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FIVE KIPP HOUSTON STUDENTS AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE SHERYL SANDBERG AND DAVE GOLDBERG FAMILY FOUNDATION

Houston, TX – May 1, 2018 – Today, KIPP and the Sheryl Sandberg and Dave Goldberg Family Foundation (SGFF) announced that five Houston high school seniors – Cedric Garrett, Horus Hernandez, Jacquelyn Arroyo, Jannina Martinez, and Simon Ta – have been selected as recipients of the 2018 Dave Goldberg Scholarship. They are among 30 students who were selected from nearly 350 applicants nationwide to be part of this inaugural cohort of Goldberg Scholars.

The Goldberg Scholarship Program was established by the SGFF in October 2017 to support KIPP graduating high school seniors across the country who have demonstrated remarkable leadership and achievement. The scholarship honors the legacy of Dave Goldberg by supporting a new generation of leaders who embody Dave’s qualities of leadership, resilience, achievement, generosity, kindness, independent thinking and entrepreneurial spirit.

As Goldberg Scholars, each of the students will receive a unique combination of financial support and mentoring during their four-year college experience. Highlights include:

- A mentor to provide ongoing support throughout college
- Financial support totaling approximately \$15,000 a year to cover a range of non-tuition needs not traditionally covered by college-based financial aid
- Support from Goldberg Connectors to help secure summer internships and job opportunities
- Participation in an annual Goldberg Scholars Summer Leadership Day, where scholars will meet leaders in their chosen fields

“Our family is delighted to partner with KIPP to support a new generation of students who demonstrate so many of Dave's qualities – especially his kindness, unflagging drive, independent thinking, and entrepreneurial spirit,” said Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO and founder of LeanIn.Org and OptionB.Org. “Dave believed every child deserved a quality education. He would be so proud and hopeful to see the first class of Goldberg Scholars heading to college this fall.”

The 30 recipients of the Goldberg Scholarship have attended KIPP schools in 14 communities. All of the recipients are students of color, and many will be the first in their families to attend college. Any student who attended a KIPP school for either middle or high school and had above a 3.0 GPA was eligible to apply for the Goldberg Scholarship.

“Dave was passionate about the power of ideas and connecting people to make the world better,” said Rob Goldberg, Dave’s brother and Founder and CEO of Fresno. “This scholarship brings those concepts to life in a way that would delight him, especially the focus on mentorship and building a community to support the students from the start of college through their first job.”

Cedric, Horus, Jacquelyn, Jannina, and Simon were chosen based on their academic records and demonstration of leadership:

- **Cedric Garrett:** Cedric, currently a senior at KIPP Sunnyside High School, is captain of KIPP Sunnyside's basketball team. His leadership in this role and participation in the Houston Hoop Nation Family Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) have helped him make the Texas Christian Athletic League 1st Team All-State. Cedric will attend the University of North Texas and plans to study engineering.
- **Horus Hernandez:** Horus is an alumnus of KIPP Intrepid Preparatory School and a senior at Eastwood Academy High School. In addition to being a member of the National Honor Society, Horus has held leadership roles as student council president and as the founder of his school's chapter of Business Professionals of America. Horus's goal is to work for a financial firm that has a triple bottom line (financial, social, environmental) and to give back to others in his community.
- **Jacquelyn Arroyo:** Jacquelyn is a senior at KIPP Generations Collegiate. She plans to pursue immigration law after college with goal of becoming a U.S. Senator. She is a POSSE scholar, president of her high school's National Honor Society, captain of the varsity soccer team, and president of IGNITE, a women's empowerment club. She will attend Bryn Mawr College in the fall.
- **Jannina Martinez:** Jannina is a senior at KIPP Northeast College Preparatory, where she has been involved in youth afterschool programs across Houston. She will attend Duke University in the fall and is eager to study abroad and pursue a humanitarian career. After graduating, she hopes to get a Master's Degree in sociology, marketing, and entrepreneurship, eventually combining all of her interests to be a life coach for individuals interested in health and wellness.
- **Simon Ta:** Simon, a senior at KIPP Houston High School, is Valedictorian of his class. He is interested in pursuing a career in the biomedical or engineering field and has a keen interest in learning how 3D printing can be used for prosthetics and replacement organs. He serves on the Student Government as class President and is a team leader for the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Society. He is a member of the St. Cecelia choir and is deeply involved in the arts at his school.

"We are inspired every day by the work these five incredible students are doing, and we are so honored to have their leadership and dedication recognized by SGFF," said KIPP Houston Superintendent Sehba Ali. "They are highly deserving of this award, and I have no doubt that with the support the Goldberg Scholarship provides, they will thrive in college and in their careers beyond."

SGFF selected the national KIPP (Knowledge Is Power Program) network of public charter schools as its partner for the Dave Goldberg Scholarship program because of KIPP's proven track record of helping students from educationally underserved communities develop the knowledge, skills, and character strengths necessary to succeed in college and life. KIPP was founded in Houston in 1994 and currently operates 28 public charter schools throughout the Houston area. Nationally, KIPP students graduate from four-year colleges at a rate that is above the national average for all students, and approximately four times the average for students from similar economic backgrounds nationwide.

“We are thrilled that these talented KIPP Houston students, and all of this year’s Goldberg Scholars, will have the incredible support offered by this scholarship as they look to the future and begin reaching for their dreams,” said Richard Barth, CEO of the KIPP Foundation. “The Goldberg Scholarship program is a phenomenal tribute to Dave Goldberg’s life and legacy.”

About the Sheryl Sandberg and Dave Goldberg Family Foundation

The Sheryl Sandberg & Dave Goldberg Family Foundation works to build a more equal and resilient world. SGFF brings people together to support each other through three key initiatives: LeanIn.Org, OptionB.Org, and the Dave Goldberg Scholarship Program.

About KIPP

KIPP, the Knowledge Is Power Program, is a national network of 209 public charter schools that are dedicated to preparing students in educationally underserved communities for success in college and life. KIPP schools are part of the free public school system and enrollment is open to all students. Started in 1994 as a middle school program, KIPP has since expanded to enroll students in all grades from pre-K through high school.

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