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**THE MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOUNDATION**

**ANNOUNCES 15 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021**

 The Making A Difference Foundation (MADF) of Tacoma, Washington announces its 2021 scholarship awards to a total of fifteen students attending college throughout the nation. Not only did ten winners from 2020 get their scholarships renewed, but five new winners received scholarships for this year.

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,” Ms. Blue said. “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.”

The MADF makes a difference in education by providing scholarships annually to individuals who are furthering their education. They also partner with schools, non-profits, churches, and other programs by making financial contributions to their educational programs. Scholarships are selected by the MADF Scholarship Selection Committee and awards are made in the amount of $1,500 to individual students to apply toward college education expenses including cost of tuition, books, supplies, room and/or board.

The five new 2021 scholarship awardees are:

* Audrey Kim from Seattle, WA – attending University of California Los Angeles
* Hallel Hall from Pan Pedro, CA – attending Loyola Marymount University
* Melisa Lovos Palacios from Los Angeles, CA – attending University of California Merced
* Rossalyn Ou from Vancouver, WA – attending Lake Washington Institute of Technology
* Jazmin Pearson from Tacoma, WA – attending Harvard University

The renewed scholarships went to:

* 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

For more information, short biographies of each individual scholarship awardee can be found on Making A Difference Foundation’s website at <http://www.themadf.org>. Interested applicants can also find out more information about the scholarship program, including application requirements and deadlines, on the foundation’s website. Eligibility requirements include being a U.S. citizen, demonstrate a financial need, and be enrolled in an accredited college, school, or university. Past scholarship awardees can apply annually up to a maximum of 4 years. Photos of scholarship winners are available upon request.

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