2007 COBA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Brandon Bell
King Drew Magnet

Brandon’s desire to be a pediatric surgeon has led him to an internship with the Saban Research Institute for Children’s Hospital where he had an abstract published in the Journal of Surgical Research. With a 3.9 GPA, his choices for college include Johns Hopkins, Princeton, UCLA and Howard.

Georcha Card
Wilson High

Confident, determined, and motivated are words Georcha’s counselor used to describe her. Despite many challenges in her personal life, she participates in many activities at her school and maintains a 3.3 GPA. She plans to major in business administration or law in college.

Jasmin Carroll
North Hollywood High

Jasmin has already begun to realize her goal of being a financial advisor. She created a small business crocheting and selling scarves and earned $1,200 in three months. She maintains a 3.6 GPA and plans to attend CS Dominguez Hills or Fullerton.

Sabrina Collins
University High

Losing her grandmother to cancer has motivated Sabrina to choose a career as a Biomedical Researcher. It is that same motivation that propels her to spend several hours on the bus each day to get to school where she participates in many school activities and events while maintaining a 3.2 GPA. Sabrina plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona or Norfolk State.

Falyn Davis
Sherman Oaks CES

Falyn’s many activities in school include Black Student Union, Dance Production, peer mediation and varsity softball. She also volunteers at an elementary school working with autistic children. Falyn maintains a 3.1 GPA and plans to study law at UC Riverside or Irvine.
Jamie Franklin
Westchester High

Senior Class Spirit Coordinator, Varsity Basketball and Softball, founder of Def Poets Club, school newspaper writer and volunteer at Kaiser Hospital are only a few of the many activities that keep Jamie busy. Not too busy, however, to maintain a 3.3 GPA. She plans to study criminal justice/law.

Antonio Ingram
Jordan High

Antonio is driven by the desire to dispel the negative stereotypes associated with African American males. To that end, he has excelled as a member of the Academic Decathlon team, Policy Debate Team, and National Honors Society. His 3.9 GPA has not only made him salutatorian of his senior class, but will also insure that he is successful in his chosen career of law at Bowdoin College.

Loretta Johnson
Washington Prep

Loretta is the flute section leader of the marching band, plays first alto saxophone with the jazz band, and volunteers for the organization Kids Helping Kids, where she teachers kids how to play the flute. Her 4.2 GPA has earned her the salutatorian of her graduating class. She plans to attend Loyola Marymount where she will study chemical engineering.

Althea Miller
Palisades High

Although she participates in many school activities, serving in church is what Althea loves best. She has traveled to Romania with her church choir, teaches Sunday school and participates in the dance ministry. She maintains a 3.4 GPA and plans to attend the University of Wisconsin to study Theology.

Elijah Oseguera
Venice High

Varsity basketball and volleyball, and Homecoming king are only a few of the activities that mark Elijah’s high school career. Despite these activities and personal traumas in his life, he has maintained a 3.6 GPA.
Paulnorbet Osuji
Narbonne High

Originating from Nigeria, Paulnorbet began his schooling in the United States in ESL classes. He has overcome any language barriers and achieved a 3.6 GPA. He plans to attend CS Los Angeles or Long Beach to study medicine.

Nebiyou Samuel
Los Angeles High

Volunteering at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center gave Nebiyou purpose for what he wants to do in life...neurosurgery. Originally from Ethiopia, Nebiyou has made a wonderful transition to a new language, culture and country. He is off to USC, Dartmouth, Cornell or Williams with his 4.1 GPA.

Nallybe Sandoval
Reseda High

Mature, friendly, and keenly intellectual are words used to describe Nallybe. Her academic achievement has resulted in a 3.6 GPA. She is also an expert and passionate Salsa dancer and teacher. She plans to attend CS Northridge or Long Beach and study medicine.

Chole Warden
Hollywood High

In addition to a solid 3.7 GPA, Chloe is also very talented in the fine arts. Some of her long range goals include becoming an artist, painter, novelist, and/or illustrator. She plans to attend Cal Lutheran to pursue these goals.

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Mailon Jones
Banning High

Tutoring in an after school program will help Mailon in her pursuit of a career as an elementary school teacher. Maintaining a 3.2 GPA while overcoming the adversities of being a foster child will help her to be a successful student at CS Dominguez Hills.
PATRICIA LYONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Joel Deayon III
Carson High

Joel’s participation in varsity football and track will help him in his pursuit of a career as an athletic trainer at Greenville College. Joel maintains a 2.9 GPA.

Ismail Muhammad
LACES

Ismail has an insatiable taste for literature, history and the liberal arts in general. He plans to satisfy this taste by pursuing a career in journalism at Columbia University. Ismail maintains a 4.1 GPA.

MARY PATTERSON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Desmond Smith
Jefferson High

“Never give up” is Desmond’s motto. He almost gave up when he was bussed to Canoga Park, but was given a second chance when he returned to his home school where he has excelled and achieved a 2.5 GPA. He plans to attend CS Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills or Long Beach to pursue a career in computers or graphic arts.

KRANZ PHOTOGRAPHY SCHOLARSHIP

Tracey Apolonio
Gardena High

Tracey has participated in Robotics Club and Drama Club along with many photography classes. She plans to attend the Academy of Art University to pursue a career in photography. Tracey maintains a 2.5 GPA.

Brittany Green
Fairfax High

Brittany has a passion for photography and looks forward to continuing with that passion as she pursues a career in physical therapy. Although she has not selected the college she plans to attend, with a 3.5 GPA she will have many choices.
HUMAN RELATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Alliance of Asian Pacific Administrators
Tianyu Chen
University High

Tianyu is the founder and president of the Chinese Club at Uni. She also participates with the Amnesty Club writing letters to help aid the cause of eliminating injustices throughout the world. She has over 100 hours of volunteer services with UNICEF, Brockton elementary school and UCLA Medical Center. Her 4.4 GPA has earned her recognition as the salutatorian of her class. She plans to pursue a career in medicine.

Council of Mexican American Administrators
Yohana Hinojosa
Santee High

Yohana is a member of the Peace Committee which works specifically with promoting inter-group relations. Her participation was critical in the early days of the school’s opening when the school struggled with student violence and gang activity. She plans to attend UC Riverside and major in psychology. Yohana maintains a 3.5 GPA.

Association of Jewish Educators
Rachel Marias
Cleveland High

When Rachel is not working on her 4.0 GPA, she is teaching art to local elementary school students or volunteering with MEND, an organization that fights poverty in northeast San Fernando Valley. She plans to pursue a career in teaching.