



Opportunity Changes Everything.

Dorothy Graham
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Susan Stutzman
Board President

Dear Dorothy,

Julie Palley
Co-Vice President

“Thank you. Without people like you, I would not be able to find such amazing opportunities for growth. From the bottom of my spirit, I want to thank you again for investing in my future...The opportunities you provide are beautiful.”

- Andrew Wilson, East Bay College Fund Alumnus & College Advisor at Oakland Technical

Seth Hamalian
Co-Vice President

We are deeply grateful to you for creating a better future for the youth of Oakland, their families, and our community. Your **generous contribution of \$13,125 in 2018** to East Bay College Fund will support low-income, high-potential students to access and graduate from college. This donation completes your two scholarship pledges. Thank you! *A college degree remains the critical tool in breaking the cycle of inter-generational poverty; your gift offers hope not only to today’s youth but to future generations as well.*

Susie Poncelet
Secretary

Gavin Kwong
Treasurer

You gave MORE than a scholarship. That’s why it works.

The secret to our outstanding 80% graduation rate, four times the national average for this demographic, is a model we’ve been perfecting for over a decade that links financial assistance with intensive support services. These include individual mentors, on-going counseling, peer mentoring support groups, and life skills training through graduation.

Donors like you allow us to create pathways into and through college for Oakland students. Thank you.

Your gift helps us nurture the college dreams of Oakland youth through:

- College Access services to 600 public high school students
- Partnership with the African American Male Achievement Initiative and UC Berkeley
- Destination College to orient young African American men towards higher education
- Up to \$16,000 four and two-year scholarships, mentoring, and counseling
- Peer-mentoring support through our on-campus College Crews Program

This is only made possible through the generosity of people like you. We look forward to keeping you informed of the impact your donation will make possible.

Together, we can transform the community.

With sincere gratitude,

Sandra Ernst
Co-Interim Executive Director

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