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URNS PINK FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



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## FROM THE CEO

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**“NO MATTER THE CHALLENGES WE'RE FACING, WE REMAIN FOCUSED ON BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY.”**

As we step into a new season, I want to acknowledge the challenges we're facing as a community. Changes in HUD regulations, economic shifts, and the evolving landscape of affordable housing have created uncertainties, but through it all, our commitment to serving and uplifting our residents remains unwavering.

Spring is a time of renewal, growth, and fresh opportunities. Just as the seasons change, we continue to adapt, improve, and find ways to better serve you. I want to congratulate all of our residents working toward their goals—whether in education, employment, or personal growth. Your perseverance is what drives us forward.

I encourage you to take advantage of the resources and programs available through the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro. Whether you're looking for job opportunities, financial education, or housing support, we are here to help you navigate these times.

No matter the challenges we're facing, we remain focused on building a stronger, more supportive community. Let's embrace this new season with resilience and hope for the future.

Stay connected with us through social media, email, or text alerts, and be the first to hear about upcoming opportunities. You can sign up through the RENTCafe portal or visit our website at [hacg.org](http://hacg.org).

Together, we will continue to create a vibrant, supportive community where each of us can thrive and reach new heights. Thank you for being part of this journey.

**ANTHONY GOODSON, JR.**  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





# NSPIRE *Inspections*



Attention residents! Our Elmwood, Little Washington, Woodcrest, Lincoln, and Walnut will soon undergo an inspection under the new National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE) protocol. This new HUD initiative is designed to ensure the highest standards of safety, health, and habitability for all residents. Here's what you need to know to prepare for the upcoming inspection.

**What is NSPIRE?** NSPIRE replaces the previous inspection standards with a more resident-focused approach. It emphasizes critical health and safety concerns, ensuring that properties meet strict federal guidelines. The goal is to create a safer and more livable environment for all tenants.

**When Will the Inspection Occur?** The official inspection date will be announced soon, but we advise residents to begin preparations now. Inspections may include both common areas and individual units. We get a 14 day advance notice of the inspection and will let you know as soon as we do. We will not know which units will be chosen by the inspection ahead of time.

**What Areas Will Be Inspected? Inspectors will focus on:**

- Smoke detectors and fire safety measures
- Plumbing and electrical systems
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) functionality
- Structural integrity, including walls, ceilings, and flooring
- Pest control and sanitation
- Overall unit and property maintenance

**How to Prepare: Residents can take the following steps to ensure compliance:**

- Ensure all smoke detectors are operational.
- Report any plumbing or electrical issues to management immediately.
- Keep living spaces clean and free from hazards.
- Notify property management of any necessary repairs or maintenance.

**What to Expect During the Inspection:** A HUD-certified inspector will conduct a thorough walkthrough of the property. If any issues are identified, they will be documented, and management will address them promptly. Residents are not required to be present during the inspection.

**How does the NSPIRE Score impact the HACG?:** The NSPIRE inspection score directly affects the Public Housing Authority by influencing funding, compliance status, and overall reputation. A higher score demonstrates that the property meets HUD's safety and habitability standards, ensuring continued funding and operational support.

We appreciate your cooperation in making our communities a safe and comfortable place to live. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact property management.





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# Women's *History Month*

## Spotlight: Ayisha Razzak-Ellis

Ayisha Razzak-Ellis is a dedicated leader empowering communities through workforce development. As Jobs Plus Director for the Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro, she connects residents with employment opportunities and financial resources to promote self-sufficiency.

Beyond her role, Ayisha serves as Vice President of the Board for Habitat for Humanity and is a board member for the Arts Council of Wayne County. She's also actively engaged in initiatives like training Selma Housing Authority staff, presenting, and planning the Senior Games Health & Wellness Fair.



Originally from Costa Rica and later Kernersville, NC, she moved to Goldsboro in 2018 and loves calling it home. When not working or volunteering, she enjoys reading, resting, and spending time with family. Inspired by Gandhi's words, "Be the change you wish to see in the world," she encourages others to support their neighbors and make a difference.

We celebrate Ayisha for her leadership and commitment to community empowerment!



## HACG NEWS

We recently held a productive staff meeting to discuss key updates and changes as we continue working toward improving our services for the community. From program enhancements to new initiatives, our team is excited to embrace these changes and strengthen our mission of providing safe, affordable housing.

