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## **LACC COLLEGE STUDENT AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**

(May 17, 2021) Los Angeles City College (LACC) student Christine Nguyen is one of 72 recipients nationally of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive scholarship will provide Nguyen with up to \$40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete her bachelor's degree. Nguyen is one of 20 students in the state of California to earn the scholarship this year. The group of 72 winners was selected from a pool of more than 1,300 students from 370 community colleges across the country.

"The LACC community is thrilled that Christine Nguyen has been awarded this prestigious scholarship," said Dr. Mary Gallagher, president of Los Angeles City College. "We are very proud that our students have participated and won Jack Kent Cooke Scholarships for the past several years. Christine exemplifies the exceptional academic ability and achievement found at LACC."

Christine Nguyen is a first-generation student who decided to attend LACC because she felt it provided a safe nurturing academic environment. "I chose LACC because I felt most welcomed and supported by a community of diverse backgrounds, coming from all walks of life. It opened all sorts of opportunities unknown to me that I never knew would be possible to achieve."

During her time at LACC, Nguyen became a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor's Society and Psi Beta Honor's Society. Additionally, she is an Ebell, Wells Fargo and Ralph Bunche Scholar and is on the President's Honor List.

“Being part of the Ralph Bunche Scholar Program allowed me to have the exposure, resources and support to establish a solid foundation in higher education and helped set me up for success,” said Nguyen.

“We are all incredibly proud of Christine’s outstanding accomplishments, we celebrate her, and the bright future that lies ahead,” said Dr. Danielle Muller, Director, LACC Ralph Bunche Scholars Program.

Nguyen has received acceptance from all four UC campuses that she has applied to and is in the process of deciding which campus to transfer to in the fall.

“I have an immense sense of gratitude for the continuous support and guidance that I have received from my family, teachers and counselors at LACC. This award is the fruit of everyone believing in me and trusting in my capacity to succeed, even when I doubted myself,” she said.

Nguyen looks forward to obtaining a Ph.D. in clinical psychology to provide mental health services and education to underprivileged children in developing countries and underserved communities.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation is dedicated to advancing the education of exceptionally promising students who have financial need. Since 2000, the Foundation has awarded over \$200 million in scholarships to over 2,700 students from 8<sup>th</sup> grade through graduate school.

### **About Los Angeles City College**

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.