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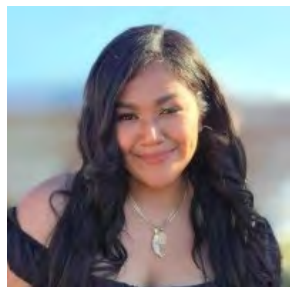
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More Than Bootstraps Student Leader Selected as Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – July 11, 2023. [More Than Bootstraps \(MTB\)](#), a New Jersey non-profit, is thrilled to announce that one of our College Student Leaders, **Melissa Reyes**, has been selected as a 2023 [Hispanic Scholarship Fund \(HSF\) Scholar](#). This prestigious and selective program provides access to HSF Scholar Support Services including career services, mentorship, leadership development, and wellness training. HSF Scholars can also attend Scholar Conferences and are eligible for additional scholarship support.



Melissa, a 2021 graduate of Passaic Preparatory Academy, is a rising junior at Dartmouth College, where she is majoring in History and Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies. She is also a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, a Gates Scholar and a QuestBridge Scholar.

As a College Student Leader in More Than Bootstraps, Melissa mentors her younger high school peers through the college search, application, and confidence-building process. She is passionate about empowering other first-generation, low-income students from her community in Passaic to follow in her footsteps and access and succeed in higher education.

Of the HSF Award, Melissa comments: “I am so excited to connect with others who are passionate about bringing more diverse representation in different professional fields. Being a part of this supportive community not only enables me to pursue my interests, but also allows me to make meaningful contributions, such as inspiring other first-generation low-income scholars to apply!”

MTB High School Fellow **Alyssa Tentle**, who will be attending The College of New Jersey in Fall 2023, was named an HSF Scholar Finalist this year.

More Than Bootstraps congratulates Alyssa and Melissa for putting themselves out there and striving for opportunities.

“We are thrilled that Melissa’s leadership skills, academic talents, and drive to empower others have been recognized and celebrated by the Hispanic Scholarship Fund. We know she will not only make great use of the resources that this award provides, but she will pass along that knowledge to her peers within our More Than Bootstraps community,” said **Audrey Fisch**, president of More Than Bootstraps.

Interested donors are invited to visit the MTB website: www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate.

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About MORE THAN BOOTSTRAPS

[More Than Bootstraps](http://www.morethanbootstraps.org) builds a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education. *More Than Bootstraps is a 501(c)3 organization, Tax ID 83-2245008.* For more information, visit www.morethanbootstraps.org or call (908) 397-0893.

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About the HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Founded in 1975, the [Hispanic Scholarship Fund \(HSF\)](http://www.hispanicscholarshipfund.org) empowers students and parents with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education. HSF also seeks to give its Scholars all the tools they need to do well in their course work, graduate, enter, and excel in a profession, help lead our nation going forward, and mentor the generations to come. As one of the nation’s leading nonprofit organizations, HSF has awarded over \$675 million in scholarships and provides a broad range of programs and support services for students, parents, HSF Scholars, and HSF Alumni.



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