

EOPS - Guardian Scholars

Melissa Horton

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Melissa Horton embodies the resilience and determination of our Guardian Scholars students. As a former foster youth and returning student, Melissa has overcome significant challenges and has shown extraordinary commitment to her personal and academic growth.

Since re-entering college, she has maintained a 3.9 GPA and actively engaged in our weekly EmpowerED workshops and life coaching sessions. Her dedication, focus, and leadership have made a lasting impact on our program.

Recently accepted to Pepperdine University to pursue a Bachelor's in Business Management, Melissa plans to combine her education with a career in real estate, focusing on creating sustainable housing for low-income and systems-impacted individuals to help build generational wealth in underserved communities.

Melissa's journey is a testament to what's possible with support and determination. We are honored to recognize her as this year's Outstanding Guardian Scholars Student of the Year.