

Bolana 2022 Scholarship Winners

Bolana presented six scholarships in 2022. The following students were each awarded \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 academic year:



Larry Cowley
Laressa Hernandez
Tatiana Lopez
Louis Matthews, IV
Ana Chevez Ortega
Massimo Serafini

Larry Cowley received the award for having the highest GPA and Laressa Hernandez received the award for outstanding community service. Both awards included financial recognition.

Congratulations to all!

Thank you to the Bolana Scholarship Committee for facilitating this program: Pat Banks, Tyrone Banks, LeRoy Dock, Valarie Dock, Angela Singleton and Shannon Timberlake.



Tatiana Lopez



Louis Matthews, IV



Ana Chevez Ortega

Keeping Up With Johari Branch...

Johari Branch, former intern for Bolana and participant in our weekly lunch preparation for the homeless, finished his football career at the University of Maryland on a high note in a 16-12 win over NC State at the Duke's Mayo Bowl. Valarie & LeRoy Dock attended the game in Charlotte to cheer the Terps on. Congrats to Coach Locksley & the team! Next step for Johari...NFL camps!



Bolana recently welcomed Finance Manager, Yehuda Sher to our Corporate Team. Yehuda's leadership skills and experience in corporate accounting and small business accounting make him an excellent addition to Team Bolana. We are thrilled to have him on board!





Laressa Hernandez is a graduate of D.C. International School, a prestigious Multilingual IB curriculum Charter School. Throughout high school Laressa studied Spanish & Chinese. She was on the varsity girls soccer team her freshman year & was the first class at DCI to finish the IB exams. She is the daughter of Team Member Maria Hernandez. Well done Laressa!



Cancer survivor Rosario Lopez rang the bell to celebrate completion of her treatment. Rosie is the sister-in-law of Team Member Rebecca Lopez-Powell. **Congratulations Rosie!**



Miranda Timberlake, daughter of Team Member Shannon Timberlake graduated from Stirling University in Scotland



Jefferson Rivera, son of Team Member Veronica Rivera on his first day of school



Sons of Team Member Leonardo Mercado on the way to their first day of school



Nia Savoy Dock, Valarie and LeRoy Dock's daughter-in-law performed in **The Color Purple** at The Signature Theatre. Nia is the wife of LeRel Dock who is on Bolana's Social Media Team. She is currently preparing to perform in **Shout Sister Shout!** at Fords Theatre starting March 29th. Check it out!

What Our Clients Have to Say...

Excerpts taken from some of the feedback we have received from our Clients

"...As anticipated, rainwater flooded our classrooms & corridors. Our staff prevented significant damage to our facilities & equipment and cleaned up to keep the building open for regular operations the next day. Our sincere thanks to William and Blanca. As I have said many times before, staff do so much work behind the scenes that many of us don't realize. This is a great example of how our outstanding staff go beyond the call of duty to make things better for the rest of us."

Prabhudev C. Konana, PhD
University of Maryland – Robert H. Smith
School of Business

"I was at Washington Yu Ying yesterday for an event, and the Bolana staff on site were incredibly quick & efficient in turning over the busy cafeteria space. Not only that, they were kind & helpful for all of our vendors in moving & setting up tables, finding necessary materials like water/etc, & they had great trust & rapport with staff, students, & even guests. The engagement between Yu Ying & Bolana staff was really encouraging to see. Thought you should know that your team is doing such awesome work!"

Shelby Legel
Community Purchasing Alliance

"The Gym also asked if they could get the same workers they had for the Primary Election. They were really pleased with their hospitality."

Chequonne Woodson
Prince George's County Board of Elections

"Keyri is fabulous! She is doing a great job."

Paul J. Barkett
Christ Church, Georgetown Parish

"I wanted to tell you the waxed floors look great! Thank you for all your hard work...Thank you!"

Michelle McGrath
St. Agnes School

"I HAVE to say Osmar ROCKS!!!! He does what is asked of him in a timely manner & he has been kind to me in speaking & TEACHING me Spanish. THANK YOU."

Casina Costley
Program Management Specialist
UMBC Research & Technology Park

"I totally agree with Casina's comments. He does a good job and is very pleasant."

Walt Schulz
UMBC Research & Technology Park

Team Members' Years of Service Recognition

The following team members have hire anniversary dates in the months of April – August. These team members have been a member of the Bolana Team for at least 1 year. Thank you for your continued commitment to making Bolana a great place to work and being an asset to the team!!

*** = 5 or more years of service**

**** = 10 or more years of service.**

Andrea Rivera-Turcios**	06/01/2009
Cynthia Isaacs**	06/01/2009
Yanci Flores-Gomez**	06/21/2009
Phillip Nicely**	06/02/2009
Vicenta Hernandez**	06/01/2009
Kimberly Frantz**	06/01/2009
Tessa Cain**	06/01/2009
Pronzella Dennis**	06/17/2011
Angela Enriques**	06/01/2012
Robert Beans*	06/16/2013
Leonardo Mercado*	08/18/2014
Alexandra Cuello Vega*	05/01/2015
Norma Sorto Soriano*	05/01/2015
Manuel Rodriguez*	05/27/2015
Manuel Vazquez*	05/11/2015
Julia Sanchez*	04/11/2016
Edilia Banos Salinas*	06/06/2016
Coralia Guardado*	07/02/2016
Helen Jacks*	04/10/2017
Glenda Sanchez*	05/01/2017
Catalina Rivas*	07/03/2017
Ermelinda Argueta*	07/03/2017
Sanra Aguirre	04/04/2018
Amanda Sanchez Ayala	04/01/2018
Maria Quintanilla	04/01/2018
Luis Camacho Garcia	04/01/2018
Harriet Asantiwah	04/01/2018
Reyna Avendano	04/01/2018
Eric Bedjabeng	04/01/2018
Yaw Boama	04/01/2018
Tito Paniagua	04/01/2018
Luz Paredes	04/01/2018
Dario Garcia	05/01/2018
Miguel Huertas	06/09/2018
Veronica Colin Valencia	07/15/2018
Fatima Gonzalez Cerritos	04/03/2019
Karla Cetino	06/10/2019
Matthew Smith	06/10/2019
Guadalupe Flores	08/31/2019
Darrencio Daniels	04/01/2020
Evelyn Espinal	04/23/2020
Erlinda Marquina	04/23/2020
Banessa Hidalgo Espinoza	04/20/2020
Gladys Lara	04/23/2020
Eyby Banegas	05/11/2020
Clelia Palacio	05/16/2020
Cathy Stallings	05/27/2020
Sara Saravia	06/17/2020

