

2008 – 2009 New York Education & Training Voucher Program

Total 2008 – 09 ETV Applicants - 1547

Eligible: 782
 Funded: 782 (100% of eligible students were funded)

19 college graduates

Ineligible – 765 (see page 7)

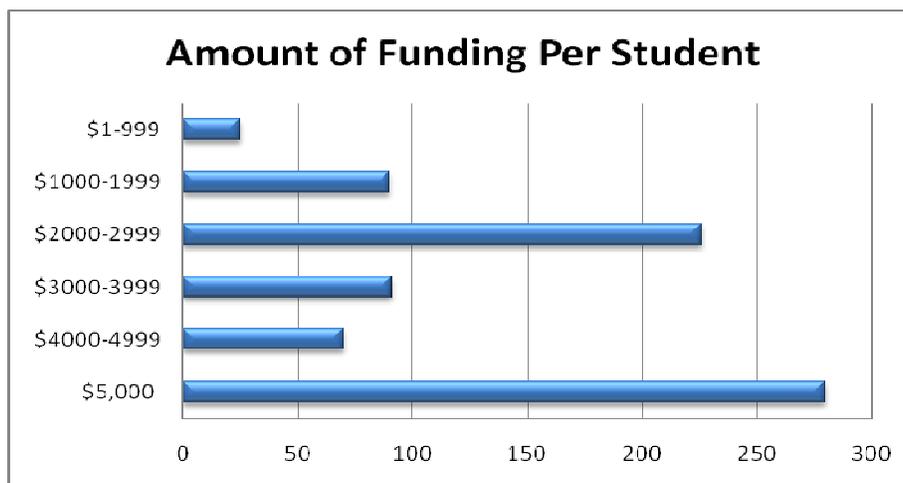
Of the 782 ETV 2008-09 Recipients:

- 357 New 2008-09 Students (46%)
- 425 Returning Students (54%)

Funding awarded to New York students: \$2,683,005.00

All eligible New York youth who completed the application and attended school were funded. Students who applied, but were ineligible to receive funding include those who were not in foster care, did not attend school, were first time applicants over the age of 21, or previous recipients who are older than 23.

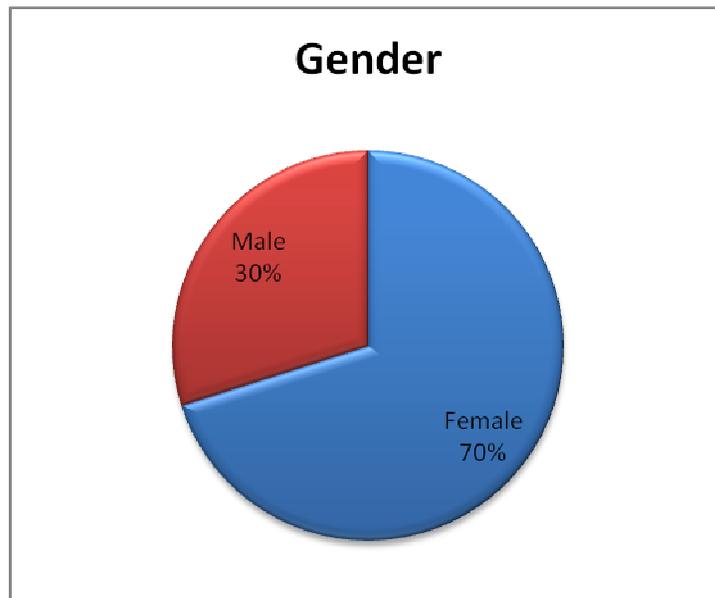
ETV grant amounts are based on a student's their schools' cost of attendance (COA) and the students' unmet need after other federal, state and scholarship funding have been applied to their COA.



2008-09 All Student (782)

The information in this section pertains to funded students only. OFA's data collection system draws information that is self-reported by the student via the online application, the school's financial aid office and the student's official transcripts.

