

June 2022

## Keeping In Touch with Our Scholarship Award Recipients

Bolana awards scholarships each year to Bolana Team Members and Dependents. Below are some quotes from a few of our past recipients.

### Justin Burrows



"I'm writing to thank you and your team again for the scholarship. I've finished my first semester at Old Dominion with a 3.14 GPA, which I intend to raise by the time I graduate. I've grinded through all of my 8am Biology classes which I will not miss one

bit. Also, I have established a close circle around me which will put me in the best position to succeed. I am blessed to have family and friends like you all at Bolana. Thank you for everything!"

### Ana Chavez

"Working full time and taking college classes has definitely been a big challenge in my life. Thanks to the scholarship I received from Bolana, I was able to take one additional course which has brought me one step closer to my goal."

### Agostina Serafini

"I graduated from the Dental Assistant Program with my national certifications and now I am taking prerequisites to go onto Hygiene. Thank you!"



### Jazmine Thomas

"After starting my first year of college coming right into Covid, I didn't know what to expect. I've spent years of school in person and was forced to do online. Though it was hard, I still managed to get a 3.6 & 4.0 my first two semesters which ended my freshman year with a 3.8 Cum GPA. If Covid didn't teach me anything, it most definitely taught me that anything is possible."

### Ronald Ayers

"Thank you for the opportunity to write about being a Bolana Scholarship recipient. The scholarship money helped me purchase text books and late night snacks during exams at the local eateries. I'm very thankful to Bolana Enterprises for awarding me this scholarship."

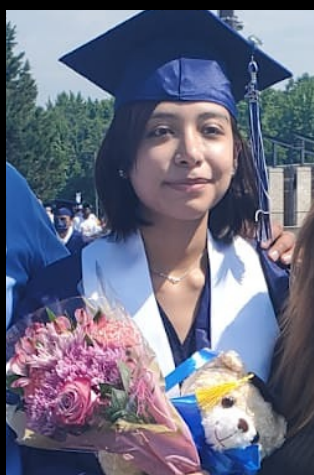


**Our 2022 Scholarship recipients will be  
announced in our next newsletter!**

## Team Bolana Family News

### Congratulations Class of 2022 Graduates!

#### Katie Huertas



*Daughter of Team Member Miguel Huerta graduated from Northwestern High School*

#### Diana Ventura



*Daughter of Team Member Dina Lemus graduated from Montgomery College with an Associates Degree in Nursing*

### Happy Birthday Ana!

#### Ana Chevez



*Team Member Ana Chevez celebrated her 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*





Trentyn Wesley Tyson, grandson of Hazel Thomas graduated from Englewood H.S. in Florida on June 4<sup>th</sup>. He will be attending Lake Forest College in Illinois in the fall.



Larry Cowley, brother of Johari Branch graduated high school.



Ana Chavez's daughter Alexa celebrated her 6th birthday, graduated from Kindergarten and lost her first tooth!

## Congratulations Johari!

We are proud to announce the graduation of Johari Branch. Johari received his degree from the University of Maryland in May with his family and his Bolana family in attendance (LeRoy, Valarie and LeVon Dock attended). Johari was introduced to Bolana through his mentor/mentee relationship with LeRoy Dock. He worked as an intern at Bolana and has participated in our weekly lunch preparation for the homeless. We look forward to seeing him on the field as he will be playing football for UMD for one more year and attending graduate classes.



## Community Action

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."*

## Ready to Help Save a Life?

### Donate Blood Today!

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



Bolana's LeRoy Dock Donating Blood in March

1-800-GIVE-LIFE  
RedCrossBlood.org

THE TIME TO  
GIVE BLOOD  
IS NOW  
American Red Cross

## Team Bolana Lunch for the Homeless

Team Bolana's Corporate Team and Supporters continue to volunteer every Thursday to prepare and provide 100 lunches for the homeless in cooperation with Community Crisis Services of Prince George's County.



