



EMERGING TECH TALENT SCHOLARSHIP

IMPACT REPORT

**2025 - 2026
ACADEMIC YEAR**

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SKILLS & TALENT

AT THE GREATER WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP

The Skills & Talent Initiative at the Greater Washington Partnership works with the region's educators and employers to build the most versatile workforce in the country by strengthening talent pipelines and ensuring learners have access to the skills, training, and jobs that lead to economic mobility. The Emerging Tech Talent (ETT) Scholarship is a critical part of this work, expanding access to technology education while connecting students to a broader regional effort to better align higher education with employer needs.

The Partnership advances this alignment through three complementary initiatives that engage leaders at every level. The ETT Scholarship provides direct support to students pursuing high-demand technology pathways; the College Leadership Council (CLC) brings together academic leaders overseeing technology programs to strengthen cross-campus strategies and employer alignment; and the Collaborative Leaders in Academia and Business (CoLAB) convenes C-suite executives and college and university presidents to deepen collaboration between education and industry. Together, these initiatives pair direct investment in learners with institutional coordination, employer insight, and executive leadership – helping build a more responsive and inclusive education-to-workforce ecosystem across the region.



EMERGING TECH TALENT SCHOLARSHIP IMPACT

2025-2026
ACADEMIC YEAR

12 INSTITUTIONS
AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS

127 SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS SELECTED

\$325,000 DISBURSED TO
INSTITUTIONS



SCHOLARSHIP INSTITUTIONS & STATES

55

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS AT
WASHINGTON, DC
INSTITUTIONS

42

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS AT
MARYLAND
INSTITUTIONS

32

SCHOLARSHIP
RECIPIENTS AT
VIRGINIA
INSTITUTIONS

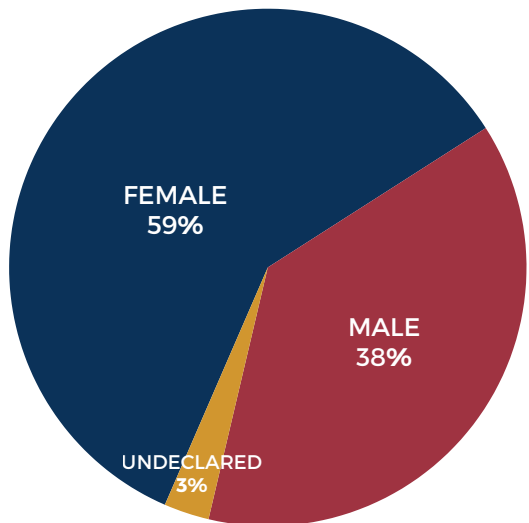
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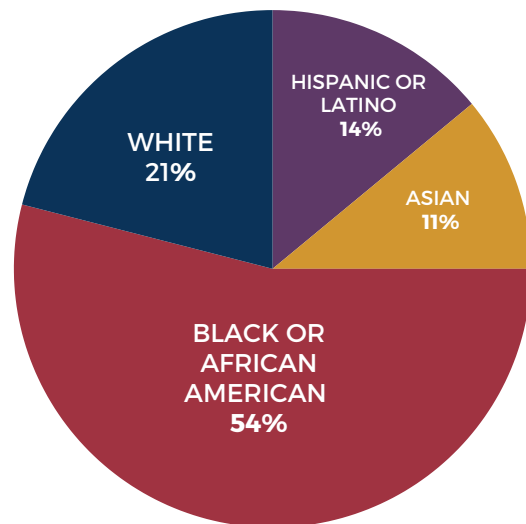
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2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

