



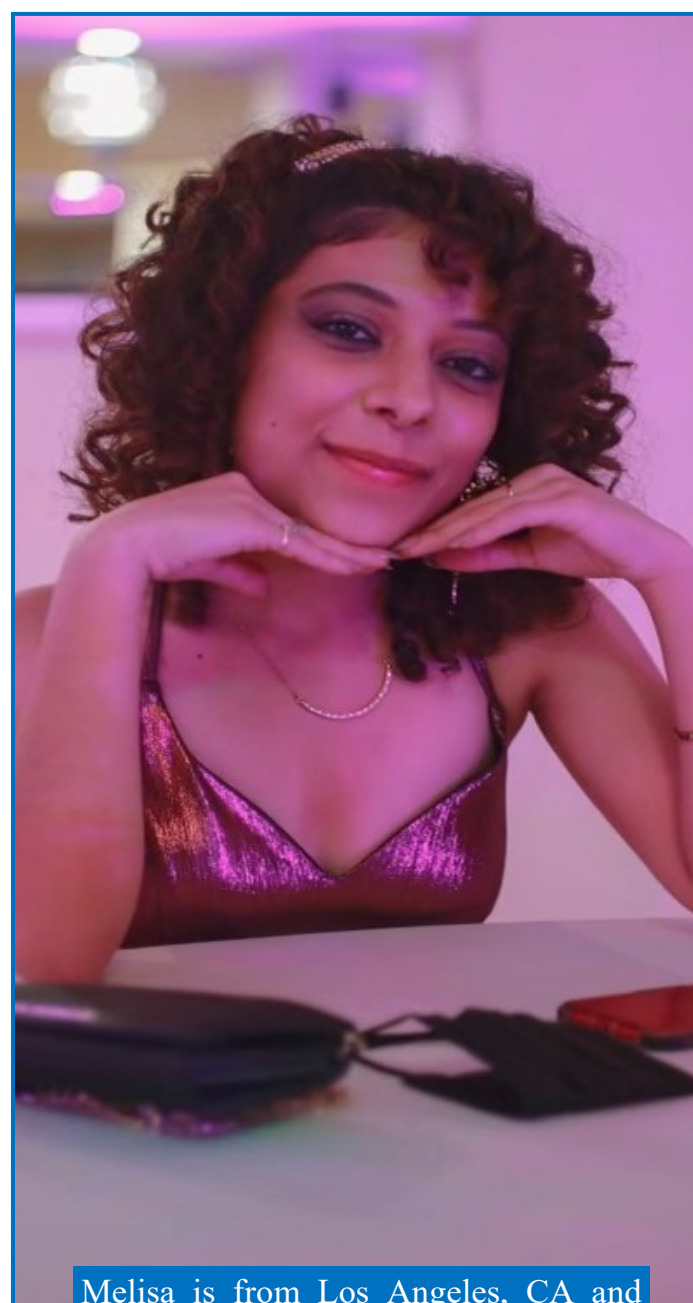
# Making A Difference Foundation Congratulations to our 2021 Scholarship Recipients

*Audrey Kim*



Audrey is from Seattle, WA and attending University of California Los Angeles with a major in Biochemistry and plans on attending medical school in the future. As an Asian-American, Audrey has faced racism and stereotyping causing her to raise Asian cultural awareness and create safe spaces for others to talk about race. Audrey is the founder of Seattle Empowering Athletes, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping athletes with finances and gear. A youth athlete herself, she witnessed other athletes experience financial struggles. She also noticed that funding often went to more populated sports that were male dominated. As an Asian female competing in rhythmic gymnastics, it was hard for her to see the imbalance and was determined to do her part to repair the inequalities and help underrepresented youth facing these challenges. She hosted athletic gear drives where the gear raised would help diverse range of athletes in need and ultimately allow them to continue to pursue their passions.

