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**First Full Ride Scholarship for Black Students
to Attend CSULB Opens to Applicants**

Community Leader Creates Scholarship fund at The Long Beach Community Foundation

The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) announced today that due to a generous donation made by community leader, Roberta Jenkins, black students planning on attending California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) may apply for a scholarship that aims to cover all school related expenses. LBCF will administer the scholarship and accept applications now through March 31st at 5PM. Discussions about creating the Roberta and Mathew Jenkins Scholarship Fund started two years ago with Jenkins, her daughter Sabrae Derby and long-time friends Doris Robinson, James Breedlove and Carl Kemp. “It has been especially rewarding and an extreme pleasure to witness and be personally involved with advancing educational and cultural opportunities for Black youth in Long Beach. This scholarship is a natural extension of our continued commitment to give back and is consequential in that it acknowledges that investing in our young people through time, energy and resources will have a positive and significant impact on their lives and the lives of others,” explained Jenkins.

A longtime supporter of CSULB, Jenkins and Jane Close Conoley, President of CSULB, approached LBCF to administer the scholarship fund for Black students who tend to drop out and graduate at a lesser rate compared to other student groups. “Roberta has long been a very special member of the Cal State Long Beach family,” said Conoley. “For more than two decades, through the Matthew and Roberta Jenkins Family Foundation, she has helped provide scholarships and travel opportunities for students at The Beach. This scholarship fund will help ensure equity in educational opportunity on our campus. It is another example of Roberta's generosity and vision.”

Chairman of the Board of Directors, Frank Newell added “The Long Beach Community Foundation is proud to add the Roberta and Matthew Jenkins Scholarship to the scholarships we administer and support in the Long Beach community. As a result of the generosity of Roberta Jenkins this endowed scholarship will advance the educational opportunities and support Black students attending CSULB beginning in 2023 and continuing long into the future.”

Qualified students may apply at <https://longbeachcf.org/scholarships>. The deadline for applications is March 31st at 5PM. Questions related to the application can be directed to LBCF’s Administration & Grants Manager, Issis Vargas at issis@longbeachcf.org or 562-435-9033.

About the Long Beach Community Foundation

The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization. A local team manages 200 charitable funds totaling over \$62 million, which are pooled with \$5 billion in charitable funds through a national team in Greater Kansas City. LBCF was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits and assist individuals with their philanthropic goals today and through legacy giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation support local programs through strategic grantmaking, convening, and other community support. LBCF’s mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grant making with a vision of being the preeminent steward of endowments serving the needs of Long Beach in perpetuity.

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