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## **The History of DCBF**

**Our Mission:** The Darin C. Banks Foundation is committed to creating “Game Changers” by promoting higher education, character development and volunteer service. We believe in today’s youth and tomorrow’s leaders.

**The Darin C. Banks Foundation**, a 501c3 organization, was formed in honor of Darin Catrell Banks, a wonderful husband, seasoned procurement professional, mentor and philanthropist. Darin passed away on January 4, 2009. During Darin's life, he worked tirelessly to achieve his educational and professional goals.

A graduate of Cass Technical High School in Detroit Michigan, Darin received academic scholarships to attend Michigan State University. Yet, he was well acquainted with the financial challenges paying for college can pose for students. In addition to support from his family, he also worked while attending class. Graduating from State with his Bachelor's degree, he also earned his Master of Business Administration, MBA, from Wayne State University.

After relocating to the east coast, Darin and his wife Michelle remained dedicated to contributing both their time and money to organizations aimed at improving literacy, providing job training programs, and awarding college scholarships. In addition, he mentored students, new college graduates, and employees by encouraging them to pursue their educational goals, and by providing them with advice to navigate their careers.

**The Darin C. Banks Foundation** seeks to afford college bound students with educational opportunities by awarding college scholarships. In addition, the **Foundation** coordinates mentoring programs designed to encourage students to explore potential career paths, build character, and promote volunteer service.

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## Foundation Highlights



- Partnerships: Harris Gems, Élan Furs of Chicago, Neiman Marcus, Margot European Day Spa, The Autograph Store, Hotel St. Regis, Westin Book Cadillac, Mentor.org, Volunteers of America, The Urban League, The Coleman Young Foundation, Morton's Steakhouse, Buddy's Pizza, Intel, Ford Motor Company, Seton Hall University, Exam Experts, high schools nationwide
- Since its inception in 2009, DCBF's website received over 14,000 hits! Acquired 970 Facebook Fans and 30 Twitter followers
- Successfully hosted (2) fundraising galas
- Mentored high school and college students
- Partnered with Volunteers of America and The Urban League to provide clothing, food and toys for needy families
- Held first scholarship competition, selecting (3) students from Detroit and New Jersey
- Kicked off 2nd annual scholarship competition

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## People Are Talking About DCBF



<http://volunteer.truist.com/volunteernewjersey/org/10351207960.html>

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2010/10/prweb4608914.htm>

<http://www.allvoices.com/news/6960601-attend-the-darin-c-banks-foundations-gala-scholarship-fundraiser-saturday-october-16-2010-at-the-westin-book-cadillac-in-detroit>

<http://twitter.com/dcbfoundation>

<http://lmada.info/?cat=3&paged=2>

<http://www.grassroots.org/memberslist?id=NJ>

<http://www.cayf.org/sponsors.php?year=2009>

<http://cadillac.localspur.com/tag/saturday/page/2/>

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