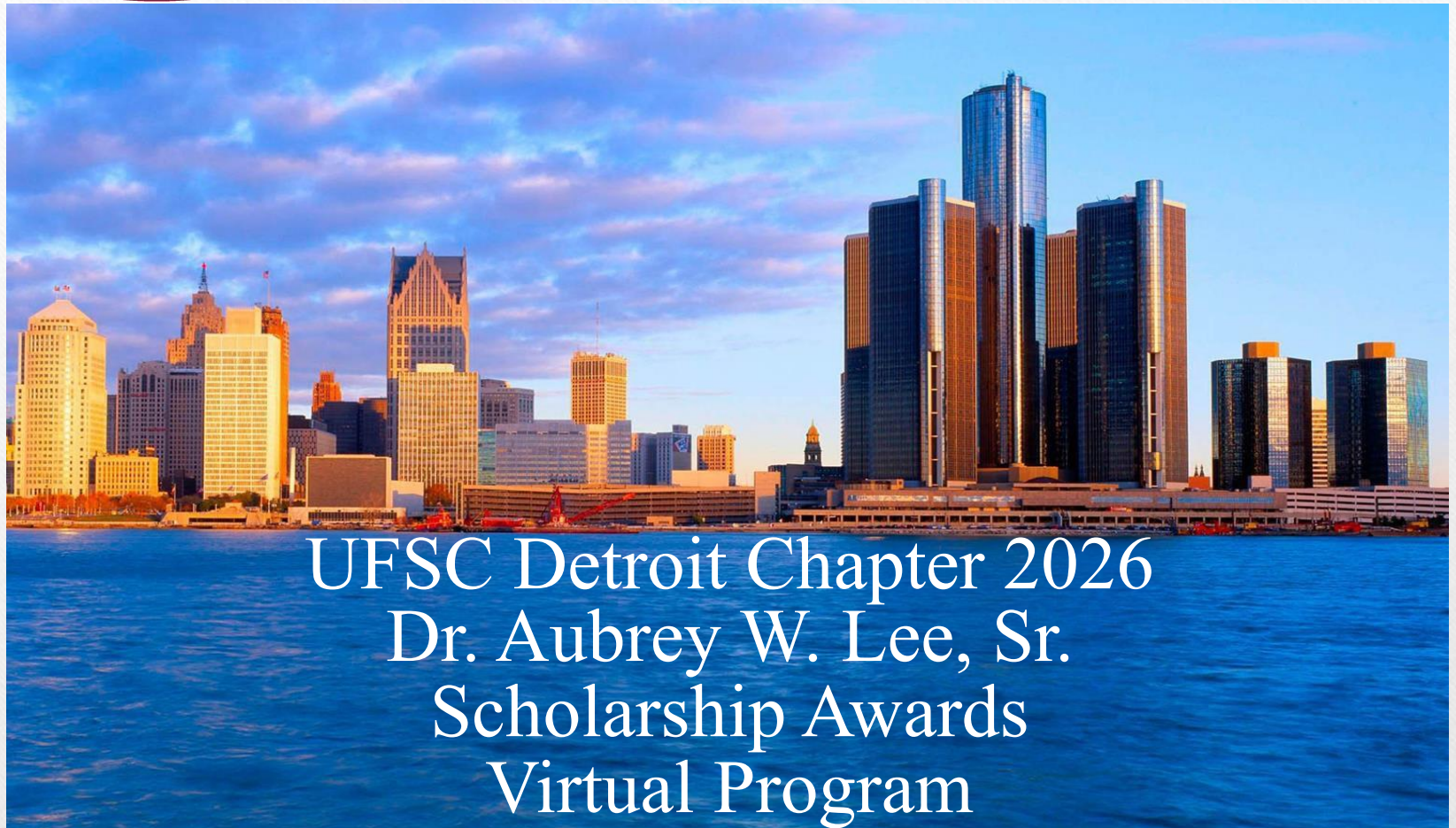




UFSC Detroit Chapter 2026
Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr.
Scholarship Awards
Virtual Program

