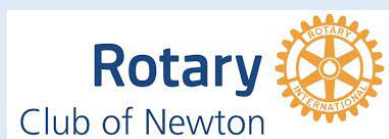


2021 Anthony J. Bibbo Rotary Club Scholarship Recipients:

The Newton Rotary Club awards three scholarships for college-bound seniors in honor of long time Rotarian Tony Bibbo.



Anthony J. Bibbo (1934-2018)

David Morefield, Newton North High School



David is described as the “embodiment of our school’s mission statement ... learning sustains the human spirit.” Engaging in Newton North’s most rigorous academic curriculum, David has enrolled in nearly all Honors / Advanced Placement courses since he was eligible to do so in 10th grade. He has become a leader in and out of the classroom. He has never hesitated to help classmates as a peer tutor, became an Eagle Scout, and has been a member of the football, wrestling and track teams. He has participated in Newton North’s Performing Arts programs, as well. Last summer, David enrolled in a Harvard EdX summer course in Chinese History and Communism as he hopes to major in Asian Studies.

Despite his busy schedule, David finds the time to volunteer in the community, working with NuDay Syria, in a local preschool, and collecting food to donate to local food pantries.

David will be attending Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Kori-Reign Tyler, Newton North High School



Kori is described as a strong, consistent performer in class who can sometimes fly under the radar in some ways. She cares about putting forward great work in her classes and at home. But Kori is much more than a strong academic performer. She has carved out a subtle yet impactful space for herself in the community through the Black Leadership Advisory Council, where she has been a constant participant and has been directly involved in planning and implementing educational events for the entire student body. Kori is a wonderful example of how young people can balance academics and community work, excelling at both in a way that stays true to self. At this writing, Kori has not yet committed to a school for the fall.

Imani Fonfield, Newton South High School



A community builder and inspiring student activist, Imani has demonstrated a commitment to solving real world problems through a collaborative style that is mature beyond her years. Imani connects with peers and adults from all walks of life and can easily find common ground with everyone. She values each and every human being for who they are and genuinely believes everyone must be seen and heard. A high honor roll student who manages a rigorous academic course load, Imani has distinguished herself in our school community and the larger Newton Community as a focused, determined young person on a mission.

As a member of Newton South's Legacy Scholars Advisory Council, co-president of Newton South's Black Student Union, student facilitator for Newton South's Anti-Defamation League Peer Leaders Program and Newton South's school wide initiative, Courageous Conversations On Race, Imani comfortably and with great poise communicates her experiences as a person of color attending school in and living in a predominantly white community. In her role as co-president of the Black Student Union, Imani has helped coordinate and facilitate presentations and webinars for Newton South's Annual Black Culture Day on topics such as "Mass Incarceration and the Cradle to Prison Pipeline." Elected by her peers as a Newton South Senator, she is also one of the founding volunteers for the inaugural Newton South/Williams Elementary School Affinity Group.

As a sophomore, Imani was awarded first place in the 2019 school wide Sophomore Speech Contest for a compelling speech she gave about Mass Incarceration. In summer 2020, Imani impressed participants with her leadership and poise as a student facilitator for the National Educators for Anti-Racism Conference featuring Dr. Bettina Love which discussed her book "We Want to Do More Than Survive-Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom". In her role as student facilitator, she helped develop and present an anti-racist webinar for use with fellow students all over the world. Imani's time and talent shared in the pursuit of an Actively Anti-Racist Newton are impressive.

Within the larger Newton Community, Imani has been involved in ways that reflect her personal values and her passion for social justice. A four-year member of the Newton Police Cadet Program, a second year sergeant and a Lieutenant Cadet, Imani enjoys participating in ways that bridge the gap between law enforcement and the local community. She serves as a student representative to Newton's Human Rights Commission and was awarded a 2020 HRC Award for exceptional dedication to the issue of human rights within the school and greater community. Imani appeared on Todd Gross' NewTv Show, On The Sunny Side of The Street, where she spoke about her passion for social activism. She has been interviewed by a few Boston news stations, was named winner of a 2020 Veterans of Foreign Wars Voices of Democracy Contest for an essay entitled, Diversity and Inclusion: The Fabric of Our Nation and was invited to speak at the City of Newton's 52nd Annual 2020 M.L.K Community Breakfast.

A multidimensional young person with an unusual skill set and an eclectic palette, Imani's interests are vast. In the fall, Imani will continue her development as a learner, a leader, and an inspiration to all at Harvard University.