

Al Alexander

H. Councill Trenholm Memorial Award

Mr. Al Alexander is a dedicated and passionate leader who has made a significant impact on the youth in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia. As the chairman of the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation (NCMPEF), Mr. Alexander has been instrumental in providing scholarships, grants, and mentoring services to students in need. His commitment to excellence in education and his tireless efforts to support tomorrow's leaders have not gone unnoticed.



Under Mr. Alexander's leadership, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation has flourished, providing over \$197,000 in scholarships to more than two hundred graduates from seven high schools in the City of Chesapeake. The Foundation has also extended its reach to provide school supply funds to Title I schools and the Center for Student Success, ensuring that students have the resources they need to excel in their educational pursuits. To date, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation has also provided \$5,000 in mini-grants to support mentoring programs and initiatives serving Chesapeake youth.

Mr. Alexander's dedication to the community goes beyond just financial support. He has forged partnerships with various organizations such as the Ground Zero Youth Development, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Commonwealth Challenge to provide mentorship and guidance to students in Chesapeake. His collaborative approach and commitment to empowering the next generation of leaders have had a lasting impact on the community.

For the 2024 fiscal year, the New Chesapeake Men for Progress Education Foundation will continue being the premier 501(3)(c) in the Hampton Roads area. NCMPEF will partner with other organization(s) to expand mentoring capabilities and continuously investment in the youth of Chesapeake seeing it as their responsibility to seek out and mentor the leaders of tomorrow.

As a respected educator and administrator, Mr. Alexander has made significant contributions to the field of education. His understanding of differentiated instructional practices and his emphasis on building strong relationships with students has been instrumental in shaping the future of education in Chesapeake.

Dr. Kianga Thomas explains that Mr. Alexander is so deserving of the H. Councill Trenholm Memorial Award because he "is passionate about making the future brighter for our future leaders." Mr. Alexander's leadership, integrity, and passion for empowering the next generation of leaders is truly commendable. Following ATA Executive Secretary H. Councill Trenholm's legacy of working with non-education groups to advance the education free from race or ethnic based inequities, Mr. Alexander is a coalition builder and worthy recipient of this award.