

Dear [NAME],

Thank you for your formal presentation on May 5, 2023, at our public TLH CUNY Student Summit on the Role of the Humanities in a Just Society, a virtual conference hosted by [Transformative Learning in the Humanities \(TLH\)](#). TLH is a three-year initiative supported by a \$2 million grant from the Mellon Foundation that forwards pedagogical innovation at CUNY and in higher education more broadly.

You are receiving a \$300 TLH-Mellon scholarship to honor your contributions to the Student Summit and to the CUNY teaching and learning community. We thank you for your presentation, for attending several sessions leading up to the summit itself, for your support of your peers when attending their panels, and for everything you do as a student leader in the nation's largest urban university system.

174 people came together for the Student Summit to think about what their college community needs most, and to imagine resources that would improve their social learning experience and academic life. To dream of safe spaces where respect, communication, and transparency are valued. To envision a stripped-down version of the faculty-student relationship, where faculty are better resourced themselves to be able to put students' needs first. To conceive of concrete ways in which CUNY administration can better respond to issues raised by students.

We are deeply grateful that you could participate in building this public platform upon which students from all backgrounds spoke freely about what their institution is missing and envision a better, transformed university of their dreams. Faculty listened. Administrators listened. Many said it was the best event—the most “thoughtful,” “balanced,” and “visionary”—of their careers at CUNY.

We are deeply grateful for your leadership, volunteerism, and for your collaboration with peers and service to the CUNY community. We know you are destined for great things and wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

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