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## **TWO LACC COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED SEMIFINALISTS FOR PRESTIGIOUS JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS**

(March 15, 2023) Los Angeles City College (LACC) students Pau Brunet-Fuertes and Syeda Waniya Hasan have been named semifinalists for this year's Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's prestigious Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive scholarship will provide up to \$40,000 annually for a maximum of three years to complete a bachelor's degree. Brunet-Fuertes and Hasan are one of 459 semifinalists across the nation.

"The LACC community is thrilled that two of our students have been named as semifinalists for this prestigious scholarship," said Dr. Mary Gallagher, president of Los Angeles City College.

This year's semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,700 applicants and attend 215 community colleges in 38 states. The Cooke Transfer Scholarship is designed to create a clear pathway to a four-year degree by offering up to \$55,000 per year along with academic advising and access to a network of peers.

"By lifting the financial burden of pursuing a four-year degree off their shoulders, our goal is to help students take full advantage of a four-year college experience without taking on student debt," said Seppy Basili, Executive Director of the Cooke Foundation. "This year's selected semifinalists reflect the deep bench of talent across our community colleges today, and we're looking forward to getting to know them better in our final application review process."

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship offers support to community college students. In addition to the generous financial support, selected Cooke Transfer Scholars will receive

educational advising from the Foundation's Deans of Scholar Support to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year school and preparing for their future endeavors. They will also have access to opportunities for internships, study abroad, graduate school funding, and the connection to a network of more than 3,000 fellow Cooke Scholars and Alumni.

The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced in April.

### **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.