A big thank you to our dedicated staff members for their continued commitment to serving the residents of Goldsboro.



### *Well-maintained grounds*

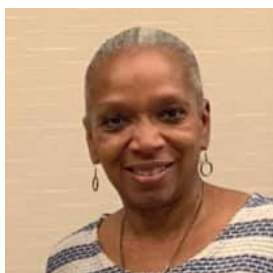
Last year, our HACG Lawn Maintenance Team has done an incredible job keeping our properties looking their best! With a team of six dedicated members, they've worked together seamlessly to ensure every property reflects a welcoming and well-maintained appearance.

Thank you, for your hard work and commitment to excellence!

## Exciting Administrative Updates



Director of Asset  
Management  
Jessica Goldman



Compliance  
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Belinda Ashby



Assistant Property  
Manager - Amp 2  
Nate Dupree



Assistant Property  
Manager - Amp 3  
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# Women's *Empowerment*

The HACG Women's Empowerment Expo 2024 celebrated resilience, self-growth, and sisterhood under the theme "Survive & Thrive." Hosted by Melissa Wade of The Light 103.9, the event featured inspiring talks from Dr. Endya Perry of Blue Cross NC and Mrs. Gwendolyn Jones, Co-Founder of A Safe Place: Emotional Wellness Institute. Their insights on wellness and self-care empowered attendees. Small Fire Comedian brought laughter and joy to the gathering. Vendors added to the experience, offering products and resources that supported women's empowerment.



With the success of this year's event, plans are already underway for Women's Empowerment 2025. Expect more engaging speakers, vendors, and opportunities for connection and growth. Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

Thank you to all who joined and continue to be part of this journey. A full gallery and recap videos are available on our Facebook page.



## CNI Update

The Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) is a collaborative effort between the Housing Authority and the City of Goldsboro to secure a \$50 million HUD grant to revitalize West Haven and develop the new West Oak neighborhood. The plan includes rebuilding public housing, improving surrounding areas, and creating opportunities for residents through partnerships with local organizations, schools, and businesses.

A key early project is a new pocket park near the bus depot, featuring walking paths, water elements, and play areas for residents and the broader community.

To keep residents engaged, the CNI team has hosted events such as senior hangouts, neighborhood watch meetings, Bible studies, holiday safety sessions, and health and wellness workshops. A new partnership with the Goldsboro YMCA has connected West Haven teens to the Teen Achievers program, which provides college visits, career skills training, and enrichment activities.

Alongside its own initiatives, the CNI team supports broader Housing Authority programs, including the Fall Festival, senior meals, and youth activities. Work continues on refining the redevelopment plan with input from HUD, city officials, and project managers.

For more information, contact Lauren Branch at [cniengagement23@gmail.com](mailto:cniengagement23@gmail.com) or 919-735-4226 ext. 1300.



### Spotlight: Lauren Branch

We are thrilled to congratulate our Choice Neighborhoods Community Engagement Coordinator, Lauren Branch, for receiving the Lillian B. Langley Chamber Board Member Award! Lauren's dedication and passion for serving the Mount Olive community through her work on the Mount Olive Area Chamber of Commerce Board are truly inspiring. Her efforts are not only making a difference in our West Oak community, but throughout Wayne County! Congratulations, Lauren, on this well-deserved recognition!



# ROSS

At ROSS, we are proud to celebrate the achievements of our participants as they take meaningful steps toward self-sufficiency and career success!

**J. Allen** hit the ground running after enrolling in ROSS. She is currently excelling in Wayne Community College's Accelerated CNA I program and is eagerly anticipating her upcoming clinicals. Her future is bright, and we are honored to support her!

**J. Bryant** enrolled in ROSS with a strong focus on education and employment. She has since started her Pharmacy Technician training at Wayne Community College and recently secured a job at a local fast-food restaurant. Her commitment to her goals is inspiring, and we are fully supporting her journey!

**J. Douglas** set clear goals upon enrolling in ROSS and has been accomplishing them one by one. She is enrolled in Wayne Community College's Central Sterile Processing (CSP) Course with aspirations of becoming a CSP Technician in the healthcare field. In the meantime, she is also working toward her Substitute Teacher Certification to gain employment in the Wayne County School System. We are incredibly proud of her drive and dedication!

