

Ebony Youth Foundation Scholarship Recipients 2016-2021

2016 Scholarship Recipient



My name is Payton Simmons and I am an honored recipient of the Ebony Boat Club scholarship. I utilized this scholarship to support my academics in earning a Bachelor of Science Business Administration, Finance Degree from San Diego State University. While relieving some of the financial burden during school, this scholarship allowed me to focus more time and energy on my studies. As a result, I was able to achieve a 3.71 GPA and graduate with Magna Cum Laude honors. Currently, I am employed for Goodwill Industries of Sacramento Valley & Northern Nevada as an Accounts Payable and Receivable Specialist. My future plans are to continue to gain experience in the financial work field and extend my education earning my Masters in Finance. Not only would I like to thank all of the members in the Ebony Boat Club who played a role in my academic success, but I would like to give a special thank you to my grandfather, Kendall “Pappy” Simmons. Without him our family wouldn’t be where we are at today. Nobody in this world is perfect, but I’d be perfectly fine to become the man he was.

2017 Scholarship Recipients



Mr. Malik Campbell was a 2017 graduate of Bishop Alemany High School and will be attending California State University Northridge majoring in Marine Biology and Psychology. He is a leader, and an excellent communicator with a plan to obtain his Masters and PhD in both his majors.



Ms. Alisica Tinsley was a 2016 graduate from Hercules High School and currently is attending Diablo Valley College. Ms. Tinsley was one of 2 applicants that achieved a perfect score from the Committee. She has strong communication skills, is an excellent leader, volunteers in community has a strong work ethic and will her need these skills to be a Neonatal Nurse.

2017 Scholarship Recipients



Mr. Canaan Baca was a 2016 graduate from Connecting Waters Charter School and in his senior year he was simultaneously attending San Joaquin Delta College. He will be transferring to Northwest University in Washington this fall majoring in Communications and Theology. Mr. Baca is our other applicant with a perfect score from the Committee. He is an accomplished musician, leader with strong work ethics, enjoys volunteering in the community and has excellent communication skills.



Ms. Deja Osborne was a 2017 graduate from Mission Viejo High School and will be attending San Jose State University majoring in Kinesiology. Ms. Osborne received many awards during her high school years including one from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Orange County Certificate for Outstanding Presentation Skills where she has been a member for 4 years. She is another example of a well-rounded student.

2018 Scholarship Recipients



Ms. Haleigh Haagensen a graduate and Valedictorian from River City High in West Sacramento, CA was sponsored by Robert Willis. Ms. Haagensen has received many awards such as the UCSB Promise Scholar Award for 2018, Scholastic Achievement Award, and first place at the UC Davis Robotics Competition. During her summers she attended UC Santa Cruz studying Marine Biology & Oceanography and Harvard University studying Law & Forensic Psychology. She will be attending UC Santa Barbara majoring in Biology with plans to attend medical school to pursue a career as a trauma surgeon.



Ms. Zoe Washington a graduate from Rampao High in Franklin Lakes, NJ was sponsored by Bill and Roxanne Washington. Ms. Washington has received many awards such as being inducted into the National Honor Society, World Language National Honor Society, a National Champion for Competitive Cheerleading, 2 awards from Jack & Jill, Incorporated of America Eastern Region Distinguished Scholastic Merit & Community Service Awards along with 3 DECA awards. She will be attending American University in Washington, DC majoring in Business Administration with a minor in French plans to attend Law School to pursue a career in Corporate Law.

2019 Scholarship Recipients



Ms. Deja Osborne

MAJORING IN KINESIOLOGY

- Deja is starting her 3rd year at San Jose State University with a cumulative GPA of 3.256
- 2018 Dean's Scholar List (Semester GPA 3.925) while being employed as a physical therapy aide at a Physical Therapy & Orthopedic Office.
- Career Goal: To become an Athletic Trainer for collegiate or professional sports team and then obtain her MBA to open a studio to assist people to stay fit and healthy.