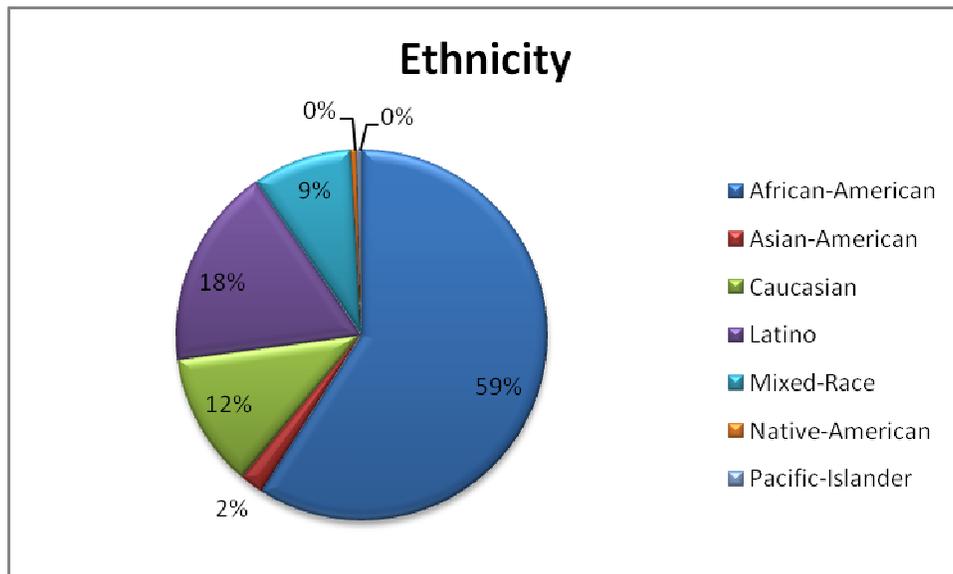
Female	548	70%
Male	234	30%



The following information reflects the students' age when they completed their application and became eligible for funding. Students are eligible to receive funding if they are enrolled, attending and in good standing at an eligible postsecondary institution and have not yet reached their 23rd birthday.

Age	Number of students	
18	225	28.77%
19	195	24.94%
20	185	23.66%
21	107	13.68%
22	70	8.95%

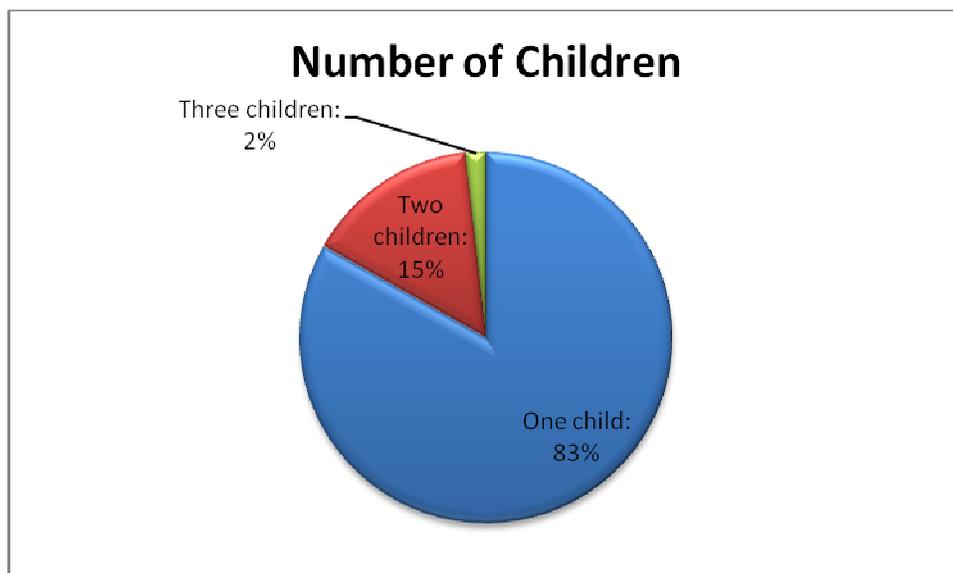
African-American	462	59.08%
Asian-American	16	2.05%
Caucasian	92	11.76%
Latino	137	17.52%
Mixed-Race	68	8.70%
Native-American	4	0.51%
Pacific-Islander	3	0.38%