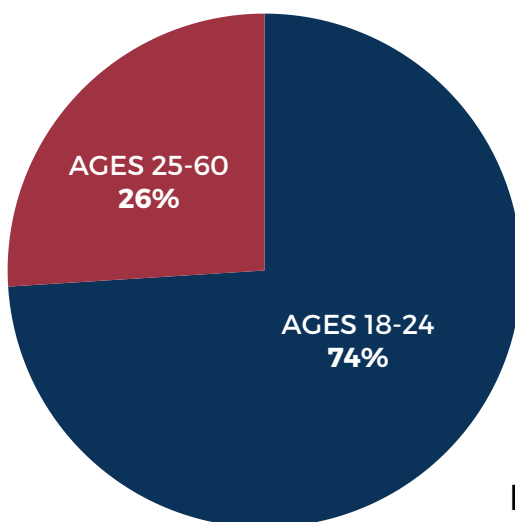
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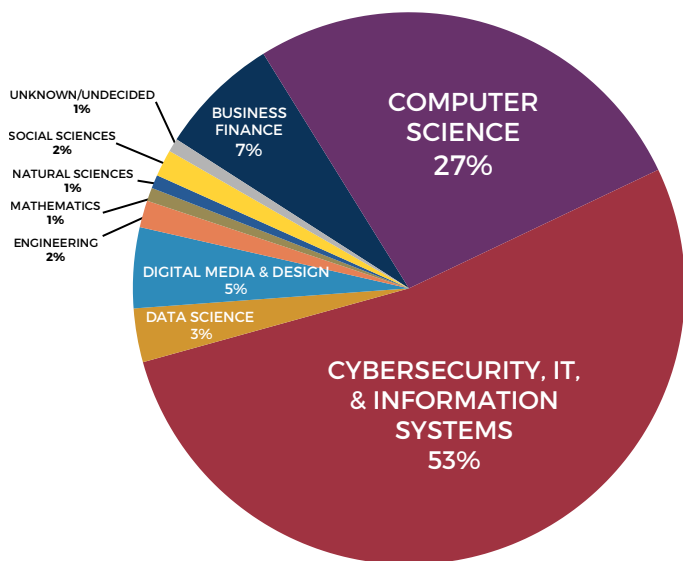
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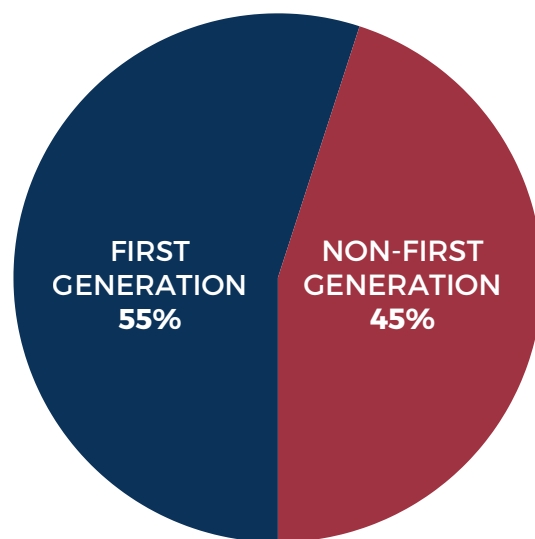
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FIELD OF STUDY



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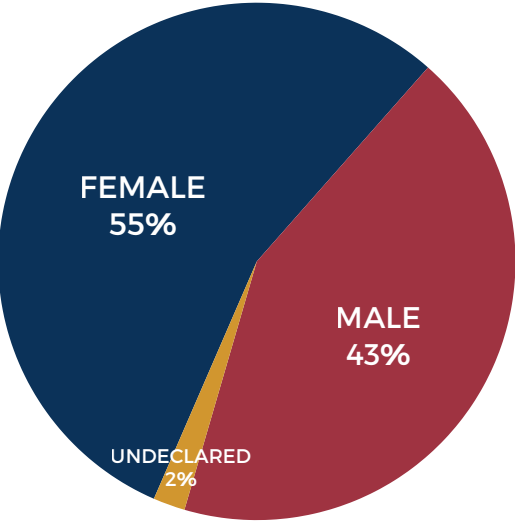


