



Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities



Carlos Galvan Santos

Debary FL

**University of Central Florida
Industrial Engineering**

The values of togetherness and community are not only what keep me going to further support my family back home in my small village, but they are also what binds together the characteristics of Denny's. There is no better way to connect and engage with friends and family than dining together.

Elica Castrejon

Chicago IL

**Northeastern Illinois University
Elementary Education**

If Denny partners or sponsors LGBTQ, Black Lives Matter, Hispanic/Latino, Asian organizations this can bring awareness to communities. When we build awareness, we are also creating a community. To raise awareness in efforts to bring the community together it simply starts by sponsoring a run.

Elijah Gaddis

Fairfield CA

**California State University Fullerton
Finance**

Denny's can bring communities together by doing what it does best and that's getting families together and providing great inexpensive meals. Denny's can bring communities not only together but closer to one another.

Gavin Frazier

Cache OK

**California State University
Monterey Bay
Psychology**

With Denny's, I believe there are countless possibilities to be offered to bring back the sense of community that was stripped away during the lockdown. One simple solution would be to donate excess food that would otherwise be thrown out at the end of the night..

Christian Herrera

El Paso TX

**El Paso Community College
Criminal Justice**

It did take me some time to understand the power of the community I now serve. A society that can share honest feedback and allows you to shine. Being able to contribute makes a difference, helps us see what we cannot see, and share different life perspectives while working together.



National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce



Natalia Capella

Knoxville TN

**The University of Tennessee
Mechanical Engineering**

This generosity will not only provide me the resources to complete my education but also allow me to continue working towards building and encouraging my community. Thank you so much for this incredible gift that will allow me to see out the dreams I have had since a child of completing education in engineering.



Aran Glynn

Bronx NY

Babson College

Business Administration

I am incredibly grateful to be receiving this scholarship as this opportunity will enable me to not only pursue my studies in business administration, but have the financial stability to explore creative endeavors related to my field of study.



Alisha Ramos

Pasco WA

**Heritage University, Toppenish, WA
Elementary Education**

Thank you so much for your decision in choosing me as one of the scholarship recipients! I know that with your help I can create even bigger goals, not just for myself but for the other minority + LGBTQ+ students who grew up like me and needed the extra help and support.



Estella Suarez-Hamilton

San Pedro CA

**Long Beach City College
Deaf Studies**

Denny's was always the place for our family to rest, gather and be together. As a military family who moved every 3 years, comfort and consistency became valuable. Denny's was always a consistent and comfortable space to rest, and have lunch and a milkshake between long car trips.



Alpha Kappa Alpha – Lambda Rho Omega Chapter



Meleeah Jefferies

Gaffney SC

NC Central / Claflin University

Denny's can help bring communities together by continuing to be involved in all the communities. Reaching out to all communities by being involved on a more personal level. Like having designated volunteers in different communities and would be considered a spokesperson for that area.



Ashleigh Johnson

Albany GA

Spelman College

Denny's can bring the communities together by hosting a mental health night at their locations. At the mental health night, employees and the community will benefit greatly from this event. Denny's could invite local therapists, psychologists, and mental health professionals to come out.



Pashince Daniels-Francis

Derwood MD

North Carolina A&T

Denny's is not only a place to dine in and eat, but it is a community pushing to get their customers and employees on the right track. When I was in middle school, there was a Denny's right around the corner from my school. The kids would stop there all the time and I thought to myself "They really care about these students".



Avianna Hogue

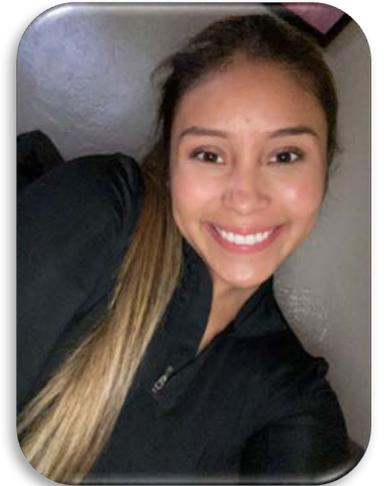
Gaffney SC

South Carolina State University

Denny's is a franchise committed to continuously creating innovative methods as it pertains to giving back to the community. As a result, the Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship was created. The purpose of this scholarship is to provide an education advancement opportunity for all students.