**R. Miller** came to ROSS determined to find employment to provide for her children. She recently secured a job in the Janitorial Service Industry, a step toward her long-term dream of owning a cleaning service. We are excited to work with her in making that dream a reality!

If you or someone you know is ready to take the next step toward self-sufficiency, enroll in ROSS today! **Contact Mrs. Hayes, ROSS Coordinator, at 919-735-4226 ext. 1301 to get started.**

SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS



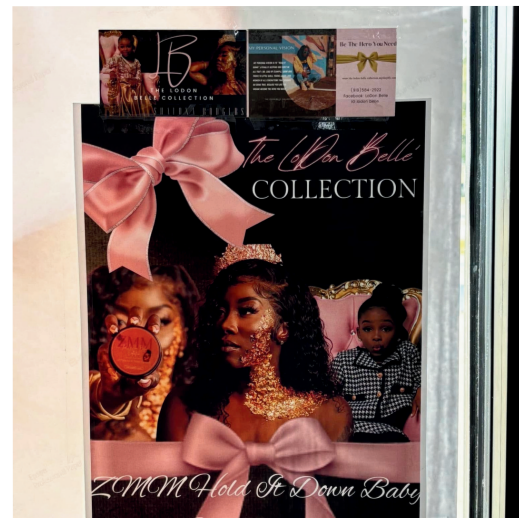


# Incredible FSS Milestone



## Shalona Phillips

Shalona Phillips set out to turn her dream of owning a cosmetics business into reality—and she did just that! Through hard work, dedication, and the support of our Family Self-Sufficiency Program, she built her clientele and recently secured shelf space for her products at JC Beauty Supply in Goldsboro. We were proud to recognize her achievements with an Achievement Award at our Women's Empowerment Event. Keep up the great work!





# Jobs Plus



As we approach the final six months of the Jobs Plus program, we are pleased to share the significant advancements we have made in supporting our residents. Although the program is concluding six months earlier than initially planned, our commitment to providing essential services—including rent incentives, daycare assistance, transportation services, and educational opportunities—remains steadfast for those residents who have actively engaged with the program. With the program's end date set for June 30, 2025, we continue to prioritize the needs of our participants who are dedicated to their personal and professional development.



# Jobs Plus Program Update

Currently, 221 individuals remain enrolled in the Jobs Plus program. The following services have been made available to participants:

**Daycare Assistance:** Full and part-time daycare support has been provided to 25 participants, enabling them to pursue employment and educational opportunities.

**Transportation Assistance:** We have offered transportation support, including gas cards, bus passes, and third-party transportation services, to 68 participants, facilitating their access to job opportunities and educational institutions.

**Job Search Assistance:** A total of 83 participants have received assistance in their job search efforts, equipping them with the tools and resources necessary to secure employment.

**Educational Support:** We have supported 35 participants in their pursuit of further education through technical training, certificate programs, and degree attainment (both bachelor's and associate degrees).

**Financial Management Services:** Our program has assisted 77 participants in developing financial literacy skills, including budget creation, bank account establishment, credit report reviews, and effective money management strategies.

**Rent Incentives:** 106 participants have been enrolled in the Jobs Plus rent incentive program (rent was not increased due to employment income), 42 participants saved on rent, with a total rent savings to date of \$242,475.00.

The Jobs Plus team takes immense pride in the accomplishments of our residents, whether they involve securing employment, completing certificate programs, or developing comprehensive financial plans. These achievements reflect the hard work, dedication, and commitment of our participants to achieving self-sufficiency and improving their quality of life.

As we move forward in the final months of the Jobs Plus program, we remain dedicated to supporting our residents in their journeys toward personal and professional success. The progress made thus far is a testament to the resilience and determination of our participants, and we look forward to celebrating their continued achievements.





## Jobs Plus Journeys!

**Nate** has been an active participant in the Jobs Plus program since 2022. Throughout his enrollment, he has consistently engaged with the various resources offered by the program, including job search assistance, transportation support, and educational guidance. As a result of these efforts, Nate secured employment with Habitat for Humanity's Restore in July 2024. In addition to his professional endeavors, he is currently pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Wayne Community College. Nate's commitment to helping others and serving as a positive role model within his community distinguishes him as an exemplary young man. The Jobs Plus program takes pride in his achievements and extends its best wishes for his continued success in the future.