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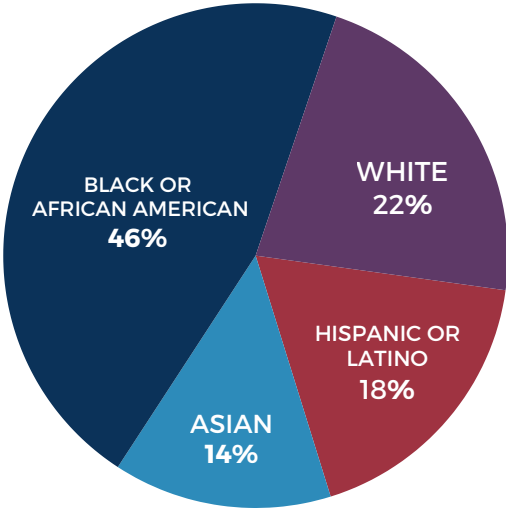
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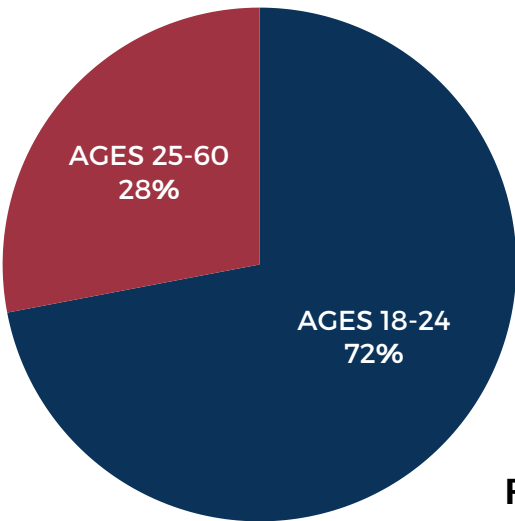
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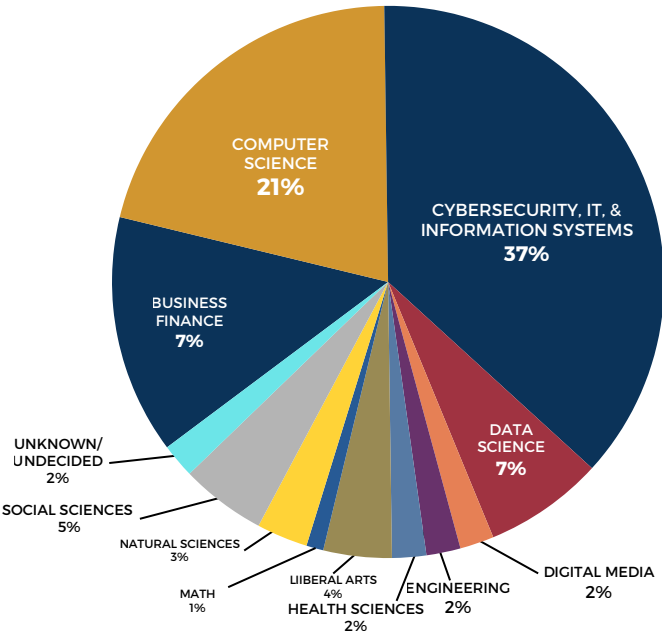
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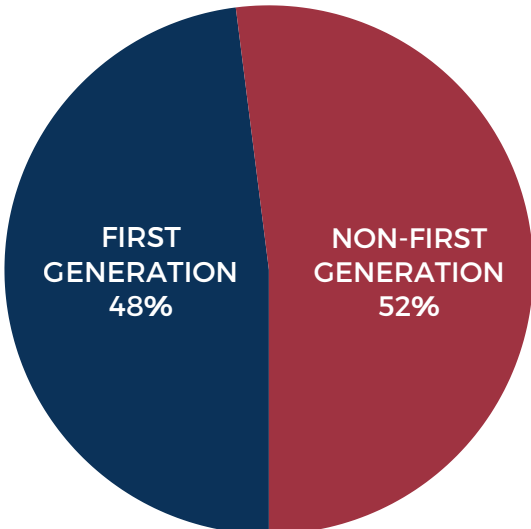
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SCHOLAR TESTIMONIALS

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"I am truly grateful for this scholarship and for your investment in my future. As a first-generation student majoring in Information Systems at VCU, this support removes financial pressure and allows me to focus fully on my coursework, leadership roles, and internships. It also gives me the freedom to pursue opportunities in technology and audit—fields I've grown passionate about through my experiences at Accenture and Wells Fargo. This scholarship brings me one step closer to building a career where I can use technology to improve systems, support organizations, and give back to my community. Thank you for believing in me."

Mohamed Turay, Computer & Information Systems,
Virginia Commonwealth University



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"Thank you so much for your generous support through the \$2,500 scholarship. It has made a meaningful difference in my academic journey by easing financial pressure and allowing me to focus more on my studies and creative work. I truly appreciate your investment in students like me; it motivates me to continue growing and giving back."