Partners for Youth with Disabilities – High School



Brian Barrows
Dorchester MA
Charlestown High School

Denny's can help people by making sure that all people can meet each other. The restaurants can work to be a good place for people to meet and learn about each other. People can eat and bring their families.

Erika Dunlap
Spring TX
Spring Early College Academy

One of the things could be having a United Day. It would be held over the day and include one free item off the menu for the kids with disabilities. Denny's could have families with disabled family members come in and have a conversation with different families to acknowledge that they are not alone with their disability.

Brian Edwards
Darmouth MA
Dartmouth high

Provide a place for communities to come together, volunteer their time to people in need, and encourage employees to volunteer on their own time

Camden Moors
Land O Lakes FL
Pasco ESchool

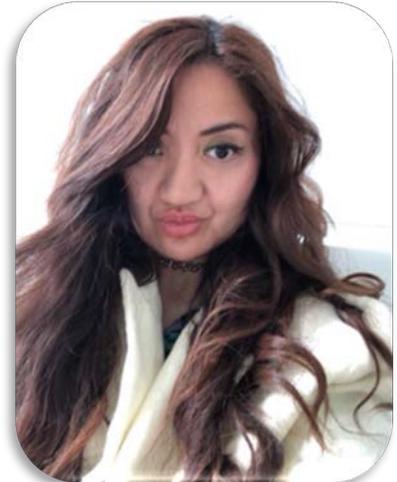
To help bring the community together, connecting food waste with homeless shelters, food banks and direct to the needy willing to pick it up would, most certainly help bring the community together. We all need to have a hand in helping solve hunger in our communities.

Neyda Pacheco-Lopez
Merced CA
El Capitan Highschool

Denny's is an organization that services people all throughout the U.S. Since they are known on a wide scale, they are capable of making a change bringing communities together. They can do this by holding events where different types of ethnicities and people from communities nearby can participate, especially the youth.



Partners for Youth with Disabilities – College



Ashley Burris

Houston TX

Texas A&M University

Denny's can bring community's together by continuing to provide donations to charitable organizations and partner with charities to feed the needy. In addition, Denny's could showcase different cultures by showcasing limited time menu selections for each culture.

Lillian Ellmore

Lexington MA

High Point University

Community starts in the neighborhood you live in and seeing your community reflected back to you is a terrific way to continue to build it. Have every Denny's hang a TV monitor and invite folks to take pictures of themselves with their friends and family, eating at Denny's and celebrating life's moments. Denny's can have those photos scroll on the monitor as people walk in.

John Tom Geraci

Newton MA

Merrimack College

While many other large businesses have at least some charitable involvement, Denny's goes the extra mile by explicitly weaving its commitment to the communities it serves right into its mission statement and prominently featuring it on its website and within its restaurants.

Sophia Humphrey

Freemont CA

San Jose State University

Denny's can foster community simply by being open for families, to safely eat out and bond through a shared meal. Ensuring that all establishments are ADA compliant and ready to serve people of all ability levels. Disabled people are vital members of the community and by making all Denny's locations accessible to all ensures that everyone is included.

Cathy Ulugia

Murray Utah

Brigham Young University

Currently, I believe Denny's can help bring communities together by hosting local activities that build up communities. Perhaps, hosting a company party, hosting a local school fundraiser, creating a book drive, a pantry drive, and/or feed the homeless or train a homeless to be a dynamite Denny's employee.



Tom Joyner Foundation



Mya Bailey

**Bloomington CA
Southern University A&M College
Biology**

Since it was founded in 1953, Denny's has been a remarkable restaurant for communities to come together and be able to express opinions and emotions that they are unable to do in the outside world. With it being a 24 hour establishment, it has become a safe space to enjoy food from breakfast to dinner. Personally, Denny's has always been a go to spot after high school dances, graduation, and many other celebrations for my family and I.

Spencer Thomas

**Charlotte NC
Howard University
Graphic Design**

Knowing the people of your community is essential to growth and happiness. With knowing one another you are meeting new friends, creating relationships, and finding opportunities. The assumed goal is to put a smile on everyone's faces and serve as an organization that is known to help one another. However, it will only work if everyone is on board! No one should feel left out nor unworthy in opportunities to help and grow communities.

Caleighsta Edmonds

**Fort Wayne IN
Howard University
Pre-law**

Denny's has the rare opportunity to support a program that will exist long after it's conception. Denny's has the chance to correct an immense wrong of the past and provide a solution for far off future generations. I truly believe this modern-day free breakfast program has the potential and brain power to not only be erected into actuality, but to change the lives of those too young to advocate change for themselves.