Agenda



Welcome and Introductions: *Selena Cade*

UFSC History and Mission: *Ketra Lewis*

Scholarship Timeline and Requirements: *Patrece Hamblin*

Scholarship Presentations: *Amber Feys*

- *J'Mari Wiggins*
- *Bryant Parnell*
- *Langston Nevils*

Words of Wisdom: *Brandon Poplar*

Selena Cade, Director

Selena Cade earned her Bachelor's degree in Information Systems with a minor in Business, followed by a Master's degree in Applied Computer Science from Grand Valley State University.

She currently works at Owens Corning as an IT Project Manager, after completing an 18-month rotational development program. Throughout her career journey, she has completed three internships and participated in several professional leadership programs.

Beyond her academic and professional pursuits, Selena enjoys spending time with family and friends, traveling, and shopping.



Ketra Lewis, Secretary

Ketra is a regulatory, compliance, and risk management professional with over twenty-five years of experience in bank operations, compliance, and auditing. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Corporate Finance from Wayne State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix. Ketra is a Certified Regulatory Compliance Manager through the American Bankers Association and a former Senior Risk Manager for a major bank.

In addition to her corporate leadership role, she is the owner and founder of Virtual Business Solutions LLC. This virtual firm provides individuals and small businesses with flexible, professional support to help them start, manage, and grow their operations. Services include light bookkeeping, tax preparation and strategy, business consulting, and financial planning, all tailored to meet clients' unique needs.

She is also a Trustee at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit, MI, and was recently appointed as Chairman of the Wayne County Ethics Board, with a term expiring in 2026. In addition, Ketra is Director of the UFSC Detroit Chapter and the Secretary of Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr, where she has held various leadership roles since 2000. She enjoys family time, traveling, and teaching financial literacy.



Patrece Hamblin, Treasurer

Patrece has a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems and a master's degree in Curriculum, Instruction, and Leadership from Oakland University.

In 2002, Patrece started an insurance agency Onyx Benefit Resources, LLC and is currently the Director of Planning and Initiative Management at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MI with experience in health care, management and compliance.

She has been an adjunct professor for Davenport University since 2013 in the Health Information Technology and Health Information Management program.

Patrece is active in her community and serves on several boards and organizations. Patrece has a husband and a daughter who is an alumna from Grand Valley State University.



Amber Feys, Member-at-Large

Amber Feys (née Lee) has lived in Metro Detroit for the last 20+ years and she is a proud granddaughter of Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr.

She obtained her Master's Degree in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Detroit Mercy and Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics & Business from Kalamazoo College. She was an active member of the undergraduate Black Student Organization (BSO). She also served as her class Vice President of the William Beaumont Society (WBS) during graduate school.

She is a full-time Certified Physician Assistant who spent the last five years working outpatient and just recently transferred to the Emergency Department with two healthcare systems. She and her husband have two young children. Free time is very limited, but family is the main priority.



UFSC National Organization Timeline

1974

- The National Association of Urban Bankers (NAUB) was established in New York City. Robert J. Samuels, inaugural president, along with Nathaniel Harris, Charles Stewart and other minority pioneers in banking, founded the national organization by bringing together five local unaffiliated minority banking chapters located in Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Little Rock and New York. However, **Dr. Aubrey W. Lee was instrumental in starting the Detroit Chapter in the 60's.**

1997

- The organization expanded its membership base into Canada, growing the reach into an international location and coverage to international finance issues.

2000

- In May 2000, the organization expanded once again to encompass the entire financial services industry and changed its name to Urban Financial Services Coalition (UFSC) to reflect its industry-wide focus.

UFSC Detroit Chapter Mission

The mission UFSC Detroit is "To be the preeminent financial services organization that provides professional development programs, **supports educational advancement** and promotes economic empowerment for its members and minority communities at large".

