



## Top Young Professionals Join the Fight to Cure Cystic Fibrosis

Celebrate them at the 11th Annual Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Brewer's Ball  
June 13, 2024 at the Science Museum of Virginia Thalhimer Pavilion

### HISTORY

CF Foundation Finest Honorees show exemplary leadership, are active in their communities, and excel in their profession or business. These leaders are nominated by their peers and are committed to making a positive local impact and to supporting the CF Foundation's mission to treat and cure cystic fibrosis. Honorees commit to raising a minimum of \$3,500 in support of vital cystic fibrosis research, participate in monthly education networking events (including a CF Care Center tour and lecture at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU), and are then recognized at our annual Richmond Brewer's Ball event. In its 11th year, the Richmond's Finest campaign has raised \$1,175,776, thus far, to support the mission of the CF Foundation.



2023 Richmond's Finest at Brewer's Ball

## OUR WHY

Cystic fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes a thick buildup of mucus in the lungs, pancreas, and other organs and affects people of every racial and ethnic group. In the lungs, mucus clogs the airways and traps bacteria, leading to infections, extensive lung damage, and respiratory failure. People living with the disease face significant challenges, including frequent hospitalizations, complications, and treatment plans that can take multiple hours a day.

Recognized globally, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has led the way in the fight against cystic fibrosis, fueling extraordinary medical and scientific progress. Despite this progress, many people with CF do not benefit from existing therapies. Many children and adults with CF still face the sobering prospect of a shortened lifespan.



40,000  
people in the  
U.S. live with CF

### DRIVEN BY A DREAM

We are driven by a dream that one day every person with cystic fibrosis will have the chance to live a long healthy life. Our vision is a cure for every person with cystic fibrosis and a life free from the burden of this disease.

56 years old  
the median life  
expectancy

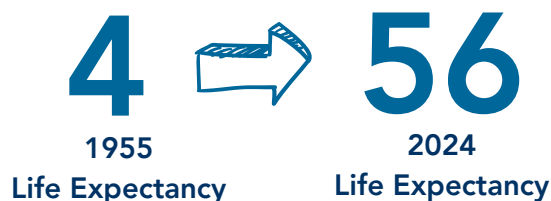
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CYSTIC FIBROSIS

LET'S MAKE CF STAND  
FOR CURE FOUND

## THE IMPACT

Working alongside the CF community, the CF Foundation drives extraordinary results. We have more than doubled the life expectancy of those living with CF over the past three decades by funding high quality, specialized care and therapeutic programs. We have provided more than 4,000 grants for CF research and care over the past six years. We established a globally recognized care model that includes 120+ accredited CF care centers across the country - two in Richmond! We supported pioneering research that led to the discovery of the gene that causes CF in 1984. Today, we have engaged with more than 50 biotech companies in the U.S. and Europe to advance gene-based therapies. We launched the Therapeutics Development Network which is THE model for research networks globally. We pioneered the use of venture philanthropy - a model that is admired and emulated by nonprofits everywhere for its astonishing capacity to drive results. We fostered the development of more than a dozen CF treatments and added DECADES of life for those with CF. We champion policies to protect the CF community and advocate for high-quality specialized care for people with CF and their families. We will not leave anyone behind!



# LET'S MEET THIS YEAR'S HONOREES



## Allison Addison

ERNST & YOUNG

- Michigan State and UVA alum
- Maymont Foundation Board of Directors member
- Loves all things Interior Design

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## Katie Armistead

JPG RESOURCES

- JMU alum
- Has a niece with CF and is excited to raise awareness
- Contributor to WNRN, Capital Area Rescue efforts, and multiple food pantries

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## Catherine Baber

ALTRIA

- JMU and Georgetown alum
- Richmond native
- Vice President of Junior League of Richmond

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## Dr. Drew Barber

VCU HEALTH SYSTEM

- Pediatric Pulmonology Physician at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU
- Loves soccer, swimming, surfing, art, and watching college basketball

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## Brenna Biggs

ASTYRA CORPORATION

- Graduate of Leadership Metro Richmond
- Volunteers with Richmond Animal League
- Avid reader and hiker

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## Maggie Burke

ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE

- Has an older brother with CF and has been actively engaged with CFF for decades
- Volunteers with Safe Harbor RVA
- Completed the 2023 NYC Marathon in honor of her brother

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## Holly Ceresano

HUNTON ANDREWS KIRTH

- University of Richmond and Georgetown alum
- Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project Screening Committee Member
- Volunteers with FeedMore

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## Ben Coleman

SHADE & WISE

- Richmond native
- Serves on the young professional board for the Better Housing Coalition.
- Advocates for affordable and income based housing throughout the city and the greater Richmond area.

