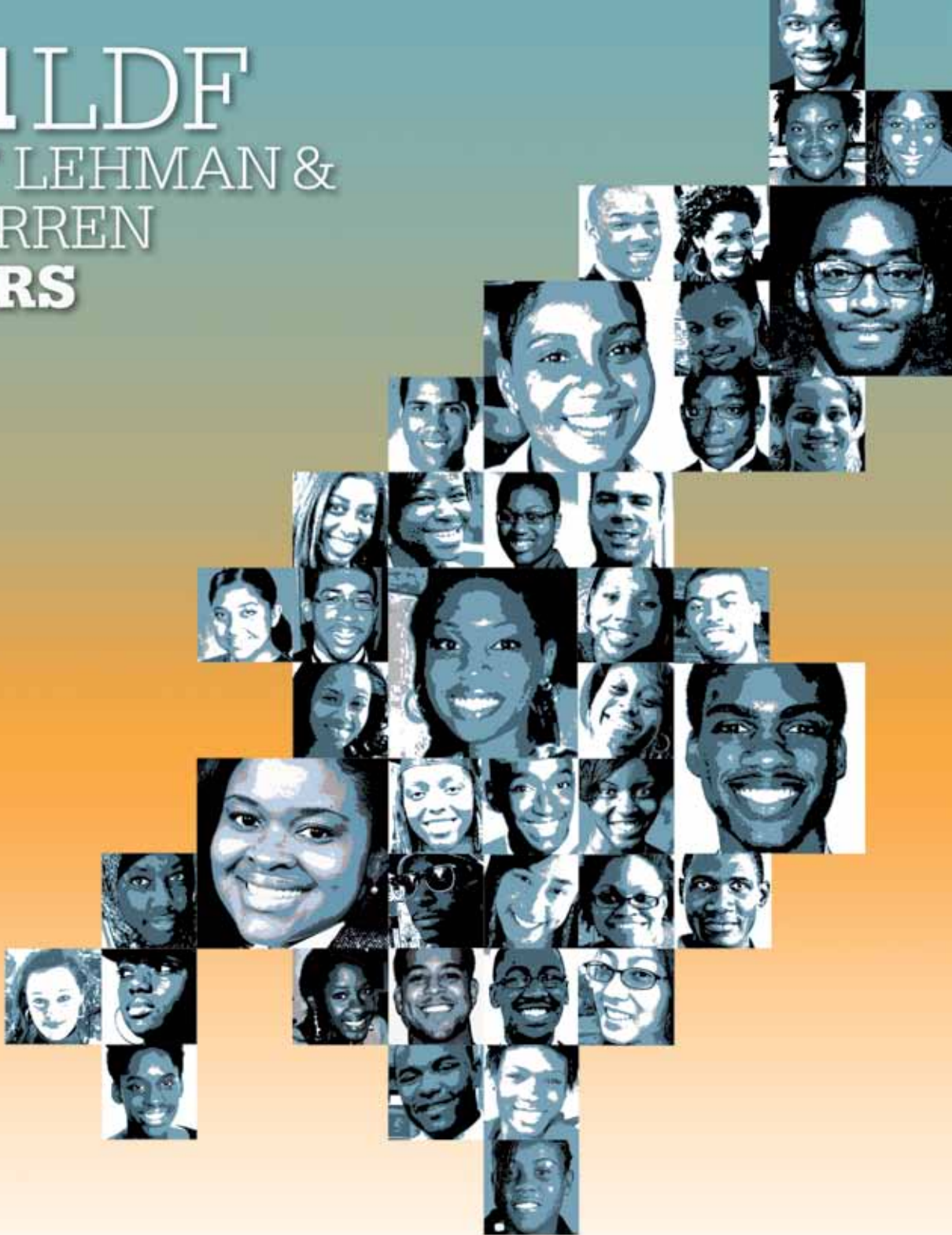


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Left to right: George E. C. Hayes, Thurgood Marshall and James Nabrit, Jr., on the steps of the Supreme Court after the historic *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

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## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR-COUNSEL

**IT IS WITH GREAT** pleasure that I welcome the 2011 class of Herbert Lehman and Earl Warren Scholars to the LDF Family.

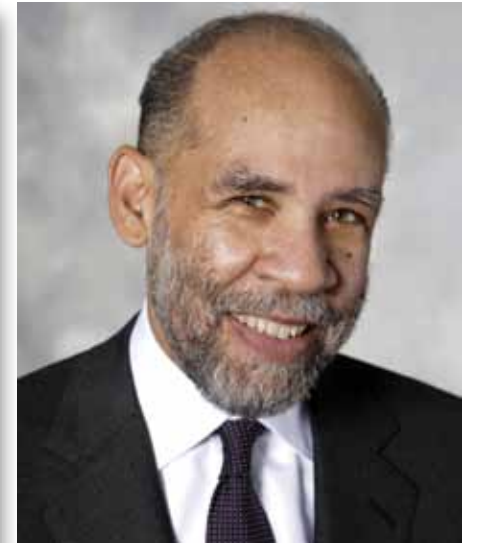
The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) is the country's first and foremost civil and human rights law firm. Founded in 1940 under the leadership of Thurgood Marshall, who subsequently became the first African-American U.S. Supreme Court Justice, LDF was launched at a time when the nation's aspirations for equality and due process of law were stifled by widespread state-sponsored racial inequality. From that era to the present, LDF's mission has always been transformative: to achieve racial justice, equality, and an inclusive society.

Some of the most important aspects of LDF's mission have been carried out by young people like you; indeed, Thurgood Marshall was only 28 when he argued his first winning case. That first case was a single volley in a coordinated legal battle that culminated in *Brown v. Board of Education*, the landmark 1954 Supreme Court decision that has been described as "the most important American governmental act of any kind since the Emancipation Proclamation." *Brown* made it possible for you, the 2011 LDF Scholars, to attend the many educational institutions listed here with people of all colors, a fact that progress has allowed us to take for granted.

You have already accrued an impressive array of accomplishments and we know that your horizons are truly limitless. As you start this next chapter in your lives, we look forward to your contributions to our nation and our society as the next generation of change agents.

Sincerely,

John Payton



## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOLARSHIPS



**In July 2010**, I joined LDF as the Director of Scholarship Programs. As the brand new Director, I eagerly looked forward to selecting my first class of Lehman and Warren scholars. By the time the deadlines arrived for the 2011-2012 academic year, the Scholarship Programs had received 486 Lehman applications and 107 Warren applications from almost every state in the Union, including Alaska and Hawaii, as well as several foreign countries. My unfortunate, yet necessary task was to narrow those 593 applications down to 35 Lehman and 15 Warren Scholars. As I started reading the applications, it became clear that this was going to be quite a difficult feat.

As you will see in this “facebook,” that task proved itself to be not just difficult, but impossible. The applications I received were *that* good.

In the 2011 class, there are 53 new Lehman Scholars and 22 new Warren Scholars. You are musicians, mathematicians, activists, professional athletes, pageant winners, humanitarians, National Honor Society members, graphic artists, first-generation Americans and scientists. You are people of all colors. You belong to the LGBT community. You have overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles and created and executed solutions for major societal roadblocks. Put simply, you are an extremely talented, extremely diverse and extremely accomplished group of young women and men.

Your achievements are deeply impressive and your dedication to social justice and equality are truly humbling. As you open this next chapter in your lives, I know that you will only continue to arm yourselves with the knowledge and skills that will make you unstoppable forces as you further your educations.

Our planet and our nation face perilous times — haven’t we always? — but meeting you through your applications has shown me, once again, that the work of idealistic, passionate young people like yourselves will only serve to make our world a better and more just place.

It is my great honor to welcome you into the LDF family.

Congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Thompson'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Karen Thompson

2011  
HERBERT LEHMAN  
SCHOLARS

2011 Lehman Scholars



**Idorenyin Akpan**  
Bronx, NY  
The Nightingale-Bamford School  
University of Pennsylvania



**Asha I. Anderson**  
Washington, D.C.  
Maret School  
University of Southern California



**Nkongho Beteck**  
Salisbury, MD  
Wicomico High School  
University of Maryland, College Park



**Chelseyah Bolden**  
Houston, TX  
Westside High School  
Xavier University



**Julian D. Brew**  
Stone Mountain, GA  
Southwest Dekalb High School  
University of Notre Dame



**Rejerio J. Burton**  
Ocala, FL  
Marion Technical Institute  
University of Florida



**Kiah A. Clingman**  
Cincinnati, OH  
Princeton High School  
Howard University



**Christopher A. Dean**  
Chicago, IL  
TEAM Englewood Community Academy  
Connecticut College



**Alexandria S. Fields**  
Bronx, NY  
Bronx High School for the Visual Arts  
Parsons The New School for Design



**Toni S. Flake**  
Memphis, TN  
Overton High School  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2011 Lehman Scholars