**Malaysia** has been enrolled in the Jobs Plus program since February 2024, during which she has benefited significantly from the program's support, particularly in the areas of educational and transportation and assistance. In July 2024, she enrolled in the Phlebotomy Program at Wayne Community College, successfully completing her coursework in November 2024. Following her program completion, Malaysia passed her state certification exam and has updated her resume accordingly. She is now well-positioned to pursue a full-time career as a phlebotomist. The Jobs Plus program is immensely proud of Malaysia's dedication to achieving self-sufficiency and her commitment to her professional development.



## Winter Warm-Up Success!



We are thrilled to announce that our Winter Warm-Up Coat Giveaway was a HUGE success! Over 200 coats were given to youth residents ages 5-17, bringing much-needed warmth and smiles to our community. At HACG, we are committed to supporting our residents beyond housing, and this event is just one of the many ways we strive to make a positive impact. Seeing the excitement on the kids' faces was a reminder of why we do this work—ensuring families have the resources they need to thrive.



## Above and Beyond Events & More

Who knew a quick trip to Dollar Tree could lead to such beautiful holiday decor?

Thanks to our amazing community partners at Above and Beyond Creations, we had an unforgettable day of DIY fun as we prepare for the holiday season!

Stay tuned—more exciting projects are on the way!





# HACG Fall Festival

## *Serving All HACG Communities*

Our HACG Fall Festival was a day to remember! By 4:15 PM, the festival grounds were packed with families enjoying games, treats, and fall fun. Our costume contest saw its biggest turnout yet, with winners from all age groups receiving gift cards—including an adult winner! Games like the egg toss, three-legged race, hayrides, and tug-of-war were a huge hit, and everyone enjoyed delicious treats like hot dogs, candy apples, and caramel popcorn. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this event a success! View the full album on our Facebook.





# Girl Scouts *Galentine*

The Girl Scouts had the best time at their Galentine's event in Elmwood! They painted, enjoyed delicious treats, and spent the afternoon celebrating friendship in a fun and supportive space. With laughter filling the room and creativity flowing, the girls embraced the true spirit of Galentine's—lifting each other up and making lasting memories. This special event was completely free, with snacks provided, making it accessible for all to join in on the fun. Events like these give girls the opportunity to build friendships, discover their strengths, and explore new possibilities in a welcoming environment. We can't wait for the next adventure!



For more information or to get involved in Girls Scouts in your community, contact Lauren Branch at [cniengagement23@gmail.com](mailto:cniengagement23@gmail.com) or 919-735-4226 ext. 1300.



# HACG & Growing Generations Partnership

## *Fairview Explorers - STEAM Afterschool Program*

The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro is excited to introduce "Fairview Explorers," a new STEAM afterschool program in partnership with Growing Generations. Designed for children ages 5 to 15, this program is bringing hands-on learning in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math to the Fairview community.

Meeting every Wednesday from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM at the Fairview Community Center, Fairview Explorers is already off to a strong start. Children have had the opportunity to engage with special guest, the Wayne County Health Department who taught them about oral health during National Children's Dental Health Month. They've also explored the solar system while celebrating the Lunar New Year and even discovered how worms help recycle food scraps through vermicomposting.

With each session, students are gaining new skills, building confidence, and developing a love for learning in a fun, interactive environment. Parents looking for an enriching afterschool activity that encourages creativity and critical thinking are encouraged to sign up. There's more STEAM fun ahead, and we can't wait to see what our young explorers will discover next.







# Christmas Social

The Fairview Youth Christmas Social was an afternoon filled with creativity! Thanks to Growing Generations and Banghi Gold, youth residents decorated Christmas stockings, posed for photos, and enjoyed a holiday movie together.

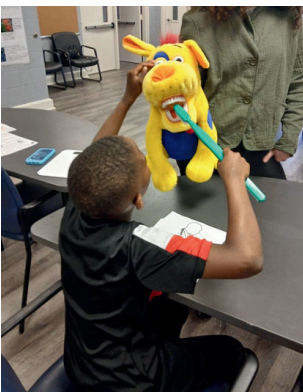
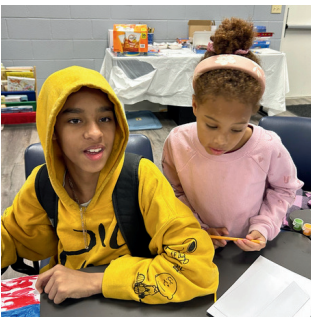
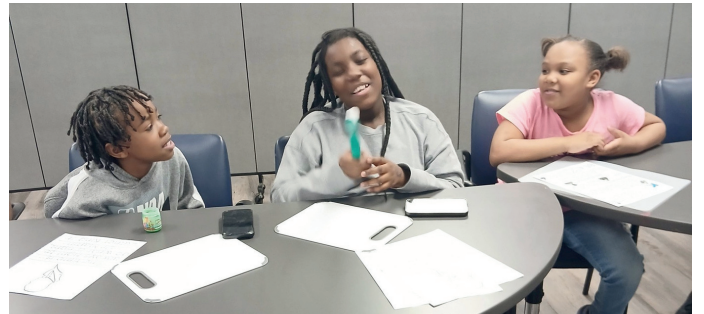




