



58 BRITISH STATE SCHOOL PUPILS WIN PLACES TO STUDY IN US THROUGH SUTTON TRUST US PROGRAMME

58 bright British state school students out of 175 from low and middle income backgrounds have won places at prestigious US universities through the Sutton Trust US Programme.

Of the successful students, three-quarters (74%) are from families in the lowest income band (under £25k p.a) and half (48%) have claimed free school meals or educational maintenance allowance. Across their four years of study, the students will receive over \$14m of financial support from US institutions and scholarships with many of them graduating debt-free.

Details of the successful students were announced as they met US Ambassador Matthew Barzun at a reception at his London residence, Winfield House, on Thursday 9 July. The reception celebrated the students' achievements and the success of the Sutton Trust's US Programme, run in conjunction with the US-UK Fulbright Commission.

The aim of the US Programme is to encourage academically talented, low and middle income British students to consider studying at American universities. Last summer, all 58 students participated in the Sutton Trust's US Summer School at either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Yale University, or Harvard University.

The participants all benefited from residential activities and received an intensive programme of support, including help with applications, college choices and admissions tests.

The students will be enrolling at 39 different colleges in 18 states; 19 of these students will be attending an Ivy League Institution. Seven students received highly-competitive and prestigious merit scholarships including the Morehead-Cain Scholarship at UNC-Chapel Hill and the Woodruff Scholarship at Emory University.

150 state school students have been selected from 3,700 initial applicants to take part in the Sutton Trust's US Summer School this August.

The programme is made possible through support from its founding corporate sponsor, Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Their investment is matched by Peter Baldwin and Lisbet Rausing who have supported the programme since its launch. The programme is also supported by an anonymous donor, the London Stock Exchange, Big Change and EducationUSA.

Sir Peter Lampl, Chairman of the Sutton Trust and of the Education Endowment Foundation, said today:

“I am delighted that 58 students from our 2014 US programme have been offered places at top American universities. It’s wonderful to see students from low and middle income families getting the opportunity to enjoy the breadth and depth offered by US degree programme, which have long been popular amongst those from private schools. The level of financial aid available to students on our programme means many will be able to graduate debt-free from some of the best universities in the world.”

J Jeffry Louis, Chairman of the US-UK Fulbright Commission, said:

“This is a remarkable achievement on many levels. These 58 students represent all regions of the UK. Nearly three quarters of them come from lowest household income band (less than £25k) and two thirds of them are the first in their families to attend college. Collectively, they have been awarded \$14 million worth of financial aid packages.

The success of this cohort is a testament both to the continued quality of the Sutton Trust programme in supporting them through the application process but also to the desire of a wide range of US universities to have bright, state educated UK students on their campuses. We hope their inspirational success will encourage other young British people to realise that an American higher education is an attainable ambition.”

Alex Wilmot-Sitwell, President for Europe, the Middle East and Africa at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, said:

“Bank of America Merrill Lynch has a long-standing commitment to helping drive youth employment through education so I am delighted to see the success of our partnership with Sutton Trust. This programme will afford these young people such tremendous opportunities that will shape not just their careers, but their lives. I commend the Sutton Trust for their work, and I particularly look forward to following the careers of these 58 students.”

Jordan Clark, a student from Nottingham who has won a place at Northwestern said:

“I can’t wait to head over to Chicago in the fall, but none of this would have been possible without the Sutton Trust US Programme. With their help and advice throughout the application process, I have been lucky enough to secure significant funding towards my university education. They really have turned my dreams into reality!”

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

1. View the [biographies of all the Sutton Trust US Programme 2014-15 participants](#) who have accepted places at US universities.

2. The Sutton Trust is a foundation set up in 1997, dedicated to improving social mobility through education. It has published over 150 research studies and funded and evaluated programmes that have helped hundreds of thousands of young people of all ages, from early years through to access to the professions.
3. The US-UK Fulbright Commission is a not-for-profit organisation funded by both governments to promote educational exchange between the US and the UK. The Commission offers prestigious awards for postgraduate study and research in the US, as well as an Advisory Service and is the government recognised source of US study information in the UK. The Fulbright Advisory Service is part of the Education USA network of over 450 advising centres worldwide.
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5. Provided below is a list of the Sutton Trust US Programme 2014-15 participants who will be attending a US university.

