

Amber Flores – Inglewood High School (Inglewood, Ca) "I would like to express my profound gratitude to Mr. Ken Sagoes and the Giving Back Corporation for being selected as a recipient of the 2024 Giving Back Corporation scholarship. This scholarship is valuable to me as it greatly assists in funding my college education. Your program is not only providing financial support but also instilling the belief that there are individuals who genuinely care about students academic achievement. I am grateful to have been selected for this honor. Your program is blessing many students by granting awards to support our career pursuits. I'd like to

support others, just as you've supported me. This scholarship has provided financial assistance and the understanding that contributing back to the community creates an impact. Once again, thank you for your generous support and for paving the way for students like myself to achieve our goals."

Evan Veasey – Fayette County High School (Fayetteville, Ga) "I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being awarded the Giving Back- Book & Supplies Scholarship. Your support will allow me to pursue my academic and professional goals. Your commitment to philanthropy is truly astounding. By investing in the education of students like myself you are helping to shape individual lives as well as the future around my generation and generations to come. Your dedication in making a positive impact to those trying to further their education is a symbol of hope in the community. This scholarship has provided me with the opportunity to focus on my studies for my classes and explore things that I may be



interested in. I am eternally grateful for your generosity and the unwavering support you provide to students like myself. Your scholarship will be a reminder of the importance of education and the impact of philanthropy. Thank you for blessing me with this opportunity."



Kimora Twyman – Inglewood High School (Inglewood, Ca) "I am filled with an abundance of gratitude to have been a selected recipient of this wonderful scholarship. It is an honor to have been given this opportunity and to have been chosen out of so many outstanding participants. My dream has always been to go to college and this scholarship is a key factor in making that happen. I am so thankful for Mr. Sagoes and the Giving Back Corporation for giving me and so many other students opportunities like these. I aspire to be innovators just like you one day and "give back" to the community just as you all have to me. It makes me happy to know that there are people who care about us on this journey. Blessings

like this don't always come around. Because of the faith you guys have instilled in me, I hope to do the same for others during my journey to success."

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"Take a stand for what's right. Raise a ruckus and make a change. You may not always be popular, but you'll be part of something larger and bigger and greater than yourself. Besides, making history is extremely cool." —Samuel Jackson, actor and producer

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Israel Prado – Carson High School (Carson, Ca) "I would like to express my gratitude to the Giving Back Corporation and the amazing opportunity I have been given by receiving a GBC Scholarship. I am completely overwhelmed that I was lucky enough to be chosen out of the many students that applied. It is such an honor to represent my community and know that there are people who truly want nothing more than success for me. I am so greatly appreciative that I was given the chance to become an inspiration to others. Not only will this scholarship help me financially, but it has also inspired me to encourage others not to give up on their dreams. Giving Back Corporation is also an inspiration to many students who

need support. Thank you for acknowledging my hard work and dedication as a student. I will not let you down."

Shailoh Lefeiloai – Carson High School (Carson, Ca) "I truly feel blessed that I was awarded this scholarship from the Giving Back Corporation. It truly is a gift to receive this scholarship as it will help my college career in a meaningful way. I've always thought I would never receive a scholarship because I didn't feel like my applications were good enough, but the Giving Back Corporation has really proven me wrong. For years, I wondered if college could be a reality for me due to its costs, but with this scholarship, I can understand that going to college and working towards a degree in something I am passionate about, is my future. The Giving Back Corporation and Mr. Sagoes has allowed me to fully



understand my community and myself more. I want to thank the Giving Back Corporation for making my wishes come true and allowing me to give back. ."



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"Never underestimate the power of dreams and the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same in this notion:

The potential for greatness lives within each of us." — Wilma Rudolph, Olympic track and field athlete

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." — James Baldwin, writer

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Brooklynn Collins – Carson High School (Carson, Ca) "I'd like to take this time to thank the Giving Back Corporation for their generosity and contribution to my education. It is an honor to have been selected to win this scholarship. Because of the Giving Back Corporation scholarship, I now have the opportunity to make my dreams my reality, and graduate from college debt free. I would like to thank Mr. Sagoes and the rest of the Giving Back Team for their endless efforts and generosity who are changing the lives of so many students and their families. With this scholarship I will now be able to fuel my life long passion of living a life of service, giving back to those in need. All of this is only possible

because of the generosity and kindness from the Giving Back Corporation."