*Melisa Lovos Palacios*



Melisa is from Los Angeles, CA and attending University of California Merced as a first-generation student majoring in Psychology. She immigrated to the United States from El Salvador with her parents when she was three. Overcoming challenges with tongue-tie and learning English as a second language, Melisa went on to earn As and Bs in English classes and attend honors and AP courses. She also became a reporter and editor for her school newspaper while taking AP English Literature, AP Psychology, and extra courses with the Los Angeles City College. Melisa, as a future psychologist, hopes to assess, diagnose and treat mental, emotional, and behavior disorders, helping people in the short and long term, knowing firsthand this support can impact people's futures. For years she has been involved in her local Catholic church as an altar server.

*Rossalyn Ou*



Rossalyn is from Vancouver, WA and attending Lake Washington Institute of Technology as a sophomore in the fall of 2021. She is currently working towards her Associates degree with a major in human resources with a goal of gaining her Bachelors in the future. As a first-generation college student and Asian-American from two Cambodia refugee parents who escaped the Khmer Rouge, Rossalyn want to help with diversity issues as a Diversity and Inclusion manager once getting her degree. Her desire is to be a mentor to others to help them strive and reach their goals. She is involved with KCSKC (Khmer Community of Seattle King County), has volunteered as a dancer for the Khmeramarak Performance Arts, a Youth and Arts program hosted by the KCSKC, and also helped during their COVID-19 Vaccine clinic.

*Hallel Hall*



Hallel is from San Pedro, CA and attending Loyola Marymount University as a first-time freshman majoring in Computer Science. Starting young in the fifth grade, Hallel started taking coding classes which drove him to a passion in furthering his knowledge in high school about computer sciences. He enrolled in Code.org classes and learned skills in how to code in HTML and Java. His plan is to follow his major with an emphasis on Cyber Security so he can protect people and organizations on the internet, something he loves and enjoys. He volunteers at The Book Tuck, a volunteer nonprofit organization that provides literature to children who are in foster homes or live in low-income households who don't have the funds or resources for books. He has also volunteered in the past at his church and Carriage Crest Park.

*Jazmin Pearson*



Jazmin is from Tacoma, WA and attending Harvard University to earn her undergraduate degree in biochemistry. Once earned, she plans on working towards her masters degree and doctorate with the goal of working in a prominent lab to utilize synthetic biology to benefit the environment and society. Jazmin has worked hard throughout her educational career taking many advanced-placement classes at the Tacoma Science and Math Institute where she maintained a 4.0 GPA. She is a recipient of the E. Wesley Youth Merit Incentive Award, been a dancer with the Washington Contemporary Ballet, and a community activist. She is the President and founder of her high school's Feminist Club, a member of the Key Club, and she is a part of Students Demand Action WA Leadership Team, a gun violence prevention activist group.

Scholarships were also re-awarded to all ten 2020 winners for the 2021 academic year:

- \* Alexander Collins from Long Beach, CA – attending Grand Canyon University
- \* Azon DiQuan-McRae from Kent, WA – attending Seattle University
- \* Davyn Patu from Renton, WA – attending Lewis & Clark University
- \* Kyla Marks from Federal Way, WA – attending Washington State University (WSU)
- \* Quoc Ly from Seattle, WA – attending Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, WA
- \* Ronald Davis from Tacoma, WA – attending Westcliff University in Irvine, CA
- \* Sheyenne Martin from Lakewood, WA – attending Saint Martin's University in Lacey, WA
- \* Supreet Ghumman from Kent, WA – attending Pacific University of Health Sciences
- \* Tiera Ross from Los Angeles, CA – attending Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, AL.
- \* Toan Huynh from White Center, WA – attending University of Southern California

The Making A Difference Foundation and its President and Founder, Ahndrea Blue, believes that education is the greatest equalizer and force for change. "Since the start of MADF back in 2003, we have been committed to assisting people within our community gain the resources they need to make positive changes in their lives. Through this scholarship program, we continue to help dedicated college students not only achieve their dreams but to also making a difference, so they can change the world for the better. This financial help to these students, especially during the chaotic times we are facing, will help them achieve the educational success they are striving for."

"These students are our future; we are excited to see how they will make a difference in the world."

Ahndrea L. Blue – MADF Founder and President/CEO

For more information about the scholarship program, visit [www.themadf.org](http://www.themadf.org).