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# BCU ANNOUNCES 2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

**CHICAGO** – July 24, 2024 – BCU's commitment to Empowering People To Discover Financial Freedom continues with the announcement of the 2024 scholarship program recipients. For over a decade, BCU has been dedicated to supporting the educational endeavors of the nation's most exceptional young adults through their scholarship awards. This year, BCU is honored to present ten distinguished Leader of Tomorrow awards - including the new Tom Hodson Compassionate Leader Award for outstanding leadership and commitment to service, and two new A. Rex Johnson BCU Leaders of Tomorrow awards, reserved for children or grandchildren of BCU employees, plus 20 additional awards.

As part of the application process, students were tasked with writing an essay to explain how the current economy impacts how they will plan for their financial futures. In line with BCU's commitment to diversity within its scholarship recipients, nearly 50% identify as non-white. Additionally, the program was expanded this year to include those who plan to attend a technical school or certification program, in addition to those planning to study at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university. The recipients are set to attend schools such as Belmont University, University of Colorado Boulder, Harvard College, University of Notre Dame, and University of Puerto Rico: Mayaguez, among others.

Top applicant **Madison Harvey** was honored with the Tom Hodson Compassionate Leader Award, recognizing her combination of leadership and commitment to service, and emphasizing the importance of leading by example and putting the needs of others first.

The two A. Rex Johnson BCU Leaders of Tomorrow Awards went to **Lucas Galdine** and **Kathryn Mitchell**, both children of BCU employees, recognizing the importance of supporting BCU's extended family in their educational pursuits.



Other Leader of Tomorrow (LoT) honorees for 2024:

**Jack Viets** – Margot Kaplan LoT

**Jaysen Groll** – Charles Thurman LoT

**Katelyn Eng** – Michele Hooper LoT

**Leila Foudil** – Ray and Irene Oddi LoT

**Mia Farraday** – Vernon R. Loucks Jr. LoT

**Ryan Merrick** – John Pelletiere LoT

**Sofia De Leon** – Jose Cajigas LoT

Numerous other students also received scholarships and are pursuing various majors, including Computer Science, Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Nursing, Physics, Speech Language Pathology, and more.

“The drive and ambition displayed by our scholarship winners is truly inspiring. Each year, their achievements and goals reach new heights. BCU is incredibly proud to support their academic and financial journeys, helping them build a brighter future,” said Mike Valentine, BCU President & CEO.

[View the list of BCU's 2024 Scholarship Award Recipients.](#)

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