

My name is Wheatly Dorsainvil, and I'm a second-year graduate student in FGCU's Doctor of Education program. I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the SAC Scholarship for the 2021-2022 academic year.

I want to thank you for this opportunity and generosity. As a first-generation student and Haitian American woman, I typically struggle with funding my education. In the past, scholarships and grants have assisted with obtaining my previous degrees. This award will alleviate some of the financial burdens of continuing my doctorate here at FGCU. Since I was a child, it has been my dream to obtain my doctorate degree. Your generosity allows me to be one step closer toward my personal goal and my future career goal, a leadership position in higher education.



The purpose of my research is to investigate the barriers faced by former foster care students who transitioned to post-secondary education institutions in hopes of obtaining a baccalaureate degree. I plan to support this population while working to minimize the barriers these students face to graduate. I selected my major as I would like to advance my career in higher education. I have a passion for first generation students and other populations that are underrepresented at four-year institutions. My hopes are that I can assist with supporting underrepresented populations.

No amount of words can express how grateful I am for the scholarship. Thank you again for your generous financial support towards my education.

Thank you again,

Wheatly Dorsainvil