Ms. Eden Baca

MAJORING IN ACCOUNTING & POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Eden is starting her 2nd year at Northwest University with a cumulative GPA of 3.95.
- Honors Student. Received 22 units of college credit advance placement. Employed as a nanny and accountant intern at the Northwest University Office.
- Career Goal: Obtain MBA, take the CPA test, open a firm and assist the less fortunate.



Ms. LeeAndra Matthews

MAJORING IN NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT

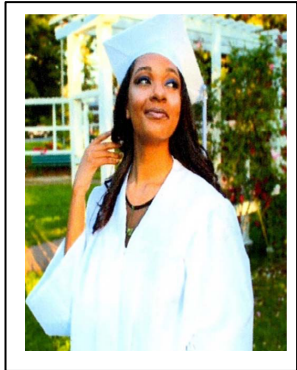
- LeeAndra transferred to Arizona State University and has completed one semester, her cumulative GPA is 3.87
- Recipient of the SAWUBONA Award (special award created-Los Medanos College), UMOJA graduate award.
- Dean's List, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance Student Association Member, Black Student Union Treasurer, Philanthropist & Social Justice Advocate
- Career Goal: Obtain PhD and pursue career in nonprofit sector working with low income and urban communities, especially individuals in process of re-entry.

2020 Scholarship Recipients



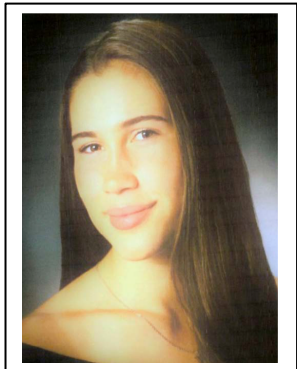
Ms. Kayleigh Simmons will be attending Cosumnes River College obtaining her degree in nursing. She will transfer and pursue her career in pediatric oncology.

She sent the following email to the Ebony Boat Club: "Thank you and thank you to the whole Ebony Boat Club for this and use it to further my education to become a nurse."



Ms. Anesia Franklin will be attending University of San Francisco obtaining her degree in marketing and pursue her career in fashion merchandising/marketing.

She sent the following email to the Ebony Boat Club: "I am very appreciative of this award. It has been and continues to be a trying year. This is definitely a positive moment that I will take away from 2020. I look forward to some day meeting he Ebony Boat Club members in person in person an de able to thank each of you."



Ms. Mika Millan will be attending University of California at Los Angeles obtaining her degree in biology and pursue her career as a physician specializing in Pediatric Oncology.

She sent the following email to the Ebony Boat Club: "I am honored that you have chosen me to receive the Ebony Boat Club Scholarship. I am very grateful for your incredible generosity and continued support of my academic future at UCLA. I received the very good news that I was awarded housing at UCLA despite COVID restrictions, so I will be using this scholarship to help pay my housing and tuition costs. Again, I appreciate your support and will keep you informed of my progress during my first year as a UCLA Bruin. Thank you so much for this scholarship."

2021 Scholarship Recipients



Ms. Mika Millan This is Mika's second year as a scholarship recipient. She is currently attending UCLA. She is a sophomore at UCLA majoring in physiological science with a 3.8 GPA. She was on the Deans list multiple quarters and plans to attend the Kaiser PERMANENTE Bernard J. Tyson School of Medicine and specialize in Pediatric Oncology once she graduates. Her EBC sponsor is Reverend Thelma Johnson.



Mr. Milo is a sophomore at Harvard University majoring in Mechanical Engineering and he has a 3.716 GPA. He was Valedictorian at Wakefield High School and is a recipient of an Air Force ROTC Scholarship. After graduating from Harvard, he will fulfill his obligation to the Air Force and plans to become a fighter pilot. His EBC sponsors are Richard and Lenora Clark.



Congratulations!