Davina Mayor, Business Administration, Gallaudet University



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"My career aspiration is to become a cybersecurity engineer or eventually pursue higher roles in the tech industry. I am drawn to cybersecurity because it's a field that not only challenges me but also plays a critical role in protecting valuable data and infrastructure. I've chosen this path because I'm excited about the constant evolution of technology and the opportunity to be at the forefront of solving complex problems in the industry. This generous award has significantly alleviated some of the financial burdens of my education, allowing me to focus more on my education and future career in tech. Your support has motivated me even more to continue working hard and pursue my goal of becoming a cybersecurity engineer. This scholarship is not only an investment in my education but in my long-term success and will work diligently to honor this opportunity. Thank you once again for your generosity and belief in my potential. It truly means a lot to me."

Christian Nambou, Information Technology, Towson University



SCHOLAR TESTIMONIALS

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“The scholarship helped ease the financial burden of tuition, allowing me to focus more on my studies and continue building my skills in technology. It also motivated me to keep striving for excellence and reminded me that opportunities like this are possible through hard work and perseverance. I am truly grateful to the Greater Washington Partnership and its supporters for investing in students like me and helping us move closer to our career goals.”

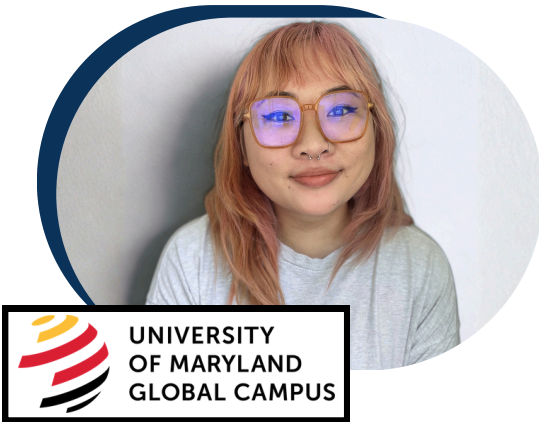
Brenda Asinti, Information Technology, University of the District of Columbia



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“My ultimate professional goal is to become a UX Designer. I am currently completing my Bachelor's Degree in Web and Digital Design, and the Emerging Tech Talent Scholarship has been instrumental in allowing me to focus on completing this program successfully. As a caregiver to a child with special needs and a military spouse, completing my degree while managing family responsibilities and the financial burden of tuition has presented significant challenges. My future success in the digital tech profession will serve as an example, hopefully inspiring other women, minorities, and non-traditional students to pursue careers in technology. Thank you again for this incredible opportunity. I look forward to graduating soon and becoming a contributor to the region's vibrant tech ecosystem.”

Jae Mi Cracolici, Web & Digital Design, University of Maryland Global Campus



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“Please extend my sincere thanks to the employers who sponsor the Emerging Tech Talent Scholarship. Their support has made a meaningful difference in my academic journey and has allowed me to focus on developing strong technical and analytical skills. I am deeply grateful for their investment in students like me and for their commitment to fostering emerging talent in the region.”

Eduardo Salgado-Liceaga, Statistics, American University



SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS

The Greater Washington Partnership organizes ETT Scholarship event programming to connect student scholarship recipients to our Board and Leadership Council companies.

In October 2025, the Partnership collaborated with Monumental Sports & Entertainment to host the fourth annual Emerging Tech Talent Scholar Career and Game Day at Capital One Arena. The event involved a career panel and networking session where students engaged with regional industry leaders from Partnership organizations including Amazon, T. Rowe Price, DXC Technology, Capitals, and Monumental. After the 2025 Game Day, 90% of attendees reported being more interested in careers represented by Board partner speakers.



Year after year, the Game Day programming is a valuable part of the ETT programming, helping scholarship recipients learn about in-demand skills and network with professionals from sports, business, and technology industries. The Partnership will continue to offer tailored programming that centers experiential learning and deep engagement across the Partnership's broad ecosystem of employers.



About Greater Washington Partnership

Greater Washington Partnership is the first-of-its-kind nonprofit alliance of the region's most influential and largest employers across industry sectors in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. Together, we leverage our collective experiences, resources and assets to identify shared challenges and offer real solutions to the region's most critical issues including skills and talent, regional mobility, infrastructure and economic growth. Our goal is to ensure the entire region, from Baltimore to Richmond, remains vibrant, economically competitive, prosperous for all and the best place to live, work and build a business.

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