



2023 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS BENEFIT



Good evening,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Presidential Scholars Benefit. On behalf of California State University, Dominguez Hills, I thank everyone for joining us tonight as we recognize a remarkable group of young people whose academic and co-curricular achievements are noteworthy.

The Presidential Scholars Program is the premier scholarship initiative at CSUDH. The 25 consummate learners being honored today are among the most accomplished students at Dominguez Hills. Each in their own way has demonstrated a high level of academic excellence, community and campus engagement, and strong leadership skills.

It is my hope that, this evening, you converse with our honorees and hear the impact of this scholarship first-hand, as we celebrate the many achievements of this current cohort.

Thank you again for being here tonight and for your commitment to the success of this program and its students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas Parham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas A. Parham, Ph.D.
President

RECEPTION PROGRAM

Welcome

Dr. Thomas A. Parham, President

Greetings and Acknowledgment of 2022–23 Presidential Scholars

Dr. Thomas A. Parham, President

Presidential Scholar Emcees

Roycelin Love & Marianna Miranda

Student Scholar Speaker

Kenneth Perez

Alumni Speaker

Monica Cody

Presentation of Medallions to Seniors

Dr. Thomas A. Parham, President

Dr. Gayle Ball-Parker

Director, Presidential Scholars Program

Recognition of All Presidential Scholars

Closing



ROYCELIN LOVE

Presidential Scholar Emcee

Roycelin Love is finishing up her last semester at CSUDH. In 2021, Roycelin transferred from Los Angeles Harbor College to CSUDH. This May, Roycelin will be earning her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Child Development with a concentration in Children and Family Counseling services. She is interested in counseling at-risk youth. Roycelin aspires to support, teach, mentor, serve, and assist at-risk children and their families. Outside of academics, Roycelin is a creator of Digital Artwork, a cake baker, and a mother to her 3-year-old son, Divine.



MARIANNA MIRANDA

Presidential Scholar Emcee

Marianna is a proud graduate of CSUDH as of December 2022. She earned a B.A in Liberal Studies: Integrated Teacher Education Specialist Mild/Moderate. Now, she is an educator and loves working with students in many capacities. As she reflects on her journey as a Presidential Scholar, she is most grateful for the support and relationships. She gained skills that helped her develop into the individual and professional she is currently. Having achieved another academic goal, she is eager to continue in her passion for education as a lifelong learner.



KENNETH PEREZ

Student Scholar Speaker

Kenneth Perez is graduating May 2023 with a bachelor's in business administration. In the Fall, he will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Master of Science candidate for Higher Education Counseling and Student Affairs (HECSA).

He is graduating Summa Cum Laude from the College of Business Administration and Public Policy. During

his time at Dominguez Hills, he has conducted research under the direction of Dr. Jian Yu-Ke (Fisher) and has presented findings in Puerto Rico and Washington D.C. He is a dual Mervyn Dymally African American Political Institute and Dwight David Eisenhower Transportation Fellow at the university.



MONICA CODY

Alumni Speaker

Monica Cody is a former CSUDH Presidential Scholar who specializes in the treatment of addiction—from prevention to outpatient and residential services. She currently serves as the program director of the ClareMatrix women's residential treatment program in Los Angeles.

After graduating from Los Angeles Southwest Community College with AA degrees in psychology and behavioral health, Cody was awarded the CSUDH Presidential Scholarship in 2015. With the help and support of the Presidential Scholars Program, Cody attained her BS in criminal justice in 2017. She followed that up with a master's degree in negotiation, conflict resolution, and peacebuilding from CSUDH in 2020.

Prior to working at ClareMatrix, Cody served as a substance abuse counselor for Los Angeles County and for the JWCH Institute Mini-House program. She has expertise in a wide range of programs and services within the continuum of addiction treatments. Cody specializes in helping women with children gain insight into their struggles with substance abuse, as well as providing them with the necessary skills and tools to assist them in maintaining sobriety and moving forward in life.

Cody is the proud mother of three children and grandmother of seven.

2022 – 2023

PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Aimee
Alberto



Bernard (Kofi)
Amofa



Jaime
Cardenas



Jordyn
Frye



Skai
Gibbs



Nia
Hicks



Zaire
Joseph



Roycelin
Love



Alec
Magsombol



Kathleen
Manalang



Max
Miller



Marianna
Miranda



Tailyr
Monette



Janelle
Nelson



Brianna
Orantes



Kenneth
Perez



Emanuel
Prince



Joanna
Ramos



Jerry
Salinas



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The Presidential Scholars Program recognizes some of the region's most exceptional high school and community college graduates on the basis of their academic achievements, leadership, and community service. Presidential Scholars receive substantial financial support and a wide range of unique privileges, activities, and opportunities that enrich their experiences at CSU Dominguez Hills and beyond. The university is extremely proud to count many successful and notable professionals in a variety of fields as Presidential Scholars alumni.



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