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**ONEUNITED BANK ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 14TH ANNUAL
“I GOT BANK” 2024 YOUTH ESSAY & ART CONTEST**
2024 Entries Reveal Themes Of Leadership and Hope

Boston, MA (August 30, 2024) – OneUnited Bank, the largest Black-owned bank in the U.S., is proud to announce the winners of its 14th annual “I Got Bank! Youth Essay & Art Contest.” Each of the ten (10) youth winners are awarded a \$1,000 [savings](#) account.

The 2024 winners are **Alana Williams**, 10, Charlotte, NC, **Dylan Prakash**, 11, Duarte, CA, **Malia Spurlin**, 12, Cerritos, CA, **Zora Rae Darby**, 11, Baldwin, NY, **Serenity Earth**, 12, Burlington, NJ, **Carter M. Lang**, 8, Los Angeles, CA, **Laila Zellers**, 10, Los Angeles, CA, **Grant Booker**, 11, Gardenia, CA, **McKinley Sabrina Murphy**, 10, Baldwin, NY, **Kali Baker**, 10, Hawthorne, CA.

Each winner expressed the importance of financial literacy and savings. The panel of judges included **Teri Williams**, the bank’s President & Chief Operating Officer and **Sherri Brewer**, the bank’s Senior Vice President, Chief Retail Officer.

President Williams stated, “In 2024, we saw a shift in themes towards taking leadership in matters of financial literacy. I am proud that our I Got Bank annual competition plants the seeds of financial responsibility, inspiring hope in young minds and instilling a personal mission to shape a vibrant financial future with the lessons learned along the way.”

Williams wrote the book “*I Got Bank! What My Grandad Taught Me About Money*” ([Beckham](#)), after discovering the lack of books geared toward educating urban youth about financial literacy.

The “I Got Bank!” youth essay & art contest is part of a larger OneUnited Bank initiative to make financial literacy a core and commonplace value of the Black community. To learn more about past I Got Bank winners, please visit the OneUnited Bank [Financial Literacy Blog](#).

OneUnited Bank also offers its robust [Financial Education Center](#) 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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