

About the Thea Bowman Scholars Program

- Designed to help African-American students achieve success as they mature as leaders during their journey at Walsh University.
- Students will participate in leadership workshops, career exploration seminars, and engage in cultural and spiritual activities outside of the classroom.
- Personal growth and leadership development sessions will be hosted by University administration and prominent community leaders.
- Students will have opportunities to explore various cultures, politics and history within the United States and abroad.

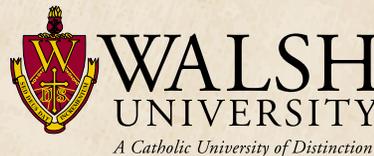
About Walsh University

Mission

Founded in 1960 by the Brothers of Christian Instruction, Walsh University is an independent, coeducational, Catholic, liberal arts and sciences institution. Walsh is dedicated to educating its students to become leaders in service to others through a values-based education with an international perspective in the Judeo-Christian tradition.

About Walsh University

- Nearly 3,000 students from 40 states and 40 countries
- 98% of full-time students receive financial aid
- All students experience an internship opportunity
- 100% of student body participate in service work
- Global learning opportunities available to all students
- Over 16,000 alumni world-wide



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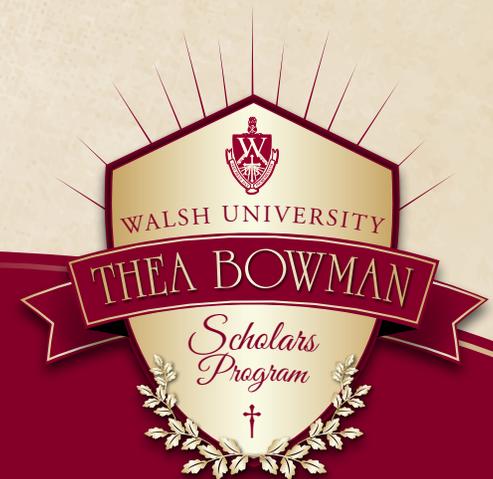
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“I think the difference between me and some people is that I’m content to do my little bit. Sometimes people think they have to do big things in order to make change. But if each one would light a candle, we’d have a tremendous light.”

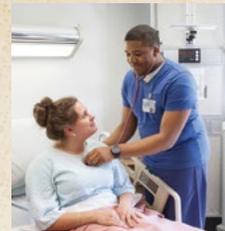
– Sr. Thea Bowman,
1989 Recipient of the Walsh University Founders’ Award





Program Incentives

- Students will be able to:
 - Participate in funded cultural excursion to enhance cultural fluency skills
 - Engage with prominent leaders/mentors in the African-American community both on and off campus
 - Develop necessary skills to become resilient leaders both in the U.S. and globally
 - Have opportunities to travel within the U.S. and/or abroad
- Financial assistance may be available to those students who demonstrate significant financial need.



Thea Bowman Scholars Program

The Thea Bowman Scholars Program is a learning community designed to help African-American students achieve success, mature as leaders, and reach graduation at Walsh University. The Thea Bowman Scholars Program aligns with the University's mission and overall commitment to create an environment that is inclusive and supportive to each student's cultural, spiritual, and personal development and academic success.

As a Thea Bowman Scholar, students will have the opportunity to:

- Connect and engage with peers and mentor students to learn how to successfully transition into and throughout the campus.
- Gain professional development skills to prepare for future career paths through mentorship and programming.
- Enhance and develop resiliency, communication, and leadership skills.
- Participate in campus support services and activities such as Multicultural Affairs, Counseling Services, Academic Support Services, Black Student Union, and more!
- Engage with on-campus and community professionals through participation in a variety of cultural, spiritual and leadership programs.

Application Requirements

- Prospective traditional, full-time degree seeking student
- High school cumulative GPA: 2.5 or higher
- Completion of the undergraduate admissions application to Walsh University
- One letter of recommendation
- Completion of an in-person interview
- A complete essay describing:
 - Why you want to participate in the Thea Bowman Scholars program
 - What it means to become a successful student leader

About Sr. Thea Bowman

- The late Sr. Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration from Canton, Mississippi, was nationally known for her work in advancing and diversifying the individuals within the Catholic Church.
- By invitation from Walsh's third President, Br. Francis Blouin, Sr. Thea visited Walsh and addressed a crowd of more than 1,300 individuals on September 18, 1989. During the ceremony, she was awarded the Founders' Award for illustrating the same ideals as Venerable John de La Mennais and Father Gabriel Deshayes, founders of the Brothers of Christian Instruction.
- Sr. Thea was 52 when she died of bone cancer on March 30, 1990. Her legacy as an educator, evangelist and proponent of Catholic education lives on today through initiatives such as the Thea Bowman Scholars Program at Walsh University.
- "We have become a global village; we have to learn to love and respect one another, to work, play, and stand together," said Sr. Thea during her remarks at Walsh. "Give your time, talent, resources, and understanding to make this a better place for all of us."