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2008 Scholarship Awards Reception

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Welcome!

Ventura County Office of Education
Conference & Educational Services
Center (Salons A, B, & C) June 5, 2008

Program

Check-in 4:30 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions 4:45 p.m.

- Tina Knight, Vice President, VCCF
- Mary L. Schwabauer, Chair, Board of Directors, VCCF
- Hugh J. Ralston, President & CEO, VCCF

Presentation of Awards 5:10 p.m.

- Virginia Weber, Program Officer, VCCF

Introduction of Donors
and Reception 6:00 p.m.

Presentation of Awards:

iAdelante! Scholarship

Established in 2004 to provide support for graduating Latino or Latina high school seniors, this scholarship is the embodiment of "*iMoving Forward!*" for outstanding young Ventura County residents pursuing higher education.

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Erica Fernandez

We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own. –Cesar E. Chavez

~

Ann Marie Education Fund Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2008 to provide support for CSUCI elementary education students with a specialty in Reading and/or Language Arts. It is intended for those students who will embrace the noble profession of teaching as passionately as Ann Marie did, with her 35 years in the teaching profession in our local community.

~

Christine Herrera

I am a student whose goal is to inspire young minds. I thank my parents and family for all their love and support. I wouldn't be the person I am without them.

~

Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship

Berenice Barnard was the Ventura County Schools Music Supervisor for over 25 years, conducting choruses and classes, influencing and enhancing music education. A bequest from her will to the PEO Sisterhood, Chapter FZ, started this scholarship to benefit music specialists from Ojai and Ventura with professional growth while a student or a teacher.

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Julie M. Farrell

The best way to prepare for life is to begin to live. –Elbert Hubbard

~

Nicole Jahng

My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us; the world is full of it, and you simply take as much as you require. –Edward Elgar

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Louis Lopez

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Scott Quintana

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Berenice Barnard Music Education Scholarship

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Gamma Chapter, established this scholarship in 2001 with a bequest given them by Berenice Barnard.

It provides scholarships for Ventura/Ojai area students who are pursuing musical development or musical education.

~

Jacquelynn Fabiszak

People say I'm vivacious and positive. I love music—it's my happy place. I want to take it and give it to others. My motto is Press Forward, "Grant us faith to look beyond the problems of the moment to the miracles of the future." –Gordon B. Hinkley. Thank you for this opportunity!

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Nicole Jahng

My idea is that there is music in the air, music all around us; the world is full of it, and you simply take as much as you require. –Edward Elgar

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April Kenney

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James C. