

The University of Louisville
Society of Porter Scholars



Welcome! New Society Members.



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It's Happening Here.



Dear Parents of Porter Scholars,

Welcome to the University of Louisville. We are excited that your child is considering our campus community for his or her undergraduate educational experience and can't wait to begin working with them this fall. In the meantime, we want you to get to know us a little better.

Should your child choose to make our family theirs, they will become a member of the Society of Porter Scholars (SPS), one of the largest scholarship organizations on this campus and one rich in history and tradition. As their personal scholarship advisor, you can count on me to provide them with connections, opportunities and strategies that will not only assist them in maintaining their scholarship but also help them develop both personally and professionally as they enjoy their tenure at the University of Louisville.

The transition from high school to college is just that, a transition. Please know that the Porter Society leadership team, fellow Porter Scholars and I stand ready to greet your child. The pathway has been laid. All we want them to do is trust us and let us help them, as they become the people that they are to be.

As you continue learning more about the university beyond freshman orientation, please be ready to receive several communications over the course of the summer that will assist you in learning more about your child being a Porter Scholar. We will culminate with an opportunity for them to enroll in what we call "Porter College." Information regarding this program along with application, housing, and registration updates is forthcoming. Please save these dates! Porter College will open August 18 and conclude August 21 just in time for Welcome Weekend. UofL fall semester classes begin August 23.

I look forward to connecting with you and your child during student orientation this summer.

Sincerely,

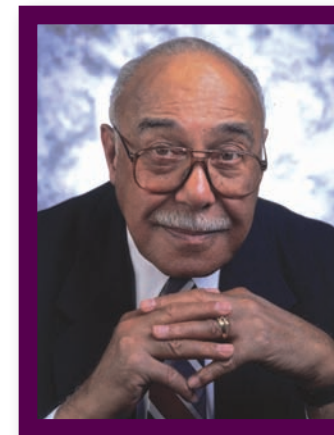
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Supporting Students

The Woodford R. Porter Scholarship



The Society of Porter Scholars is the largest African American scholarship organization at the University of Louisville. Named after former university trustee the late Woodford R. Porter Sr. (1918–2006), the scholarship was created in 1984 to be awarded to black students graduating from a Kentucky high school who met the academic requirements of the scholarship. Porter was a strong advocate for education in Jefferson County and was known for his dedication and

passion to the cause. Two years later, in 1986, the Woodford R. Porter Scholarship Society was created to support those students awarded the scholarship.

The Society's Mission and Purpose

Uniting the recipients of the Woodford R. Porter Sr. Scholarship, the Society of Porter Scholars' mission and purpose are to:

- ◆ Maintain high academic standards established by the Porter Scholarship Committee
- ◆ Provide support and assistance, academically, personally, and socially for the retention of Porter Scholars
- ◆ Promote interaction within the organization and throughout the university
- ◆ Develop appreciation and awareness of the unique characteristics of diverse ethnic, racial, and cultural groups
- ◆ Enhance the leadership opportunities, development, and academic performance at the undergraduate level, while encouraging their attendance at professional/graduate education



Porter Scholar Signature Events

- ◆ Fall Semester Porter Week
- ◆ Spring Semester Porter Week
- ◆ Relay For Life Team
- ◆ General Assembly Networking Socials
- ◆ "Porter's Angels" Salvation Army Toy Drive
- ◆ Year-Round Community Service Events in Louisville Area
- ◆ Society of Porter Scholars: Celebration of Scholarship
- ◆ Adopt-a-Scholar Alumni Initiative



Dear Parents of New Porter Scholars,

Welcome! Let me be one of the first to say congratulations on your child's entrance into college and their entry into the University of Louisville and Society of Porter Scholars family! I know some of you are scared to death and others are anxious at the idea of your child going off to college. Don't worry! There are three tips I like to pass along to new students—tips you might share with your child to help them succeed when they get here:

1. Play Hard, Study Harder. *College can be fun and it should be, but make sure you put your academics first. Once your classes and homework are out of the way, enjoy your newfound freedom!*

2. Be Engaged. *Finding your niche on campus is the most important thing you can do. What excites you? What are you passionate about? Once you find that, you'll never be bored again. Studies show that students who find a focus in college (a student organization or a community project) are more likely to succeed. Who knows, one of you reading this might be the next Porter President!*

3. Commit to the Four Pillars of Porter. *Leadership, Scholarship, Service and Heritage. Simply put, you must seek to stand out in your four years here through your performance academically, working in your community and understanding the history from where you and your people came.*

Easy enough, right?

But if they follow those three simple guidelines, they will be good to go. We have all kinds of opportunities for them to succeed! I look forward to meeting them in the summertime because I'll be part of the Orientation Staff. I am here for them. Remember. We Are Porter.

See you soon and Go Cards!

*Samuel Jones
Immediate Past President
Society of Porter Scholars (SPS)
2009–2010*

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Service
Heritage



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