

MJAF in 2019



The Melquain Jatelle Anderson Foundation held a full roster of activities in 2019, throughout which we continued to further the work and memory of our beloved friend, brother, father and son, Melquain. As we commemorate him with our annual gala, we look back on a year of events that build his legacy by supporting a fund to provide for students in need.

Street Renaming

This September, the part of York Street where Melquain was shot was named for him. “Melquain Jatelle Anderson Drive” will forever commemorate the life and work of this remarkable man. We are grateful to borough and city officials for allowing us to commemorate Melquain in this way.



Melquain and other victims of gun violence. Names were tied to a wreath that was released into the river.

Events

In 2019, we held several events:

- In May, we delivered relaxation gift baskets "Still A Mother" to other mothers of victims of gun violence.
- In June, we held Engage with Fathers, an appreciation day for fathers in the community.
- In July, we held our annual fundraiser for our scholarships. This event allows us to provide for students in the community.
- In August, we held “The Ties That Bind Us,” a riverside memorial event for

Support from Local Government

We are deeply grateful for continued support from borough and city agencies and officials. The Department of Small Business Services Minority Women-owned Business Enterprises (MWBE) has attended our events to provide information on their programs benefiting women and minorities. The Department of Corrections has also come to provide information on stable civilian jobs for our attendees. City and borough officials have supported our work by providing access to space, political support for the renaming, and social support for our events and work.



Scholarships

This year, we will distribute \$4,500 in scholarship and emergency fund money to students in need at John Jay College and \$2,500 (\$500 each) to five (5) students attending a variety of other colleges. Additionally, we are honored to now provide scholarships and emergency funds to students at Tompkins County Community College (TC3), where Melquain was a proud student and earned his Associate's degree. We hope to continue providing for students in need for many years to come, in order to honor and build Melquain's legacy.