



Transforming the lives of first-generation college students around the world.

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is our pleasure to acknowledge the efforts of Damla Elmalı in the Aspire Leaders Program at the Aspire Institute, a nonprofit organization that evolved from its predecessor initiative founded at Harvard University. The Aspire Institute provides leadership and social entrepreneurship education to tens of thousands of low-income, first-generation college students and other underserved young graduates in more than 195 countries, empowering them to make an impact across various fields.

The Aspire Leaders Program consists of two modules designed to equip participants with critical leadership and problem-solving skills. Module 1 focuses on personal and professional development through a strengths-based leadership assessment and career-building resources co-created with Harvard Business School. Module 2 explores leadership, trust, AI, and community impact through the Aspire Horizons Course, designed and delivered by Harvard faculty. Damla was among the 5,979 finalists who successfully completed the program out of 25,021 students in Cohort 1 of the 2025 program year.

We celebrate Damla's dedication and achievement in completing this rigorous program and look forward to seeing the impact they will make as a leader in their community and beyond.

Sincerely,
The Aspire Team