Z'Niaya K. Flemming – Hawthorn High School (Hawthorn, Ca) "I truly feel blessed that I was awarded this scholarship from the Giving Back Corporation. It truly is a gift to receive this scholarship as it will help my college career in a meaningful way. I've always thought I would never receive a scholarship because I didn't feel like my applications were good enough, but the Giving Back Corporation has really proven me wrong. For years, I wondered if college could be a reality for me due to its costs, but with this scholarship, I can understand that going to college and working towards a degree in something I am passionate about, is my future. The Giving Back Corporation and Mr. Sagoes



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Marcie Kipoto – Dorsey High School (Los Angeles, Ca) "I am very grateful for the financial contributions you have made in support of my education. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to my education. The Giving Back Scholarship will go a long way in helping me to go to the next step in my education. And I will not forget about this time of my life. Your generous and unwavering support has been a light in my life, giving me the strength and courage to keep going even when things get tough. I am so grateful for everything that you do for me, and others like me. So often, after high school, the support for a higher education is overlooked for youth like me. I want you to know how much your support means to me by doing the very best

when I start college. Your kindness and understanding have helped me to stay strong, and I appreciate your help more than words can say. And I also thank you for the people who come up with the idea to help students live and God bless all the people and their pockets."

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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better,"

"Let nothing dim the light that shines from within."

Dr. Mayo Angelou, American poet, outbox, and sivil rights activist.

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Azizah Williams – Dorsey High School (Los Angeles, Ca) "I am truly honored and grateful to have been chosen as a recipient of your generous scholarship. Your support not only eases the financial burden of my education but also motivates me to strive for excellence in my academic pursuits. This opportunity you have provided will have a lasting impact on my future, enabling me to focus on my studies and reach my full potential. Your commitment to giving back to the community through education is inspiring, and I promise to make the most of this opportunity by working hard and making a positive difference in the world. Thank you for believing in me and investing in my future. I am deeply thankful for your

generosity and proud to be associated with an organization that values education and empowerment. "

Aireana August Turner – Carson High School (Carson, Ca) "I am so thankful that I was chosen to receive this scholarship by the Giving Back Corporation. Out of every applicant who submitted their part, I was honorably considered. I am grateful that I was able to express myself through my essay and I truly believe that my confidence and dedication towards my community helped me receive such privilege. I've always known that going to college, getting my degree, and exploring a career that I am interested in would be an important prospect in my life, and earning scholarships such as this one provides every bit of support for me along the way. I will continue to give back to my



community, in doing so, will lead to a better, brighter future for all. There are no limits to the impact that we as a group can have on others; this scholarship being one of them. Again, thank you to the Giving Back Corporation, and its founder, Mr. Ken Sagoes for providing a stepping stone to reaching my goals and finding the greatness in your hearts in supporting students like me."



Delayah Woods – Dorsey High School (Los Angeles, Ca) "I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for awarding me the GBC-Giving Back Corporation scholarship. This scholarship has greatly relieved a part of the financial burden on me and my parents, as it has enabled me to pursue my education without having to worry about having to pay for books and supplies for my freshman year. I am sincerely honored to have been chosen as a recipient of this scholarship. I am reminded of the sacrifices my father made while I was growing up. He worked tirelessly, often working two jobs simultaneously, to fulfill his duty as the only parent. Despite his best efforts, the financial strain was overwhelming, and

funding for my future higher education became harder to achieve. Therefore, being awarded this scholarship means more to me than words can express, and I am extremely grateful for this opportunity. I plan to use the scholarship money to pay for books. It will greatly help ease the financial burden of pursuing my education. Once again, thank you, Mr. Sagoes and the Giving Back Corporation for this incredible opportunity."

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"Ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year. Ours is not the struggle of one judicial appointment or presidential term.

Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part."

— John Lewis, Civil Rights Leader and Congressman

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