# Lincoln Learners

## *Thrive with Community Partnerships*

Our Lincoln Learners Afterschool Program has been full of exciting and educational experiences! Thanks to UNC Health Wayne and Growing Generations, students learned about healthy eating through a fun salad-making activity, exploring new flavors like spinach and pickled beets. The Zetas taught valuable lessons on etiquette, kindness, and respect, while Mrs. Michaela and Mrs. Alisa led a creative mindfulness art session. The youth also enjoyed a holiday card activity with Growing Generations, spreading seasonal cheer. Riccobene Dentistry taught the importance of good oral hygiene using Leo the Lion. A huge thank you to all our partners for their continued support in inspiring and empowering our Lincoln Learners!







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**LINCOLN CHRISTMAS  
PARTY TO REMEMBER.  
THANKS TO DONATIONS  
FROM UNC HEALTH  
WAYNE, KRIQUETTE'S  
KIDS, AND DISABLED  
VETERANS, ORGANIZED  
BY MR. TART.**

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# Aging in Place

The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro continues to be committed to helping older residents age in place by providing services and resources to assist them in different aspects of life.



## Senior Pantries

Pantries are available at each management office with supplies for seniors 62 and older who need toilet paper, adult diapers, soap, dish detergent, and laundry soap.

These pantries should be used as needed, not as a monthly resource. Senior residents who have a need can contact the property managers on Wednesday mornings between 10 am and 11:30 am for assistance!

**HACG is set to introduce a range of wellness resources and health-related information, covering topics such as diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, smoking cessation, and COPD. While open to everyone, these sessions will primarily target seniors, aiming to equip them with educational resources to prevent and manage chronic health conditions effectively.**



## Senior Grocery Rides

HACG Seniors 55+ needing transportation to the grocery store can now use our ride service! You must contact Thad Washington at 919-750-9026 to let them know if you need a ride a week prior.



## Senior Food Boxes

Food boxes will continue to be delivered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to residents 60+ who meet the income requirements.



## Senior Computer Classes

Looking to become more technology savvy? Reach out to our Resident Services Team to learn about class offerings and open computer lab opportunities.



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- More than 1000 job openings with the State of North Carolina. Which one is right for you? Make your next career move at **[nc.gov/jobs](https://nc.gov/jobs)**
- 143 positions available through Wayne County Public Schools; visit **[waynecountyschools.org](https://waynecountyschools.org)** to view job openings!
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Contact resident services for assistance  
at (919) 735-4226 x 1301.**

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## Basic Driving Class

Our Basic Driving Class hosted by A+ Driving School provides Adults (18+) the education needed to drive skillfully and safely—to protect themselves and other drivers on the road.

This class is offered for FREE twice a month at the Fairview Community Center.  
To learn more or to register contact Resident Services at 919.735.4226 ext. 1301.



## Food Assistance

### Three-In-One Family Center:

Visit them on Facebook for location and times within Wayne and surrounding counties.

