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MESSAGE FROM KEVIN BOTTINI OUR
Board Chair

Since working with Capital Region Sponsor-A-Scholar for the past several years, and in my first year as Board Chair, I continue to be inspired by our life-changing work offering local students from Albany, Schenectady, and Troy the opportunity of a college education.

We know these are challenging times for all of us. Our staff and board at Sponsor-A-Scholar are very much aware that the communities we serve are historically disproportionately affected during such times. The need for mentoring and academic and financial support of our Scholars is even greater during this new "normal" of social distancing and remote learning. But amidst this uncertainty, there are also great opportunities. Opportunities to strengthen our outreach to both our Scholars and throughout the community through enhanced use of social media and technology. Opportunities to strengthen our social fabric, our communities, and our personal growth as we address racial and social justice issues. Opportunities to continue to empower the next generation of business and community leaders who will encourage and inspire those that come after them.

I am confident that together, our Scholars and their families, our committed staff and Board members, our major sponsors, and supporters will meet these challenges and embrace these opportunities to enrich our communities. We are deeply grateful to you, our friends, for your support in this mission. We look forward to continuing our work together to empower lives through education.

MESSAGE FROM LAURA MARK OUR Executive Director

While many may know us for the $16 million in stipends that we have awarded to Scholars in our program over the past 24 years, the depth and breadth of our services goes much deeper; after creating a lasting impact in the lives of our Scholars and their families.

Despite all the uncertainty that is going on around us, we still believe in the power of education and how transformative it can be in a young person’s life. By providing students, beginning in high school, with skills, networks, resources, and opportunities to aspire, grow, and thrive, they will gain a solid foundation on which to build reaching their goal of a college education.

As we reflect on the past year and attempt to overcome the obstacles that face all of us as we move forward, we are exercising any hurdles that might hold us back and turning them into opportunities for learning, growth, and accomplishment. With your continued support, we promise to further enhance our programs, carefully manage our resources, and invest in the future of local students.