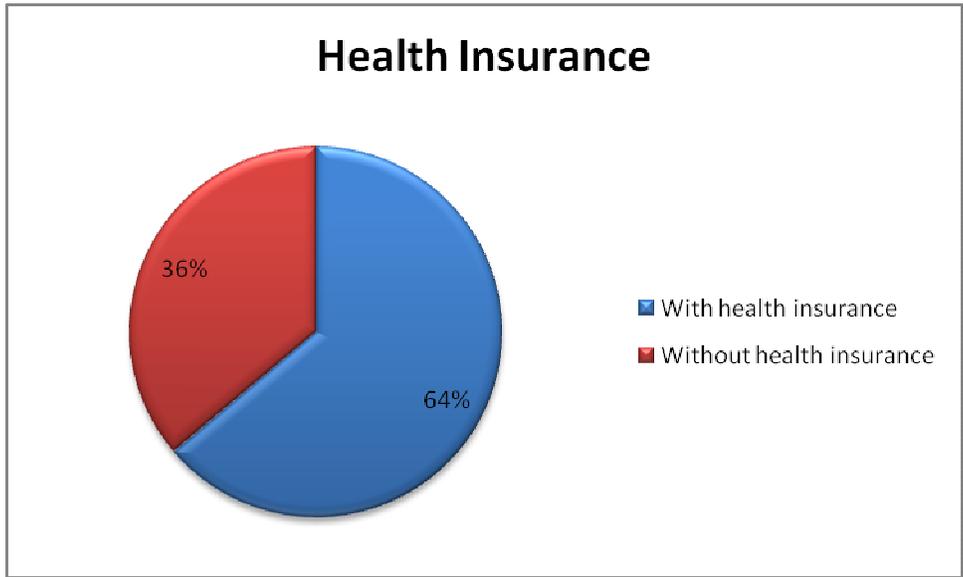
Married: 7 (2 male, 5 females)

Students who are parents: 116 (14.8% of funded. 105 mothers 11 fathers)

One child 94
 Two children 17
 Three children 2

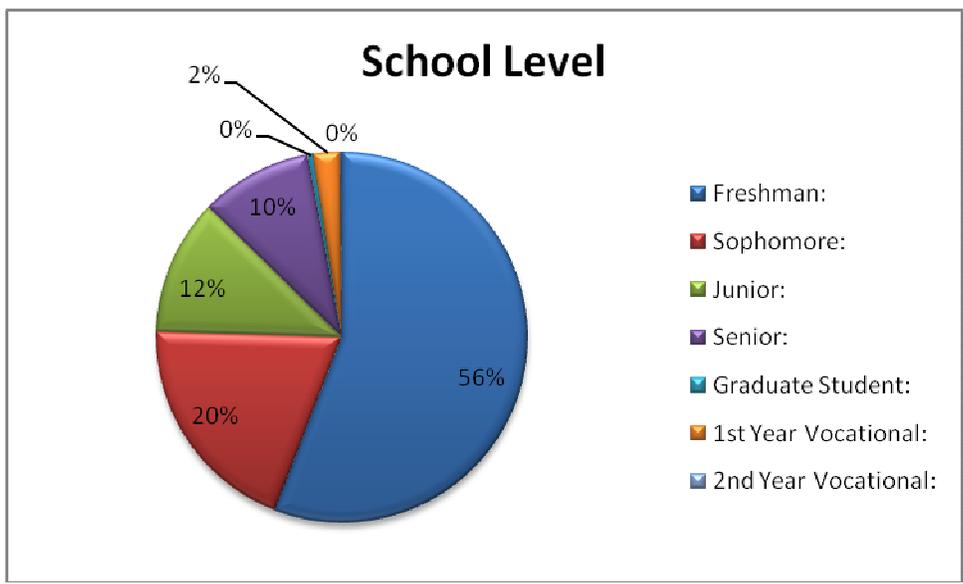


Healthcare:		
Students with health insurance	499	(63.8%)
Students without health insurance	283	(36.2%)