### Community Soup Kitchen of Goldsboro:

112 W Oak St.  
Goldsboro, NC 27530



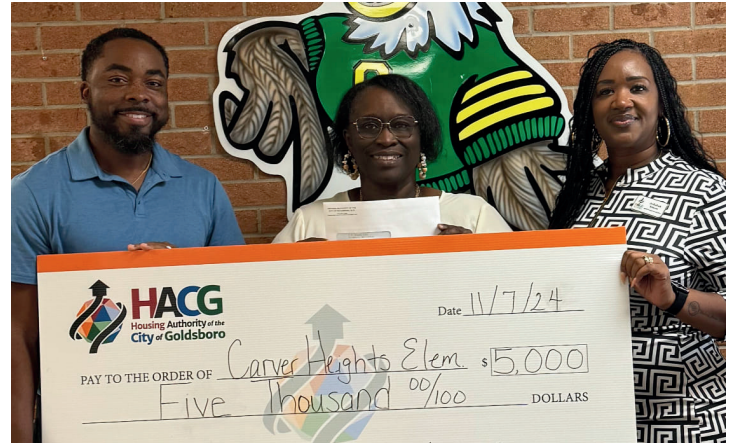


# SERC **MLK** *Tournament*

Our HACG Hornets basketball and cheer teams had an unforgettable experience at the SERC MLK Basketball & Cheer Tournament in Columbia, SC. From competing on the court and performing in front of cheering crowds to enjoying off-the-court fun at a trampoline park and attending the Sneaker Ball banquet, our youth made memories that will last a lifetime. To see the excitement and joy from the weekend, check out the pictures and videos on our Facebook page.

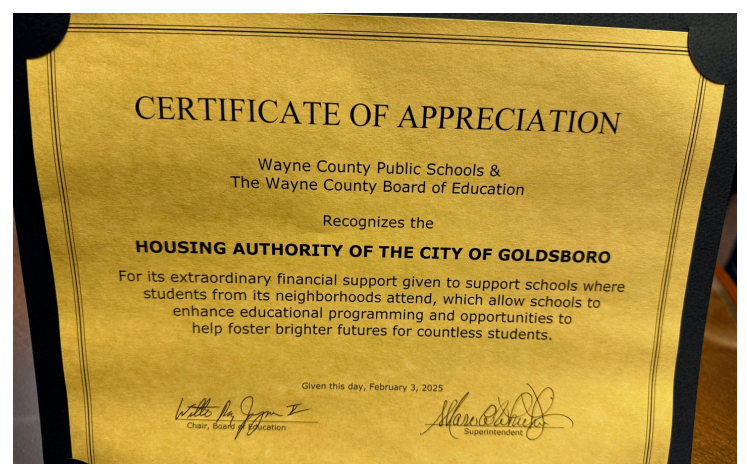






# \$25,000 Investment

The Housing Authority of the City of Goldsboro (HACG) is excited to support our local schools by delivering \$5,000 checks to Carver Heights Elementary, North Drive Elementary, Dillard Middle School, Wayne Middle High Academy, and Goldsboro High School. With a total of \$25,000 each year, this is more than a donation—it's our way of saying "Thank You" and standing behind the schools that shape the future of our youth.







# Scholarship Program 2025



## Resident & Community

This is a golden opportunity for high school seniors in Goldsboro, NC (Wayne County) and HACG residents to secure financial assistance for their higher education journey. Whether you're aiming for a four-year university, a community college, or a trade school, these scholarships are designed to support your dreams and ambitions.

### Deadline: May 2, 2025

Up to \$4000.00 will be awarded to the college or university to which the applicant has been accepted.

All funds will be utilized for educational purposes only.

Don't miss this opportunity to unlock your potential and transform your dreams into reality.

APPLY NOW AT [WWW.HACG.ORG](http://WWW.HACG.ORG)

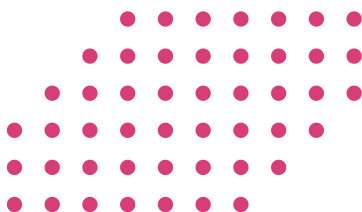




# ANTHONY GOODSON JR. SCHOLARSHIP ECHARO 2025

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Supporting Educational  
Advancement



## SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS:

Through this program, ECAHRO will make available scholarship funding to support and foster the educational pursuits of deserving residents of assisted housing being administered or managed by a Public Housing Authority. It is recognized that this endeavor directly supports the shared objective of enhancing the mobility and improvement of assisted housing residents.

## HOW TO APPLY:

Contact your Housing Authority  
for application.

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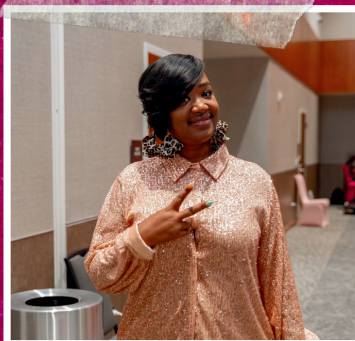
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