**Brendan M. Gill**  
Baltimore, MD  
Baltimore School for the Arts  
Berklee College of Music



**Jasmyne L. Grismore**  
Alexandria, VA  
Thomas A. Edison High School  
Williams College



**Zachary T. Hall**  
Worcester, MA  
Abbey Kelley Foster Charter School  
United States Military Academy



**Christopher J. Hunter**  
Melville, NY  
Half Hollow Hills Central School District  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



**Alicia F. Johnson**  
Valley Stream, NY  
Brooklyn Technical High School  
SUNY, Binghamton



**Destiny A. Johnson**  
Littleton, CO  
Bear Creek High School  
Colorado State University



**Stephan C. Johnson**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Benjamin Banneker Academic High School  
Dartmouth College



**Aaron D. Jones**  
Grenada, MS  
Grenada High School  
Mississippi State University



**Terrell J. Jones**  
Marietta, GA  
Kell High School  
Florida A & M University



**Alanna J. Kaplan**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Essex Street Academy  
SUNY, Geneseo

2011 Lehman Scholars



**Alexandria L. Lee**  
Roseville, CA  
Roseville High School  
University of California, Davis



**Kristina Lögberg**  
Atlanta, GA  
Woodward Academy  
Stetson University



**Shamira Y. Lukomwa**  
Powder Springs, GA  
Hillgrove High School  
University of Chicago



**Jennifer K. Lunceford**  
Saint Louis, MO  
Metro High School  
Yale University



**Shakeria E. McGuire**  
Gaston, NC  
Gaston KIPP College Preparatory  
University of North Carolina,  
Greensboro



**Allison N. McKenzie**  
Freehold, NJ  
Freehold Borough High School  
Berklee College of Music



**Ke'von M. Miles**  
Washington, D.C.  
Thurgood Marshall Academy Public  
Charter  
University of Connecticut



**Terik A. Miller, Jr.**  
Newark, NJ  
Technology High School  
Rider University



**Meadeshia S. Mitchell**  
Hartford, CT  
Weaver High School  
Howard University



**Ricardo O. Mullings**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School  
Brown University

2011 Lehman Scholars



**Ridwan Olatilewa**  
Brooklyn, NY  
Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School  
SUNY, Binghamton



**Lanita S. Patton**  
Plantation, FL  
St. Thomas Aquinas High School  
University of Miami



**Lizelle A. Pernia**  
New Milford, NJ  
Paramus Catholic High School  
LaSalle University



**Linda H. Pham**  
San Diego, CA  
The Preuss School  
University of California, Berkeley



**Kristina A. Redd**  
Phenix City, AL  
Brookstone School  
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



**John W. Ross, III**  
Richmond, VA  
Highland Springs High School  
Hampton University



**Jonathan D. Seals**  
Aurora, CO  
Rangeview High School  
University of Denver



**Bobby J. Shaw**  
Kansas City, MO  
Cristo Rey Kansas City  
Donnelly College



**Uri-Biia H. Si-Asar**  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
St. Paul Central High School  
Howard University