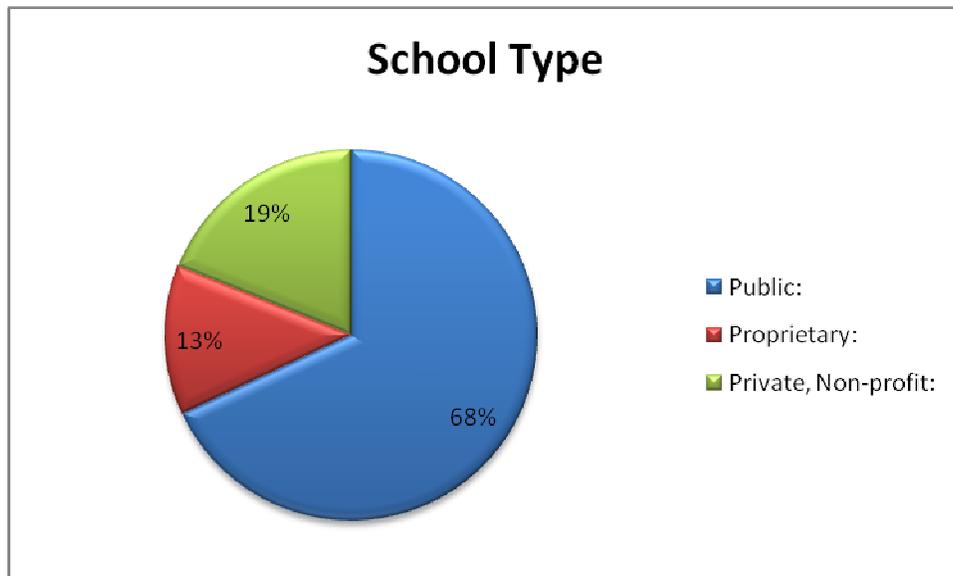


SCHOOL INFORMATION

Freshman:	437	(55.9%)
Sophomore:	153	(19.6%)
Junior:	93	(11.9%)
Senior:	76	(9.7%)
Graduate Student:	4	(0.5%)
1st Year Vocational:	18	(2.3%)
2nd Year Vocational:	1	(0.1%)



Public:	532	(68.0%)
Proprietary:	102	(13.0%)
Private, Non-profit:	148	(18.9%)



Students may retain a school year status (Freshman, Sophomore, etc.) for more than two semesters if they are taking non-credit remedial classes, are not full-time or are repeating classes they previously failed.

ETV Program provides academic coaching to those who have earned less than a 2.0 GPA during the previous semester or who frequently withdraw from classes. According to federal guidelines, students receiving federal financial aid must be making progress towards completing their programs to remain eligible for funding.

Funded students' who left school mid-semester:

- 1 Pregnancy
- 50 Withdrawal personal/mental/family
- 17 Unable to Contact (probable dropouts)
- 7 Quit / withdrew

2008-09 New Students

Cohort 5 has 357 students (first time recipients)

Female: 250 (70%)
 Male: 107 (30%)

African-American	201	Freshman	310
Asian-American	8	1 st Year Vocational	13
Caucasian	46	Sophomore	30
Latino	68	Junior	2
Mixed-Race	29	Senior	2
Native-American	3		
Pacific-Islander	2		

RETENTION INFORMATION

ETV Retention across school years						
State: New York		Year 1 2004-05	Year 2 2005-06	Year 3 2006-07	Year 4 2007-08	Year 5 2008-09
	Cohort1	782	524	309	182	78
	retention%		68%	60%	64%	51%
	Cohort2		365	186	125	80
	retention%			51%	70%	67%
	Cohort3			310	164	127
	retention%				53%	80%
	Cohort4				323	140
	retention%					43%
	Cohort5					357
	Reported Graduates	8	10	34	40	22

For each cohort "group," retention is the number of students returning from the previous year. In viewing cohort 1, for example, the second year shows that 525 of 782 returned, minus eight graduates, bringing the retention rate to 524 out of 774, or 68% of the original cohort.

