

Resolution 032

A Resolution to Increase Scholarship Opportunities For Minority Students

Sponsored by: Senator Lucardi

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Brown, Senator Sijgers, Senator Schlee

Whereas,

A Financial Planning and Institutional Research Assessment conducted by The Catholic University of America in the year 2019 revealed that the Undergraduate Full Time Resident student population of 3,168 was comprised of approximately 75% white and 25% non-white students.¹

Whereas,

Classroom Diversification has the capability to enhance learning outcomes by broadening educational contexts; increasing intercultural and cross-racial knowledge, understanding, and empathy; better preparing students for employment in the global economy, and increasing a cross-cultural dialogue which readies students for citizenship and participation in multifaceted democratic societies.²

Whereas,

Catholic University currently offers the Thaddeus F. Aubry Jr. and Leon A. LeBuffe Scholarship to “select students based upon being active members of a student service or advocacy organization, demonstrating financial need and in good academic standing.” with the intent to “provide opportunities for minority students to attend and graduate from Catholic University.”³⁴

Whereas,

Minority students entering the University do not have access to this scholarship.

Whereas,

A scholarship focusing on incoming minority students could not only bring more students, but a more diverse population to Catholic University.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that The Catholic University Office Of Advancement pursues donors to establish a scholarship fund for incoming and current minority students to increase the diversity in the student population.

¹ https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kuI6_EtjDRCFzD9QfWvADYt5ldf-dt9/view

² <https://tcf.org/content/report/how-racially-diverse-schools-and-classrooms-can-benefit-all-students/?agreed=1>

³ <https://cultural.catholic.edu/college-access/aubry-lebuffe.html>

⁴ <https://cultural.catholic.edu/college-access/aubry-lebuffe.html>

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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