Xavier Hammond

**Riverview FL
Florida A&M University
Mechanical Engineering**

Denny's has been a constant in the community for 68 years and there are ways that this organization can bring people of our communities closer together, including food pantries, expanded internship opportunities, and partnerships with local high schools. Denny's can help strengthen community bonds by joining in the fight against hunger and food insecurities.

Larry Patterson

**Kernersville NC
N.C. A&T State University
Criminal Justice**

First and foremost, bringing a whole community together starts with unity you may ask yourself is this community united for instance say the answer is no. The first step would be what kind of event could we have that could bring the whole community together, and an event that suites everyone including kids and elders.



100 Black Men of the Upstate S.C.



Victor Mattison
Mauldin SC
Clemson University

A way Denny's can help bring communities together is by helping fund a community playground park. Parks are a great way of providing fun physical activity, promoting social skills, and limiting time on digital media. An issue today with children and adolescence is that they are spending an inordinate amount of time on digital media.



Tristen Davis
Spartanburg SC
University of South Carolina

I believe that the most effective way for Denny's to bring communities together is through sports and mentoring programs. Similar to the design of traditional summer camps, Denny's could fund mentoring programs that run during the summer and the school year.



Saxon Brown
Mauldin SC
Lipscomb University

In addition to the incredible dining experience, Denny's helps build the community through several community services and charity efforts. One of these charitable efforts is the company's contribution to the No Kid Hungry foundation. This partnership has provided 100 million meals to hungry children in America since 2011.



Adom Appiah
Spartanburg SC
Undecided

I would like Denny's to start a socially responsible program where students can receive meals in exchange for summer work. Denny's can partner with local libraries to start reading programs where children will receive tokens for the number of books read. The children can turn those tokens over to Denny's to receive a free meal.



Jervaris Rice
Spartanburg SC
Coastal Carolina University

Denny's can foresee, conceive, and actualize a genuine future for everyone by creating numerous opportunities for apprenticeships and internships to provide direct experiences. By doing this, Denny's can bring diverse populations together as they work towards attaining economic stability in communities which is more vital today more than ever.



The National Urban League



Jalen Harbin

Louisville KY

University of Kentucky

With Denny's help kids like me from low income homes get the glorious opportunity to attend college and live the life they've desired in their dreams and with the Urban league and Denny's working together they can reach multiple communities and improve upon them and initiate a new era of empowerment, opportunity, equality, and peace.

Chelsea Gichohi

Federal Way WA

University of WA Seattle Campus

If Denny's focused on low-income neighborhoods and found a neutral area to host the gathering, they could also bring members from the community to form a committee that helps plan the fine details. This gathering could be held sometime in the afternoon, and weekly.

Varia Alston

Baltimore MD

Norfolk State University

Denny's can help bring communities together by reaching out to young people like myself and getting our thoughts and ideas on a regular basis. Answering this essay question is a perfect example of one way that could be accomplished. We as young people have many ideas, but we just need a platform to talk openly about them.

Jahneulie Weste

Knoxville TN

University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Denny's can help bring communities together by being a middle ground for people from different perspectives to talk. In today's age, many people are on extreme ends of their opinions, and there is little to no effort to look towards the other side or meet in the middle. A place like Denny's could provide a safe space for dialogue from opposing sides that may become a team.

Henry Harrington

Indianapolis IN

Central State University

Denny's is committed to giving back to local communities with their programs. Their team members love to volunteer with these events that Denny's hosts because they love to help out ones who need food, making their day better and making others smile.



Alpha Kappa Alpha – Epsilon Beta Omega



Devin Hammonds

Roebuck SC

College of Charleston

"Since Denny's is such a popular and well-known corporation, it would be helpful for Denny's to host, sponsor, or even promote the goodwill of community partnership. A perfect example would be for Denny's corporation to collaborate with community partners...."



Valiyah Young

Duncan SC

Clemson University

"Providing balanced meals, reaching out to those in need, and always seeking more improvement within low-income areas can help Denny's bring communities together. A nurturing, balanced meal can make a difference in a person's life. Denny's providing weekly fresh meals within neighborhoods or areas can change the atmosphere of the environment."



Jylan Miller

Roebuck SC

North Carolina A&T

"I believe Denny's could further their efforts by partnering with other organizations such as the City of Spartanburg Police Department in the National Night Out event held annually to engage with and identify the needs of the community."