Applicants are ineligible for a number of reasons, the most frequent of which is that they do not enroll in college or a specialized trade program. Within five days of applying, every New York ETV applicant is contacted in an effort to engage them in a discussion about their plans and to encourage them to register and attend school; however, many do not follow through for a variety of reasons.

High school seniors were advised to reapply after July 1. It is assumed that the majority of these youth will apply and be eligible for funding. Once they apply, New York ETV tries to keep them engaged by sending them useful and encouraging information about planning for success in post-secondary education and training and holiday and birthday cards.

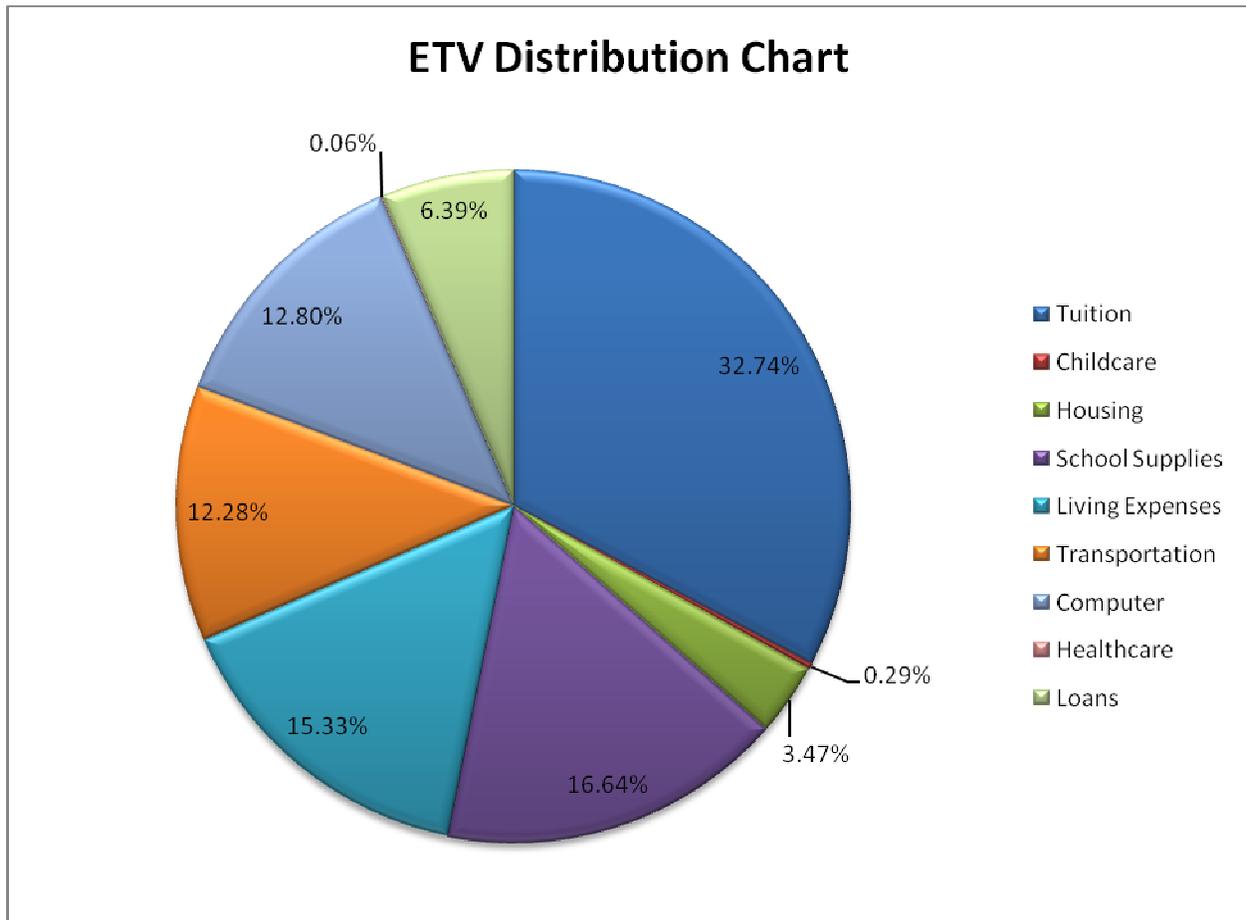
The lack of stable housing in the first few months after leaving foster care is a major deterrent to starting school and ultimately succeeding. This is reflected in the high number of students who did not attend school or could not be contacted by New York ETV Program. Housing instability prevents young people from accessing existing training and education programs and other needed community support services during early adulthood.