Student Name	US University	UK School	Hometown	Country
Patrick Frenett	Amherst College	Waingels College	Reading	England
Eleanor Bailey	Barnard College	Redcliffe Sixth Form	Bristol	England
Joshua Hunt	Bates College	Franklin College	Grimsby	England
Jardelle Johnson	Brown University	King Edward VI Handsworth School	Birmingham	England
Cameron McKie	Brown University	Hartismere School	Wickham Skeith	England
Kamara Simms	Bryn Mawr College	Camden School for Girls	Camden	England
Jack Hardwick	Carleton College	Greenhead College	Mirfield	England
James Shelley	Claremont McKenna College	Christ the King College	Newport	Isle of Wight
Samuel Cordner	Columbia University	Notre Dame High School, Norwich	Norwich	England
Eleanor Dowd	Dartmouth College	St Paul's School for Girls	Birmingham	England
Carnun Marcus-Page	Dartmouth College	Woodhouse College	Tottenham	England
Alexander Waterhouse	Dartmouth College	Devonport High School for Boys	Plymouth	England
Rachael Murtagh	Duke University - Robertson Scholarship Recipient	Lord Wandsworth College	Long Sutton	England
Elle Winfield	Duke University - Robertson Scholarship Recipient	The Hayfield School	Doncaster	England
Kieren Helmn	Emory University - Woodruff Scholarship Recipient	Runshaw College	Preston	England
Joshua Cussen	Grinnell College	St Bartholomew's School)	Andover	England
Melissa Woodward	Hamilton College	Winstanley College	Atherton	England
Alice Donnellan	Harvard College	Torquay Boys' Grammar School	Teignmouth	England
Kai Potter	Harvard College	Feltham Community College	Feltham	England
Scott Sussex	Harvard College	Godalming College	Chertsey	England

Antonio Exposito	Lafayette College	Our Lady's High School Cumbernauld	Cumbernauld	Scotland
Conor Kirby	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Mossbourne Community Academy	Hackney	England
Hollie Haigh	Middlebury College	The Liverpool Blue Coat School	Liverpool	England
Firas Ashraf	New York University Abu Dhabi	Littleover Community School	Derby	England
Gugandeep Banga	New York University Abu Dhabi	Cranford Community College	Ealing	England
Vishal Gaglani	New York University Abu Dhabi	Wren Academy	Barnet	England
Jordan Clark	Northwestern University	South Nottinghamshire Academy	Nottingham	England
Saif Hassan Bhatti	Northwestern University - Brian D'Arcy James Scholarship Recipient	Pimlico Academy	Pimlico	England
Hallaamal Keir	Occidental College	Temple Moor High School	Leeds	England
Jordan Timms	Pepperdine University	Jersey College for Girls	Jersey	Channel Islands
Aarondeep Bargotta	Princeton University	The Coventry Blue Coat Church of England School and Music College	Coventry	England
Connor Bridges	Princeton University	Robert Clack School	Barking	England
Amy Hudson	Princeton University	Blessed Hugh Faringdon Catholic School	Reading	England
Krzysztof Noroko	Princeton University	St. Andrew's High School	Coatbridge	Scotland
Rebekah Birch	Rhodes College	King Edward VI School Lichfield	Lichfield	England
Isaac Davis	Roanoke College	Ysgol Bro Gwaun	Gwaun Valley	Wales
Aimee Hall	Skidmore College	Wednesfield High School	Wolverhampton	England
Chantelle Leswell	Smith College	Beath High School	Cowdenbeath	Scotland
Lisa Mcmillan	Smith College	Cathkin High School	Cambuslang	Scotland
Kirsty McLaren	St Olaf College	Birkenhead Sixth Form College	The Wirral	England
Marianne Lotter- Jones	Swarthmore College	Brockenhurst College	Poole	England
Ben Mellor	Trinity College	Scarborough Sixth Form College	Scarborough	England
Michael O'Donoghue	Trinity College	Brighton and Hove Sussex Sixth Form College	Brighton	England
Jonathan Kimber	Union College	Bournemouth School	Bournemouth	England
Rachel Bailey	University of Chicago	St John Bosco Arts College	Liverpool	England
Caitlin Hogan	University of Chicago	Highbury Grove School	Hackney	England
Phillippa Owens	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - Morehead- Cain Scholarship Recipient	Runshaw College	Newburgh	England
Alex Norman	University of Pennsylvania	The Sixth Form College Farnborough	Ascot	England
Ricky Brown	University of Richmond - Boatwright Scholarship Recipient	Greenford High School	Chiswick	England
Lucy Davies- Kumadiro	Vanderbilt University	Wyggeston and Queen Elizabeth I College	Loughborough	England
Georgia Murray	Vanderbilt University	Eckington School Sixth Form	Sheffield	England
Tanpreet Hunjan	Washington and Lee	The Rochester Grammar School	Strood	England

	University - Johnson Scholarship Recipient			
Kyiah Ashton	Wellesley College	Redcliffe Sixth Form	Bristol	England
Heather McCafferty	Whitman College	Sanquhar Academy	Sanquhar	Scotland
Ellie Atkinson	Yale University	Llantwit Major Comprehensive School	Cardiff	Wales
Gabriella Fenton	Yale University	Penwith College, Penzance	Newlyn	England
Matthew Peoples	Yale University	St Columb's College	Derry	Northern Ireland
Lucy Wilkins	Yale University	Brookfield Community School	Chesterfield	England