

# Meet our 2024 Scholarship Award Recipients

Bentley Village Foundation is proud to support the educational pursuits of Vi at Bentley Village employees and their dependents through the Bentley Wings Competitive Scholarship program, funded mostly by the Dollars for Scholars Golf Event. This year, eight deserving individuals were awarded these scholarships, which can be applied toward tuition, fees, and books at accredited universities, colleges, vocational, or technical schools.

The Bentley Wings Competitive Scholarship program is open to both full-time and part-time employees of Vi at Bentley Village, as well as their dependents. Scholarships are awarded annually and can be renewed for up to eight years of study. Our scholarship program operates in partnership with the Collier Community Foundation, a well-established 501(c)(3) nonprofit that administers the program with care and integrity.



## Anastasiia King

Anastasiia and her husband, Jeffrey King, who works in our Security Department, came to the United States two years ago from Ukraine, a country in the middle of a devastating war. She explains, "We had hoped to stay there, but we had to escape. Thanks to Bentley Village, I was able to find a place of work where I am appreciated and valued." She is employed part-time in the Housekeeping Department.

Anastasiia is in an Advanced Medical Assistance Program at Florida Southwestern State College. Her goal is to earn an Associate and then a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Science. "I had to start my social and professional life all over again," she said.



## Cynthia Ochoa Navarro

Cynthia is a full-time employee in our Bentley Village Accounting Department as an Accounting Assistant. She is beginning her junior year at Rasmussen State University in Ft. Myers, online, three classes per semester. Her short-term goals are to finish her undergrad degree and enroll in a Master's Degree program in Accounting.

She says "although her husband does more than his share," juggling her job responsibilities with her role as mother of two active boys aged six and nine is a challenge. "The "Bentley Wings" scholarship is a great help. It makes it possible for me to go back to school and finish my degrees faster." Why accounting? "I always knew this would be my career. I love interacting with the residents here at Bentley Village."

## Princia Dumorne

Princia attends Florida Southwestern State College, with a major in Nursing. She is the daughter of Leonne Dumorne, a server in our Food and Beverage Department.

Her goals? "I plan to become a pediatric nurse practitioner, with the hope of making a huge impact in my community and setting an example for future generations.

The "Bentley Wings" scholarship has not only given me financial support to attend college, but it has shown me there are people who care for you and want to see you succeed. It has also given me motivation to work hard, achieve my academic goals... and that anything is possible."



## Samuel Isenberg

Samuel 's father, Joshua Isenberg, is a First Responder at Bentley Village. Beginning his first year at Florida State University (FSU). Samuel plans to continue his studies in a grad program there, majoring in Psychology. "My goal is to pursue upper-level education and contribute to research in various aspects within psychology," he says.

"The scholarship from the "Bentley Wings" program means that I can pursue my goals. Before this scholarship I had to think about whether I could even attend college. Now I'm confident that I could get through college without having to rely on the financial support of my father. I will be eternally grateful to the "Bentley Wings" program and those who donate to its fund.



## Britney Jean

Britney is the daughter of Federlin Jean, a lead server in the Food and Beverage department. Known to all of us as "Fed," he has worked at Bentley Village for over 30 years. She attends Chatham University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she is pursuing a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology. Earlier, Britney was a "Bentley Wings" scholarship award winner for her undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Women's Studies (and a minor in Health Disparities) at the University of Florida.

With a goal of obtaining her PhD in Counseling Psychology, Britney plans to open her own practice." I would like to counsel teenagers and emerging adults within marginalized groups," she says.



## Darla Menapole

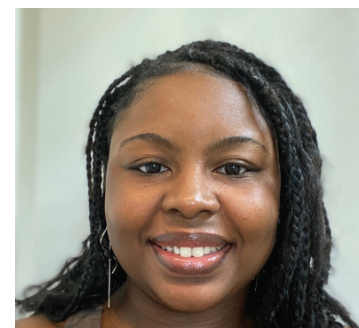
The daughter of Niorlyne Fadael, a Certified Nursing Assistant in Bentley's Assisted Living facility, Darla earned a BA in Business Management at FGCU. She is currently pursuing an MBA at the University of Central Florida, with a completion date of 2026. Her goal is to become a senior leader in the healthcare sector.

She says, "I am very grateful and honored to have been chosen for the "Bentley Wings" scholarship. It is a huge help." Now I am in new chapter of my life ...and it's only beginning."

## Ludmie Cesar

Ludmie is the daughter of Betty Bernard, a part-time nurse at Bentley. She is attending Florida Gulf Coast University in a Pre-Nursing program. Her goal is to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, qualified to practice both in and outside the United States. She intends to be involved within the community around her wherever she lives.

She says, "My family and I are more than grateful for the financial relief the "Bentley Wings" Scholarship has provided us. It has been, and continues to be, a crucial factor that helps me carry out my dreams. Having academic goals without the means to accomplish them is scary, but with the opportunities this scholarship has provided me, I can stop worrying and apply myself to my studies."



## Alexsandra St. Fleur

Alexsandra is the daughter of Mimose St. Fleur, a Licensed Practical Nurse at Bentley's Care Center. A student at FGCU, majoring in Nursing, Alexsandra's goal is to become a nurse in a cardiac intensive care unit.

"The "Bentley Wings" scholarship will allow me to finish my last semester without putting any more pressure on my mother to help me financially," she says. "We had a semester where she had to pay half of my tuition out of pocket, and it caused serious financial hardships on my family. That's because my mother is also putting two of my siblings through school." She adds, "This is why I work as hard as I do to achieve my goals."