Scholarship Timeline

The Detroit Chapter refocused its mission on educational advancement, creating a scholarship committee that launched the **Dr. Aubrey W. Lee Sr. Scholarship** in 2021 to honor his legacy.

Four students received scholarships amounting to **\$8,000**.

We granted two scholarships amounting to **\$4,500**.

2022

2024

2020

2023

2025

The scholarship committee carried out the Dr. Aubrey W. Lee Sr. Scholarship, awarded five scholarships totaling over **\$8,000**, and received a generous donation from Dr. William Pickard.

We granted four scholarships amounting to **\$6,000**.

Scholarship Requirements

- ☐ **Must be going into your Junior or Senior year of college**
- ☐ **Must be majoring in Finance and/or Business-related discipline**
- ☐ **African American Student**
- ☐ **Michigan Residence**

Requirements - Award Amount \$2,000 - \$2,500 per Awardee

2026 UFSC
Dr. Aubrey W. Lee, Sr.
Scholarship Awardees



Awardee J'Mari Wiggins

- Western Michigan University
- Major: Supply Chain Management
- Minor: Business Administration
- Stellantis Student Buyer
- Stellantis Supply Chain Intern

Amount Awarded: \$2,500

Quote: "As an African American student buyer at Stellantis, I recognize that growth often comes from stepping into unfamiliar spaces, taking intentional risks, and staying grounded in who I am."



Awardee Bryant Parnell

- Claflin University
- Major: Marketing
- Minor: Political Science
- Dean's List Fall 2024 - 2025
- Midnight Golf Program Scholarship
- Academic Incentive Award
- RLE Go Fore It Foundation Scholarship
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity - Gamma Nu chapter, Keeper of Records
- Pre-Law Club

Amount Awarded: \$2,000

Quote: "Robert F. Smith's journey changes how I look at my professional future, by showing me that it is ok to step out of my comfort zone and conventional expectations. His example encourages me to take calculated risks and to trust my preparation."



Awardee Langston Nevils

- Michigan State University
- Major: Advertising Management/Marketing
- Minor: Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Dean's List
- Valet Bloomfield Hills Country Club

Amount Awarded: \$2,000

Quote: "One day, I hope to build businesses that create value for my community and open doors for other Black entrepreneurs, just as Tristan Walker did."



Congratulations to the
Scholarship Awardees!

Brandon Poplar

- A Michigan native, Brandon J. Poplar is an incoming Master of Public Administration candidate at the University of Pennsylvania and a recent Magna Cum Laude graduate of Law Studies and Finance at Delaware State University. This fall he will join Vanguard's Accelerated Corporate Development Program as a Senior Associate in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Currently, Brandon serves as a Legislative Intern for the U.S. House of Representatives proceeding a Spring 2026 internship with the Office of the Governor of Delaware, where he supported office operations and legislative research.
- Brandon has cultivated extensive expertise through roles at Coca-Cola, Bloomberg, and Rocket Mortgage, and he has conducted national research on electric vehicle infrastructure policy as an EV Hybrid Noire Fellow. He is a competitor at heart who has secured over \$90,000 in total pitch competition prizes. Notable victories include a first place win at the Barclays Delaware Executive Exchange Program for an artificial intelligence consumer banking strategy and a first place finish at the National Sales Network Student Conference. Brandon was a 2026 residential Harvard Business School Summer Venture into Management Fellow where he served as team lead. His technical toolkit is supported by certifications in Business Analytics from Harvard Business School, as well as credentials in finance and alternative investments from Bloomberg and the CAIA Association. A two-time winner of UFSC's Aubrey Lee scholarship, Brandon is deeply thankful for the support that UFSC and the Lee family has extended to advancement of his education.

**Special thanks to our UFSC
Supporters, Dr. Aubrey
Lee's Family and Friends!**