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



"...first of all I want to express my appreciation to Sergio and his team -- it is all going so smoothly and the work is wonderful and we really really appreciate the help! ... Thanks! and either way, again, thank you and your team so much for helping us out and the wonderful work --

Thank you again for your help and wonderful service last week -- it was always so nice to come in in the afternoon to a fresh clean space! and especially for working with us on short notice, and for being patient with our substitute office workers!

Tracy Strunk  
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

"Thank you all for the outstanding service and prompt attention given to the University of Maryland.

If we aren't your most valued customer, you truly made us feel as though we were.

Thank you so much."

Tremmele Tisdale  
University of Maryland Residential  
Facilities



"Thanks...Service is excellent, everyone is very happy."

Dustin Barnett, On-Site Manager  
Cairo Condominium

"A special thanks to Aracely and Mireyou. They both did an outstanding job. We are grateful for such proactive support on what was a very well attended community day. Many thanks."

Charlotte Austin, Event Manager  
Events DC  
Sports and Entertainment Division

**WELL DONE!**

## Team Members' Years of Service Recognition

The following team members have hire anniversary dates in the months of January – March. 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.**

<b>Lenin Garcia**</b>	<b>02/01/2010</b>
<b>Nilo Santana-Perez*</b>	<b>02/16/2016</b>
Mario Hernandez Amador	01/05/2018
Louis Matthews, Jr.	01/21/2019
Ana Chevez Ortega	01/28/2019
Geraldina Hernandez Lazo	03/01/2019
William Reyes	03/01/2019
Teresa Moreira	03/01/2019
Maria Salmeron de Fuentes	03/01/2019
Jose Vargas	03/01/2019
Jessy Damas Ramirez	03/15/2019
Jose Ramos	03/01/2019
Carlos Contreras Umana	03/01/2019
Julia Alarcon	01/07/2020
Lilian Pineda	01/20/2020
Andrea Lazo	01/02/2020
Peter Makagonow Garcia	01/01/2020
Yury Henriquez	01/02/2020
Flerida Thomas Bonilla	02/14/2020
Jose Miranda Hernandez	02/11/2020
Sagrario Matute Hernandez	02/01/2020

Francisco Canales Mejia	02/24/2020
Rosemary Mills	03/07/2020
Steven Flores Bonilla	01/12/2021
Claribel Romero	01/06/2021
Jose Marroquin	01/24/2021
Diego Chilel Yoc	01/11/2021
Maria Sanchez	01/15/2021
Norman Lima	01/21/2021
Odilio Garcia Sarceno	01/10/2021
Raul Borjas Chacon	02/19/2021
Etelvina Garcia Lopez	02/08/2021
Maria Sanchez	02/08/2021
Jacqueline Guerra Rodriguez	02/02/2021
Yenmy Martinez Rivera	03/01/2021
Blanca Argueta	03/01/2021
Flor Rivera	03/01/2021
Miriam Ventura	03/06/2021
Graciela Hernandez	03/06/2021
Francisco Juarez	03/06/2021
Yolanda Jimenez	03/22/2021
Aracely Hernandez Martinez	03/01/2021

## Bolana Corporate Team Retreat

Team Bolana's Corporate Retreat was held in Ocean City, Maryland in May. The retreat provides an opportunity for our Corporate Team to receive training and hold discussions in order to focus on how we can improve our administration and operations to become better servants to our internal and external clients. The Team enjoys the opportunity to spend quality time with their FAMILY.



## In Loving Memory



Bolana has sadly lost two of our team members in recent times. Anthony Laws and Luz Becerra were valued members of our Bolana family and they will be deeply missed.



Luz Becerra



Anthony Laws



## Ward 7 Business Partnership Annual Meeting



The Ward 7 Business Partnership Annual Meeting was held in March and was attended virtually by Bolana General Manager, LeRoy Dock and President, Valarie Dock. Valarie serves as the 2022 Chairperson of the Ward 7 Business Partnership, a neighborhood resource that directly assists businesses and coordinates sustainable community-driven revitalization efforts in Ward 7. Their commercial revitalization efforts are organized and led by local volunteers and community development professionals. Services are offered free of charge to businesses in the Ward7 community.



### April was...



### May is...



### June is...



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