling our cap.

Send a check to:

**KC Scholars, 8080 Ward Parkway, #402, Kansas City, MO 64114**

or

Donate directly by clicking the button below

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**Fill our Cap!**

[Donate Here]

$100  $250  $500  $750  $1000  **BEYOND**
Andre’ Forbes Jr. one of our many Great Jobs KC participants’ story was featured in The Voice.

https://www.communityvoiceks.com/2023/04/07/the-voice-april-7-2023/?utm_medium=email
We’ve changed 6 lives in one family. Watch their story on KCTV5.

https://www.kctv5.com/2023/05/03/local-sisters-each-receive-50k-scholarship-kc-scholars/
See Our Impact

Dominique Nichols

One of our 2017 Traditional Scholarship Scholars stopped in to pick up her graduation stole ahead of her May graduation from @UMKC. Our scholars bring us so much pride and we can’t wait to see how they all succeed. Congrats to Dominique Nichols @dom.nichols

Joanna Albor

Joanna Albor stopped in to pick up her stole as she graduates from UMKC with a health science degree. Our very own Natalie Lewis was on hand to celebrate and offer congratulations from our team at KC Scholars.

CONGRATS SCHOLARS!
We’re GROWING!
Check out our many career opportunities with KC Scholars.

Check out how great it is to work here!
Apply on our career page
https://kcscholars.org/join-our-team/
Join us online EVERY Wednesday 12:00pm–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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