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## Madison Collier

EAGLE CONSTRUCTION

- Deep connection to CF through mother and late uncle
- Recently raised over \$33,000 for Pediatric Cancer research and support.
- Loves attending live music events and is an avid traveler

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## Jarrett Douma

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- University of Dallas alum
- Grew up in Montana
- Enjoys hunting, golfing, and working out

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## Zach Eisenman

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- University of South Carolina alum, MBA at University of Richmond
- Enjoys golf, travel, and live music
- Loves the food scene and outdoor activities Richmond offers

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## Cutch Ellis

SUNBELT RENTALS

- Grew up in Richmond
- Played basketball at CNU and made it to the Final Four
- Enjoys going to the lake, working out, and Commanders Football

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## Nicole Gram

SMITH STRONG, PLC

- Virginia Tech and University of Richmond alum
- Has been to the Women's World Cup
- Enjoys traveling, playing sports, cooking, and attending concerts

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## Matt Graves

TRUIST

- Loves the thriving food, music, and art culture in Richmond
- Has a twin brother
- Enjoys photography, reading, sailing, cooking, hiking, and traveling

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## Brittany Gross

INSIGHT GLOBAL

- CF Connection: Childhood friend
- Has two pups named Hudson and Jerry
- Loves exploring all the new restaurants in Richmond

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## Ryan Hodges

SPECIFIED TILE AND FLOOR COVERING

- Virginia Tech alum
- Grew up mating on a charter boat and now captains his own
- Loves Richmond's restaurant scene and world class mountain biking trails

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## Taylor Jones

W.M. JORDAN

- James Madison University alum
- Completed multiple build days for Habitat for Humanity
- Enjoys the outdoors (especially the James River), food scene, and rich history in Richmond

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## Samuel Lee

WILLIAMS MULLEN

- University of Kansas and William & Mary alum
- Enjoys travelling, whiskey tasting, cinema, hiking, and photography
- Loves the beer, food, music scene and culture in Richmond

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## Harley McClellan

CHRISTIAN & BARTON, PLC

- University of Texas at Austin alum
- Pro Bono Chair of the YLD Division of the Virginia Bar Association & Young Lawyer's Chair of the Federal Bar Association, Richmond Chapter
- Enjoys golf, cooking, and college football

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## Joel McClellan

MARKS & HARRISON

- Virginia Tech alum
- Enjoys attending live sporting events, golfing, and spending time with his family
- Involved with the Richmond Bar Association

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## Kendall McQuillen

TRUIST

- UVA and University of Richmond alum
- An active volunteer and committee member with Connor's Heroes
- Enjoys exploring Richmond's restaurant scene and park system

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## Katie Moody

PLAN RVA

- VCU & College of William & Mary alum
- Vice President for the Young Women's Leadership Alliance Board of the YWCA Richmond
- Loves the James River park system

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## Christy Moore

CARMAX

- Longwood alum
- Enjoys country music concerts, Orange Theory, and spending time with friends and family
- Frequent visitor of Lake Anna

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## Kinsey Pridgen

HALEY AUTOMOTIVE GROUP

- Serves on the Board of Ambassadors ACS Cattle Barons Ball and American Cancer Society's Junior Board
- Enjoys running, pottery, climbing, and spending time with her dogs
- Loves the community feel of Richmond

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## Jessica Turner

CLARK CONSTRUCTION

- VCU alum
- Serves on two committees with CREW Richmond
- Loves trying new restaurants and exploring the city

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## Alyson Verlander

VERLANDER PROPERTY GROUP

- VCU and UVA alum
- Enjoys reading, skiing, hiking, and taking her dog on adventures
- Loves trying new restaurants and exploring Richmond

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## Bailey White

S.B. COX

- JMU alum
- CF Inspiration: Niece has CF
- Enjoys gardening, crafting, baking, reading, and playing tennis

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## Wayne Whiting

HOMETOWN REALTY

- VMI alum
- Enjoys golfing, playing basketball, running marathons, and BBQ
- Loves participating in Richmond events like the Monument 10k, Richmond Marathon, & Folk Festival

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## Zachary Zorn

CAPITAL ONE | ZZ PRODUCTIONS

- Owner of ZZ Productions
- Enjoys videography, disc golf, traveling, fitness, and everything Star Wars
- Loves Richmond's diversity

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## LET'S PARTY!

The Brewer's Ball is held each year as the culmination celebration of the CF Foundation's Finest campaign - it is quite the party! The event brings together the best of Richmond's food and craft beverage scene, with over 30 stations featuring many of your favorite local restaurants, breweries, distilleries, cideries, and vineyards. There is something for everyone! Music will be played all night long by **The Bart Chucker Band**. A fantastic live and silent auction rounds out the night of fun!

