In Honor of Grace Tsao-Wu
Grace Tsao-Wu was a true leader, advocate, and differencemaker. She generously committed her time and resources to advancing many important causes and organizations that strengthened our community. This fellowship honors current OMD students who demonstrate strong leadership as well as show that they are actively working to make a difference in their communities.

Fellows
Fellows must be current OMD Scholars with strong academic records, in good or excellent standing, who are planning to graduate from community college to obtain their bachelor’s degree. Scholars may nominate themselves for selection. Fellows will be selected based on their leadership experience, desire to make an impact and be a Differencemaker in their communities, and demonstrated interest in actively engaging in this program. Each fellow will receive a $5,000 transfer scholarship to pursue their bachelor’s degree (this funding may be renewable pending future fundraising opportunities).

Mentors
OMD will recruit Differencemaker Mentors who will work one-on-one with the selected Fellows for a two-year period. Mentors will help bring the life, love and passions of Grace Tsao-Wu to the Fellows sharing life lessons and exemplifying her commitment to her community. Each fellow will be paired with a mentor who will provide advice and guidance as they explore academic and career pathways. Mentors will commit to helping fellows find internships and future job opportunities.

Expectations
The Differencemaker community, including fellows, mentors, staff members, and donors, will come together at least once each year. Fellows and mentors are asked to meet 1:1 at least two additional times during the school year and at least two times once the fellow transfers to a four-year institution. Fellows must submit transcripts to OMD each semester after transferring to remain in good standing and receive the transfer scholarship.