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ONEUNITED BANK ANNOUNCES 12TH ANNUAL "I GOT BANK" 2022 YOUTH ESSAY & ART CONTEST WINNERS

Financial Literacy Has Become a Family Conversation

Boston, MA (September 1, 2022) – OneUnited Bank, the largest Black-owned bank in the U.S., is proud to announce the winners of its 12th annual "I Got Bank! Youth Essay & Art Contest." Each of the ten (10) youth winners are awarded a \$1,000 <u>savings</u> account.

The winners are **Aida Anderson**, 11, Cooper City, FL, **Hahrin Vivian Chiang**, 9, Santa Monica, CA, **Kendyl Gray**, 11, Reseda, CA, **Liam Hughton**, 9, Los Angeles, CA, **Golden Littlejohn**, 8, Knoxville, TN, **Grayson Nevel**, 9, Boston, MA, **Ryllie Stephens**, 12, Sarasota, FL, **Zya Taylor**, 12, Decatur, GA, **Kordell White**, 12, Sylmar, CA, **Lukas Wormack**, 12, Plainfield, NJ. Each winner expressed the importance of savings. The panel of judges included **Teri Williams**, the bank's President & Chief Operating Officer.

Williams, who wrote the book *I Got Bank! What My Grandad Taught Me About Money* (Beckham) after she discovered the lack of books geared toward educating urban youth about financial literacy, stated, "This year we were excited to see how financial literacy has become a family conversation. We continue to strive to make financial literacy a core value in the Black community. Congratulations to our winners and their families."

The "I Got Bank!" youth essay & art contest is part of a larger OneUnited Bank initiative to make financial literacy a core value of the Black community. To learn more about past I Got Bank winners, please visit the OneUnited Bank Financial Literacy Blog.

OneUnited Bank has also launched its <u>Financial Education Center</u> with online playlists on Financial Basics, Major Life Decisions, Starting a Career, Small Business and Preventing Elder Fraud. OneUnited Bank hopes its efforts will improve the financial skills of children and adults throughout the country.

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