Tickets are on sale now, and they can be bought on the event website. Included in the purchase of your ticket is all you can eat and drink, access to premier live and silent auctions, a live band, and the opportunity to participate in Bid for a Cure. VIP ticket holders will receive access to the VIP lounge, where specialty cocktails and additional food pairings will be served.

## EVENT DETAILS

JUNE 13, 2024 @ 7 PM

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THALHIMER PAVILION

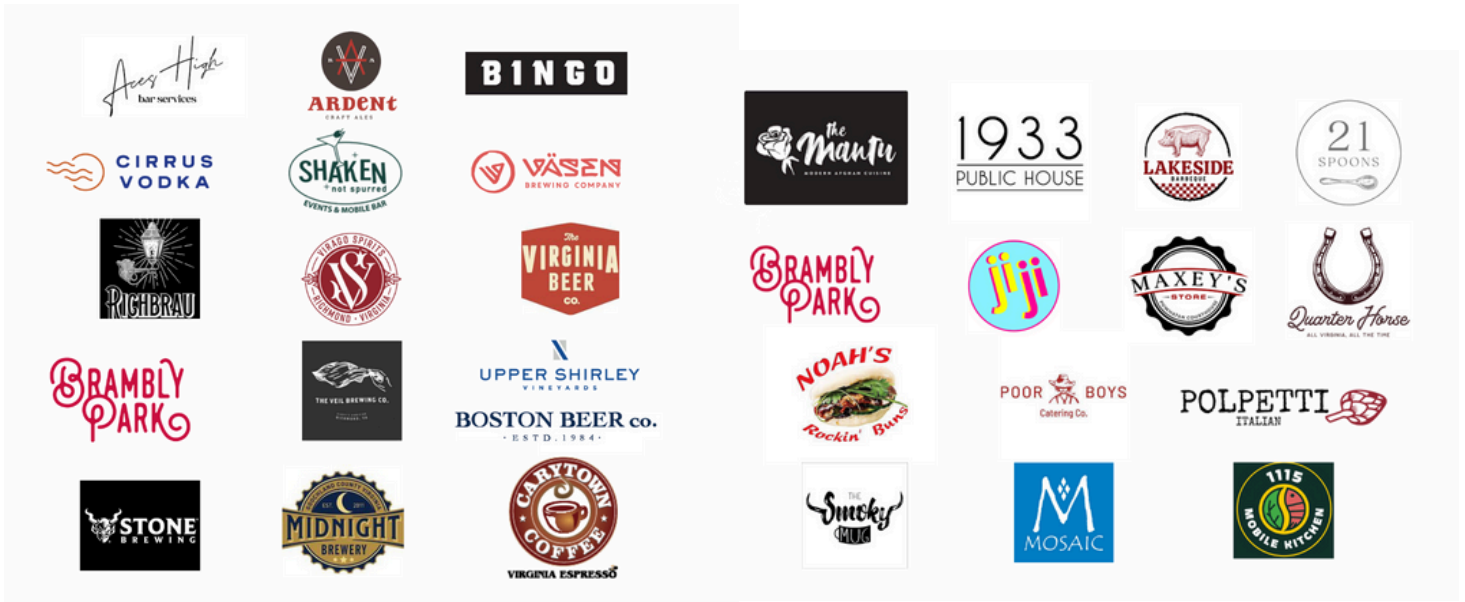
TICKETS: \$85 & VIP \$165

COLORFUL COCKTAIL

[HTTPS://FINEST.CFF.ORG/RICHMOND](https://finest.cff.org/richmond)



Regardless of whether you have a regular admission or a VIP ticket, you will dine and drink like a Richmond VIP. We are pleased to announce the talented lineup of local chefs, brewers, and distillers at this year's event - they have given their time and talents to help make the Brewer's Ball a huge success.



Of course Richmond's Finest & Brewer's Ball could not be possible without the generous support of our local, corporate sponsors. These companies play a critical role in advancing the mission of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The young professionals who were selected as this year's class of Richmond's Finest work at these companies. During their time as Finest, they embarked on a six-month journey with the full support of their company to: learn about CF, meet those who are fighting CF, and to help raise funds and awareness to help make CF stand for Cure Found!





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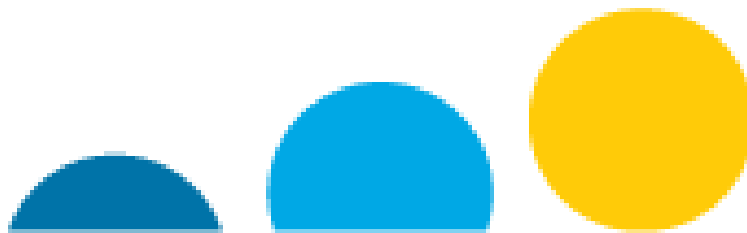
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