Rainey-Pierson Memorial Scholarship
Shirley Valverde

The Long Beach Branch NAACP is in its 17th year of awarding scholarships to students who plan to attend college or vocational, trade, or technical school. The Branch also provides continued support for past recipients. Recipients were selected based on a comprehensive application and judged using criteria that included essays, verified community service, financial need, a minimum 2.5 GPA, and letters of recommendation. The Long Beach Branch NAACP evaluates applications and judged using criteria that included financial need, a minimum 2.5 GPA, and letters of recommendation. The Branch witnesses to students on campus to encourage them and also the club brings athletes of faith together.

To establish or support a LB Branch NAACP Scholarship, you may mail your donation to LB Branch NAACP Scholarship Fund - P.O. Box 1594, Long Beach, CA 90801 or donate online at the Branch at mnaacp@gmail.com or call (562) 856-7586.

Robert Ellis Memorial Scholarship

Spencer Butler, Jr.

Spencer Butler, Jr. is an NAACP intern and college senior at California State University, Long Beach. With a double major in Sociology and Africana Studies, he has always had a strong desire to give back to the community. As an NAACP intern, Spencer is working to help give back to the community and develop communication, networking, and leadership skills. Spencer is considering working in higher education, counseling, or urban planning & design. As a Long Beach Branch NAACP intern and scholar, Spencer is working on promoting the NAACP’s mission of securing the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons.

Continuing Scholars

Maya Meeks
Maya Meeks, former Long Beach Branch NAACP Youth Council President, has gone on to accomplish major feats in college career at one of the top universities in the world, University of California, Berkeley. Previously, as a NAACP Leader she has engaged extensively in activism and philanthropy through her participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Apartheid March and other community events. Since coming to college, she has changed lives through her business acumen and engaged in marketing. Lastly, Maya cultivated her musical interests as a member of the first black a capella group, Neo-Soul Ensemble.

Emily Pearson
Gloria Thomas Nursing Scholarship

Emily recently graduated from Long Beach City College’s licensed vocational nurse program and is now enrolled in the nursing program at California State University, Long Beach. She has participated in the activities of the Long Beach Branch NAACP since she was four years old— from her annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade, to the health fairs, to membership drives, to ACT-SO. Miss Pearson also held officer positions such as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president of the branches Youth Council. She has also started to find herself in saving Health (FISH), after her mother suffered a major hemorrhagic stroke. Her award-winning business concept FISH provides enrichment, in-home activities to senior citizens. The Branch was able to support part of her college and help them build lasting relationships in their community. Her business concept is one of the many she has started after she joined the Branch. She is working diligently to become a leader in the field of Chemistry. She strongly believes science is intertwined in every facet of our lives and he believes that it is something that we should pay more attention to on a daily basis.

Adonis Miller
International Real Estate Scholarship

Adonis is a student at California State University, Long Beach. He has been active in STEM-related courses since elementary school. He strongly believes in working hard and dedicating oneself to one’s passion. He has extensive experience in custodial work and grounds work department at his school. Adonis alsovolunteers as a peer tutor and is passionate about helping other students to reach their full potential. Additionally, his involvement in basketball and other athletics have taught him the importance of work ethic, consistency, and pushing through difficult times. Adonis has a strong desire and is working diligently to become a leader in the field of Chemistry. He strongly believes science is intertwined in every facet of our lives and he believes that it is something that we should pay more attention to on a daily basis.

Jermaine Paul
Ennie Kell Memorial Scholarship

Jermaine Paul is a 16 year old bassist from Long Beach Polytechnic High School. He is currently under the direction of Chris Stevens and Andrew Omen, where he plays in the Poly A1 Jazz Combo, Poly A1 Jazz Band, and the Chamber Orchestra. In addition to being the first principal bassist of the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra (Russein Steinerberg) and North Torrance Youth Musicians Ensemble (NYME), and a bassist for the Bullefflow Symphony (Louise Taylor). Jermaine has also volunteered to help at-risk youth through music instruction for SAPPA (Scholarship Audition Preparation Performance Academy) and the Watts-Wilsmore Boys and Girls Club. He is a loving sibling of 6, avid scholar (currently holds a 3.6 GPA), and is a pilot at TAM (Tomorrow’s Aeronautical Museum). He plans to attend Cal State Northridge in the Fall to study music.

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