Ineligible Applications (765):

Age 21 before receiving funding	34
A student age 23 or older	79
App Incomplete / Contacts Failed	48
Not making academic progress	7
Graduated	10
Still in High School	174
Incarcerated	1
Joined Military	2
Not attending college	228
Ruled Ineligible	45
School Not Eligible	2
Withdrew Personal	8
Unable to Contact	127

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

New York ETV 2008-2009		
Purpose	Totals	Ratios
Tuition	\$878,494.32	32.74%
Childcare	\$7,684.00	0.29%
Housing	\$93,202.91	3.47%
School Supplies	\$446,502.51	16.64%
Living Expenses	\$411,311.66	15.33%
Transportation	\$329,545.57	12.28%
Computer	\$343,349.46	12.80%
Healthcare	\$1,600.00	0.06%
Loans	\$171,314.57	6.39%
Grand Total	\$2,683,005.00	100.00%



IN-KIND SUPPORT

Understanding that school funding, while important, doesn't address all the critical needs of foster youth in higher education, OFA goes beyond the parameters of its contracted New York ETV functions to serve New York youth in other vital ways.

At no additional cost to the state, OFA provides Academic Success Program support and coaching to students whose GPA has slipped below the 2.0 level. At the first sign of academic difficulty, OFA intervenes to assist students develop their study skills, increase their use of local resources, and enhance their proficiency to learn and demonstrate lessons learned. Also, to elevate student morale and to ensure that foster youth share the same feeling of familial support that other students enjoy, OFA regularly sends each student three personalized Care Packages during the course of the school year; during the 2008-2009 school year, OFA sent each student four Care Packages. Each package, filled with items that college students want and need, includes a personal note expressing encouragement and well wishes for success to the student. Care Packages are funded through corporate underwriting and product donations, and serve to include recipients in the larger OFA family.

OFA's InternAmerica provides internship opportunities for students in the nation's capital as well in their own community. Based on research that demonstrates the effectiveness of the internship experience in opening doors to good careers upon graduation, OFA offers New York ETV students this opportunity. In 2009, six New York ETV recipient participated in the six-week summer program in DC, which provides transportation, housing, a weekly stipend and workshops led by well respected leaders in areas of professional development.

In addition to administering the New York ETV Program, Orphan Foundation of America's privately funded scholarship program provides funding, care packages, mentoring, and internships to participating New York foster youth. OFA also supports these young people with supplemental/emergency funds when needed.

