

# SEASON'S GREETINGS



from the  
**Pasadena-Altadena (CA) Chapter  
of The Links, Incorporated**



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## The Pasadena-Altadena Links: Making an Impact



## The Influence of Mentorship

The Pasadena-Altadena Chapter's Links-Up for Success Mentoring Program, is now in its 14th year of mentoring young Black girls from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In their own words, two past Links-Up mentees have come full circle and are now giving back to the community by mentoring. They share how the program influenced them.



**Nicolette McGrue**

Links-Up for Success  
Mentee – 2011-2015  
2015 Scholarship Recipient

"The Links-Up Program influenced me to never settle for anything less than what I truly deserve in life. Being in a room full of beautiful, Black, successful women was not only inspiring but motivating. I am incredibly grateful to have had the opportunity to be a part of this program. I am currently doing what I love the most, assisting students in higher education, sisterhood, and what it takes to be successful in life.

The program inspired me to give back to my community by pursuing my education at California State University Long Beach and becoming an academic and personal mentor. It's important for young girls to see someone that looks like them in higher education. I wanted them to know that they are supported, capable of pursuing their dreams and lastly, the importance of loving the skin they are in." - **Nicolette McGrue**



**Marisa Dodd**

Links-Up for Success  
Mentee – 2013-2017  
2017 Scholarship Recipient

"The Links-Up Program had a profound influence on the way that I was able to navigate professional spaces in my adulthood. Early exposure to culture, professionalism, community, empowerment, mentorship, and sisterhood were crucial to my high school experience. I graduated in Spring 2017 from UCLA with a BA in Gender Studies and Minor in Education. I currently work in UCLA External Affairs as an Operations Manager for UCLA Development.

The Program inspired me to give back to the community by setting up a framework for Black mentorship and community service that I was able to reference in my career path. From the Links-Up Program, I was able to draw upon lessons that were instilled in me to properly mentor black undergraduate students and train my team to do so as well." - **Marisa Dodd**

## 2022: Outstanding High School Students Awarded \$33,000 In Scholarships

Local high school seniors and college students were awarded a total of \$33,000 in privately donated funds in 2022, as part of the Pasadena-Altadena Links McClellan Memorial Scholarship Program. Established in 1968, the scholarship program was launched in memory of distinguished African American Los Angeles City Schools Area Superintendent, the late Isaac McClelland.



1. **Sade Anderson**, John Muir High School, \$5,000 Pasadena-Altadena Community Endowment Fund, University of Southern California
2. **Trinity Taylor**, Pasadena High School, \$8,000 Continuing Scholar, Fisk University
3. **Kennedy Hackett**, John Muir High School, \$5,000 Pasadena-Altadena Community Endowment Fund, Harvard
4. **Christine Robinson**, Pasadena High School, \$5,000 Pasadena-Altadena Community Endowment Fund, Pasadena City College
5. **Jeannine Briggs**, Marshall Fundamental, \$2,000 Vice Presidential Award, UCLA
6. **Oshea Foster**, John Muir High School, \$2,000 Claudia Alexander Award, University of San Diego
7. **Naomi Moore**, Pasadena High School, \$2,000 Distinguished Scholar Award, California State University Northridge
8. **Jade Williams**, John Muir High School, \$2,000 Distinguished Scholar Award, UC Berkley
9. **Keith Garnett**, Marshall Fundamental, \$2,000 Distinguished Scholar Award, UC Riverside
10. **Anita Abledu**, Marshall Fundamental, \$1,000 Links Scholar Award, UC Riverside
11. **Savannah Purnell**, Marshall Fundamental, \$1,000 Links Scholar Award, Cal Poly Humboldt
12. **London Morris**, John Muir High School, \$1,500 Achieved Scholar Award, Pasadena City College
13. **Ciara Franklin**, Marshall Fundamental, \$1,000 Links Scholar Award, Citrus College
14. **Kamryn Hassan**, Aveson High School, \$500 Guy Johnson Book Award, University of Hawaii
15. **Devon Weetly**, Marshall Fundamental, \$1,000 Jackie Howard Award, Cal State Long Beach

## Happy Holidays

Make your holiday a little sweeter with this recipe for a delicious treat!

### Recipe SOFT AND CHEWY WHITE CHOCOLATE CRANBERRY COOKIES

#### INGREDIENTS

- **All-purpose flour**
- **Baking soda**
- **Salt**
- **Sugar** - both dark brown sugar and granulated sugar.
- **Butter**
- **Egg + egg yolk**
- **Vanilla extract**
- **Dried cranberries**
- **Walnuts** - you can also substitute with your favorite nuts - try pecans or almonds.
- **White chocolate chips**

#### DIRECTIONS

1. **Make the cookie dough.** In a small mixing bowl, combine flour, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In the bowl of a stand mixer with paddle attachment fitted (or in a large bowl with a hand mixer), mix together brown sugar, granulated sugar, and melted butter until well mixed, about 1 minute. Add egg, egg yolk, and vanilla, then mix for 1 minute more. Scrape down the sides, then mix again. With the mixer running on low, add the dry ingredients and mix until just incorporated. Fold in dried cranberries, walnuts, and white chocolate chips.
2. **Shape cookies.** Use your hands and roll out cookies into balls using about 2 tablespoons dough for each (or scoop with a cookie scoop), then place 2 inches apart on a half sheet baking pan lined with a baking mat or parchment paper.
3. **Bake.** Bake in a 325°F preheated oven for 15 minutes, rotating the tray about halfway through cooking time. Let cool for 10 minutes.

