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**The National Black MBA Association® Announces
Inaugural Nationwide Scholarship Recipients,
in partnership with Nationwide Insurance**

*Partnership will afford ten students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
across the country to attend the 44th Annual NBMBAA Conference in Atlanta*

ATLANTA (March 7, 2022) - The [National Black MBA Association](https://www.nbmbaa.org) (NBMBAA) has officially announced its inaugural recipients of its Nationwide Scholarship, presented in partnership with Nationwide Insurance.

As a result of the partnership and Nationwide's \$20,000 gift, 10 HBCU scholars from across the country will receive an all-expense paid trip to the 44th NBMBAA annual conference in Atlanta. The conference scholarship will cover airfare, baggage fees, ground transportation, accommodations and a stipend for food and incidentals.

Scholarship recipients will also receive an internship interview for career opportunities with Nationwide.

"Nationwide has been on our side for many, many years, and we are thrilled to continue our partnership by providing scholarships to those who are in need in order to accomplish their life's dreams," said [Joe Handy, president and CEO of the National Black MBA Association](#).

The students, exclusively selected from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, were chosen based on their academic standings (a GPA of 3.0 or higher) and personal essays. The 10 recipients represented institutions Florida A&M University, Howard University, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingston College, North Carolina A&T State University, Shaw University and Virginia State University.

The Nationwide Scholarship was awarded as part of **NBMBAA's Collegiate Partnership Program**. The program was designed to establish "long-term, holistic" partnerships with institutions of higher education, with the ultimate goal of increasing placement rates of student members. The program supports NBMBAA's mission to lead in the creation of educational, wealth building and growth opportunities for those historically underrepresented throughout their careers as students, entrepreneurs and professionals.

The Nationwide Scholarship recipients were announced at this year's CIAA conference in Baltimore, Maryland. To learn more about NMBBAA, its College Partnership Program and membership opportunities, visit nbmbaa.org.

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About National Black MBA Association: NMBBAA® is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) member-based professional organization which leads in the creation of educational, wealth building and growth opportunities for black students, professionals and entrepreneurs. Representing more than 20,000 members, 41 professional and 33 Leaders of Tomorrow® chapters, and over 500 corporate, academic and non-profit partners, the Association is dedicated to developing alliances that create intellectual and economic wealth in the Black community through its five channels of engagement: career, education, entrepreneurship, leadership and lifestyle. To learn more about NMBBAA, please go to nbmbaa.org and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

2022 NMBBAA X Nationwide Scholarship Recipients

Jennifer Cotton - Johnson C. Smith University
Trevor Elliott - Shaw University
Kyle Jacobs - Virginia State University
Omari Kilkenny - Virginia State University
Mofolake Odubonojo - Virginia State University
Varvara Papakonstantinou - Livingston College
Zachary Jacob - Howard University
Maurice Morten - Florida A&M University
Jillian Bryant - North Carolina A&T State University
Arie Bethea - North Carolina A&T State University