COUNTY INFORMATION:

County	Total per county	% of Funds	County	Total per county	% of Funds
ALBANY	\$29,305.00	1.09%	SCHENECTADY	\$20,500.00	0.76%
ALLEGANY	\$10,000.00	0.37%	ST.LAWRENCE	\$5,000.00	0.19%
BRONX	\$334,009.81	12.45%	SUFFOLK	\$51,120.46	1.91%
BROOME	\$28,520.00	1.06%	SULLIVAN	\$3,879.00	0.14%
CATTARAUGUS	\$12,500.00	0.47%	TIOGA	\$2,200.00	0.08%
CAYUGA	\$5,000.00	0.19%	TOMPKINS	\$5,000.00	0.19%
CHAUTAUQUA	\$9,000.00	0.34%	ULSTER	\$11,679.80	0.44%
CHEMUNG	\$10,000.00	0.37%	WASHINGTON	\$2,000.00	0.07%
COLUMBIA	\$9,500.00	0.35%	WAYNE	\$5,000.00	0.19%
CORTLAND	\$5,000.00	0.19%	WESTCHESTER	\$40,000.00	1.49%
DELAWARE	\$5,000.00	0.19%	WYOMING	\$2,000.00	0.07%
DUTCHESS	\$9,500.00	0.35%			
ERIE	\$80,000.00	2.98%			
FULTON	\$2,000.00	0.07%			
GENESEE	\$5,000.00	0.19%			
GREENE	\$5,000.00	0.19%			
JEFFERSON	\$5,000.00	0.19%			
KINGS	\$369,538.95	13.77%			
MADISON	\$2,600.00	0.10%			
MONROE	\$45,000.00	1.68%			
NASSAU	\$55,950.00	2.09%			
NEWYORK	\$1,082,646.53	40.35%			
NIAGARA	\$23,120.00	0.86%			
ONEIDA	\$15,500.00	0.58%			
ONONDAGA	\$43,945.00	1.64%			
ORANGE	\$37,250.00	1.39%			
OSWEGO	\$24,000.00	0.89%			
OTSEGO	\$10,000.00	0.37%			
PUTNAM	\$5,000.00	0.19%			
QUEENS	\$199,255.45	7.43%			
RENSSELAER	\$7,000.00	0.26%			
RICHMOND	\$21,485.00	0.80%			
ROCKLAND	\$28,000.00	1.04%			
STATE TOTAL:			\$2,683,005.00		

New York Students Show their Appreciation

"I am so thankful for you guys. I don't know where I would be without OFA. You have always been there to help me out. Back from when I was in the shelter you sent me those gift cards and that book. I was so worried. I'm so grateful for everything you have done to help me. Words can't express how I feel right now. I want to help others like you have helped me. I can't believe that people can be this nice."

Loretta Williams – Erie Community College – Class of 2011 – Criminal Justice

"You always see other students at the dorms getting care packages from their family. I went to get my mail and got a care package from OFA. My roommates asked me who OFA was. I told them it was my family. It's a wonderful and uplifting experience."

Valerie Herrera – Syracuse University – Class of 2011 – Architecture

"I just wanted to take the time out to say thanks for all the support OFA! I am graduating next year and I don't think I could've done it without you guys-it's been hard but OFA just makes it that much easier to deal with. Thank you so much!"

Simone White – CUNY, Medgar W. Evers College – Class of 2010 – Political Science

"The InternAmerica program is an experience of a lifetime. It is not only a time to explore a career path but it is also an opportunity to meet other positive individuals and see how they have overcome their past. You not only learn professional skills from the internship but other skills that come with meeting other foster kids. This is the best program to be in, for anyone."

Sarah Lucas – SUNY, Geneseo - 2009 Graduate – International Relations

"I want to thank you so much for making my dream come true. Going to college is something that I've always dreamed of and due to my status I couldn't afford it. Thank you so much for all your help."

Melissa Correa – CUNY, John Jay College – Class of 2012 – Criminal Justice

"Thank you very much. I am very grateful for all of the support and assistance that OFA has given me throughout my college years. I now have a bachelor's in human services and work as a case manager for people living with HIV/AIDS. I am independent and I am able to provide for myself in a time when much of the country is not able to do so. This program has helped me so much throughout my education and I would like to take the time out to truly thank you for the chance to change my life for the better."

Jaitza Colon – Boricua College – 2009 Graduate – Human Services