

Kelly Styles *STEM Scholarship*



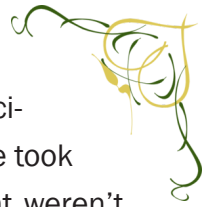
Kelly Styles is the former Senior VP, Chief Information Officer at Connecticut Children's Medical Center. His passion is to support young people going into a career pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S.T.E.M.) Kelly retired from Connecticut Children's in June 2020, and as a tribute to him, generous individuals of the Connecticut Children's Information Solutions department donated the funds to create the Kelly Styles S.T.E.M. Scholarship.



Saskia Linton

Saskia Linton, who graduated from the Global Communications Academy/Bulkeley High School, is the 2021 Kelly Styles STEM Scholarship recipient. The scholarship provides \$2,000 the first year and \$1,000 more if Saskia remains in good standing.

Saskia is “a role model and inspiration,” says a teacher, Kimberly Childress. “She is organized, disciplined and willing to go beyond what is required. She took classes for credit at Capital Community College that weren’t offered at our high school. Saskia participated in the University of Connecticut Health Careers Opportunities Program, served on student council and played varsity softball. She was selected to sit on the Citywide Student Senate, representing 19,000 students to the superintendent and her cabinet. Saskia is a practical, amicable, mature and driven young woman, from whom I expect great things.”



“Living in Jamaica, I was surrounded by nature,” says Saskia. “There were flowers, fruit trees, insects and animals everywhere. My current home is much different. Nature isn’t as highly regarded and cherished as things like money and fame. Deforestation, pollution and habitat destruction are threats. I started my environmental activism by adopting a vegetarian diet, cutting back on single-use plastics and pushing my family to be environmentally friendly. At school I encouraged my friends, and for my capstone project I started a small business to help low-income families afford sustainable products.”

Saskia plans to attend Northwestern University as a biology major, with a double minor in global health and conservation. Her goal is environmental activism work, educating people living in poverty. She believes “everyone should have a fair shot at living the healthiest lifestyle they can, and doing it sustainably.”