**Cera H. Smith**  
Cerritos, CA  
Cerritos High School  
California State University, Long Beach

## 2011 Lehman Scholars



**DiAnthony A. Talmadge**  
Arlington, VA  
Washington-Lee High School  
Chapman University



**DeShaunya R. Ware**  
St. Louis, MO  
Construction Careers Center Charter H.S  
University of Missouri, Columbia



**Sara M. Theiss**  
Orlando, FL  
Dr. Phillips High School  
Harvard College



**Chad C. White**  
Roswell, GA  
Roswell High  
University of Tennessee, Chattanooga



**Imani C. Thomas**  
Wyndmoor, PA  
Springfield Township High School West  
Chester University



**Jacoba R. White**  
Evansville, IN  
Signature School  
Purdue University



**Demetrius R. Tyler**  
Washington, D.C.  
School Without Walls  
Florida A & M University



**Raymond L. Wilkes**  
Zachary, LA  
Zachary High School  
Louisiana State University



**Gia M. Velasquez**  
Canfield, OH  
Canfield High School  
Yale University



**Dreshad L. Williams**  
Hillsboro, OR  
Westview High School  
The Art Institute of Portland

## 2011 Lehman Scholars



**Jessica L. Wilson**  
Rockville, MD  
Thomas S Wootton High School  
Princeton University



**Martin Zamora**  
North Las Vegas, NV  
578-Canyon Springs High School  
University of California, San Diego



**Jane Zhu**  
Pittsford, NY  
Pittsford Sutherland High School  
University of Pennsylvania

2011  
EARL WARREN  
SCHOLARS



**Maheisha L. Adams**  
San Francisco, CA  
Oklahoma State University  
University of California, Hastings  
College of Law



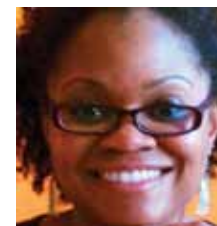
**Delania C. Barbee**  
Springfield, MA  
Smith College  
University of Connecticut School of Law



**Melissa D. Chastang**  
Richmond Hill, GA  
Hampton University  
Harvard Law School



**Leon G. Creary**  
Rosemont, PA  
Philadelphia University  
University of Wisconsin Law School



**Valerie C. Ezie**  
Wake Forest, NC  
Cornell University  
Columbia Law School



**Cinthia N. Flores**  
Los Angeles, CA  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Irvine  
School of Law



**Jarrid L. Green**  
Washington, DC  
University of Maryland  
Howard University School of Law



**Warren Henderson**  
Inglewood, CA  
University of Southern California  
Pepperdine University School of Law



**Mariam A. Hinds**  
Trumbull, CT  
Yale University  
Stanford Law School



**Ashley R. Hodges**  
Antioch, CA  
Howard University  
Georgetown University Law Center

## 2011 Warren Scholars



**Felecia D. Hunter**  
Long Beach, CA  
University of Southern California  
Howard University School of Law



**Amina L. Kirk**  
Washington, DC  
Georgia State University  
University of Michigan Law School



**Jaimie K. McFarlin**  
Monroe, NY  
Washington University in St. Louis  
Harvard Law School  
(deferred, fall 2012)



**Britany M. Nunez**  
Spring Hope, NC  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Benjamin Cardozo School of Law



**Chika Okafor**  
Chicago, IL  
Stanford University  
Yale Law School



**Bruce S. Reilly**  
Providence, RI  
Rhode Island College  
Tulane Law School



**Jessica L. Rofe**  
Brooklyn, NY  
New York University  
New York University School of Law



**Calista L. Ross**  
Decatur, GA  
Agnes Scott College  
University of California, Los Angeles  
School of Law



**Rukayatu Tijani**  
Brooklyn, NY  
University of Albany  
University of California, Berkeley  
School of Law



**Chaloea M. Williams**  
Pine Buff, AR  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Boston University Law School

## 2011 Warren Scholars



**Marcus E. Williams**  
Redondo Beach, CA  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Southwestern Law School



**Michele A. Yankson**  
Sunny Isles Beach, FL  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
New York University School of Law

## Old Boys and Old Girls

Each new Lehman and Warren scholar has been assigned to a current Lehman and Warren student who will be an informal mentor, otherwise known as an “Old Girl” or “Old Boy.” S/he will be the person to turn to if you have an academic question/issue, if you want help negotiating a particular situation, or if you have questions or concerns about your experience at college, university or law school.



**Aisha Dennis**  
Warren Scholar  
Harvard College ('08)  
New York University School of Law (2L)  
Columbia, SC



**Aaron Frazier**  
Warren Scholar  
Harvard College ('10)  
Cornell University School of Law (2L)  
Rochester, NY



**Christopher Cleveland**  
Lehman Scholar  
Harvard College ('14)  
Phoenix, AZ



**Dennica Worrell**  
Lehman Scholar  
American University ('14)  
Coconut Creek, FL

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