



Paul Tarrance

2013 Scholarship Recipient



“Growing up, I didn’t have teachers I could rely on, nor did I have male representation in the classroom. This is why I strive to be an educator; I want to have a positive impact on my scholars.”

Paul Tarrance graduated from H.D. Woodson High school in 2013. He continued his education at Winston-Salem State University majoring in Political Science. Now Paul is working to earn his Master’s degree in Special Education with an emphasis on students with emotional and behavioral disorders. He is also a full-time teacher at Monument Academy, where he interned through the Club’s summer internship program. This internship launched him into his chosen profession and was the perfect match for him as he sought mentorship from the CEO and Leadership team. As an Alumnus, Paul has served as a mentor and is also an active member of the Alumni Leadership Council, networking with other alumni and providing support to current scholars.

In 2017, Paul started his own initiative that allows him to provide shoes, clothes, toiletries, and gift cards for groceries around the holidays to his students. He was inspired to do this because he found that “there is a lot of anxiety around the holidays for many families. My students often lack consistency in their home life. I did not want them to have to wonder if they would receive gifts during the holidays or not, so I did something about it.” Paul always knew he wanted to be an educator and have his own mentoring program to assist inner city male youth. With his background in special education, he strives to support students inside and outside of the classroom by offering social and emotional guidance for the community through mentorship.