Jeri Jordan	07/01/2020
Jesus Villegas Olivar	07/16/2020
Isamar Amaya	07/29/2020
Maria Colindres	04/18/2021
Ramiro Palma	04/26/2021
Shirley Ding Chong	04/22/2021
Massimo Serafini	04/16/2021
Suleyma Castillo Alvarado	05/07/2021
Keeia Spriggs	05/03/2021
Octavia Alford	05/02/2021
Esperanza Vasquez	05/03/2021
Darryll Massey	05/01/2021
Elba Sorto	05/07/2021
Jennifer Flores	05/24/2021
Israel Guzman	05/16/2021
Wayaka Jordan	05/01/2021
William Deleon	05/01/2021
Celestino Hernandez	05/05/2021
Fernando Reyes Monroy	05/07/2021
Rosa Rodriguez	05/21/2021
Rosalba Vazquez Calixto	06/22/2021
Joel Castillo Ayala	06/16/2021
Carlos Figueroa Figueroa	06/28/2021
Mirian Ortega Cordova	06/14/2021
Diana Escobar Murcia	06/01/2021
Evelyn Guillen	06/01/2021
Nelson Vides	06/01/2021
Erika Lopez	07/16/2021
Shade Akintorin	07/20/2021
Darryl Williams	07/31/2021
Abraham Baez	07/01/2021
Oscar Rivera-Zeledon	07/01/2021
Mireyda Morales Najera de Zet	07/16/2021
Jonathan Bonilla Garcia	08/21/2021
Delia Lopez	08/23/2021
Rubi Barrios	08/24/2021
William Benitez Martinez	08/22/2021
Lizbeth Hernandez Galan	08/16/2021
Wyatt Hicks	08/02/2021
David Crankfield	08/30/2021
Felipe Lopez Perez	08/16/2021
Blanca Ruiz Villalta	08/20/2021
Marvin Hernandez	08/16/2021



Mission of Grace Ministry in Haiti

Bolana continues to support the Mission of Grace ministry in Haiti. Our latest contribution helped with the children's education and nutrition needs.

Mission of Grace responded, *"We just received your cheque and I cannot thank you enough. It came at the perfect time. We just started our school this week. We have started out strong and so thankful to even be able to start this week...We had enrolled 423 students on Monday and over 40 students were standing at the gate with their parents begging us to enroll them. The need was overwhelming but with your generous support along with so many others we were able to enroll these children & give them a chance at education as they so greatly deserve. We are now educating approximately 500 children and feeding them 2 times per day."*



SHARE Distribution Day

Team Bolana volunteers with the SHARE program with the Town of North Brentwood, Maryland. SHARE Food Network is a part of Self Help and Resource Exchange, a 200-organization network of nonprofit community-building to provide nutritious food to families and individuals at a reduced cost. Bolana Team members Salvador Rivera, Valarie Dock and LeRoy Dock could be found there serving monthly in 2022. An average of 100 families are served monthly through SHARE's North Brentwood program.



Ward Seven Open Streets Event



Valarie & LeRoy Dock attended the D.C. Ward Seven Open Streets Event in July 2022. Open Streets supports community and local businesses along the corridor & encourages residents to experience their streets in an enjoyable new way.



Team Bolana is proud to be of service, "shining a little light in dark places."

Ready to Help Save a Life?

Every day people receive blood for life-threatening illnesses, blood disorders, traumatic injuries & other conditions. Donating blood products is essential to community health & need for blood is constant. If you are eligible to give, please schedule your donation today!



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IS NOW

1-800-GIVE-LIFE
RedCrossBlood.org

Bolana's LeRoy Dock Donating Blood in August

Melwood Golf Outing

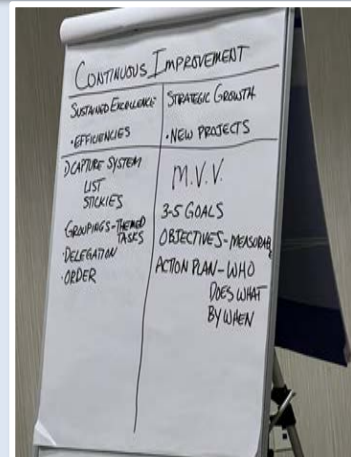
Team Bolana supported the Melwood Golf Outing. Melwood provides day habilitation programs to help people with different abilities better engage with their communities.



Team Bolana

Bolana Corporate Team Training

Bolana's Corporate Team participated in a 2-day training session conducted by Alchemie Academy on October 26-27, 2022. This training focused on enhancing development, communication and leadership within Bolana in order to continue to provide a strong team foundation to support Bolana's operations and our commitment to our clients.



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