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The Nedra Gordon Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was created by: the Racial Understanding Group; Patricia Thomas; and Jerrett, Jamison, Jonathon, and Julian Gordon.

Amount awarded: \$1500, non-renewable

Recipient Criteria:

- Must be a spring sophomore, junior, or senior student planning to be enrolled in Wilmington College in the upcoming fall semester
- Minimum 2.5 GPA
- Involvement in at least one social issues group
- Must demonstrate acute social awareness
- Award will be limited to a student of color every other year

Nedra Gordon was a mother of five children, four of whom attended Wilmington College. She was a fan of the college and supported her sons in every way. She passed away suddenly in 1994, so her sons, Patricia Thomas, and the RUG decided to honor her memory with this nonrenewable scholarship. Nedra gave undying, enthusiastic support to the football, wrestling, and track teams as well as the cheerleading squad. She was co-president of the Football Boosters Club. She also assisted the college with registration and was an active recruiter of students of color for Wilmington College. She once did all the cooking for a weekend devoted to students of color. Before and during her service at Wilmington, Mrs. Gordon demonstrated her acute social awareness in community activities through her church and other outreach programs. Her sons report that a very frequent admonition from their mom was: "Do something that's not all about you once in a while!"

Application instructions:

This year, Spring 2016, students of all races and ethnicities are eligible. To apply, students must submit their contact information and write an essay of no more than two pages, double-spaced, that outlines their social awareness, involvement in a social issues group, and embodiment of Ms. Gordon's admonition to "do something that's not all about you once in a while!" Submissions are due to ursula_mctaggart@wilmington.edu by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 25. (Note: this is Good Friday, so no classes will be held that day. Submissions can be made by email on or before 5:00 pm on Good Friday).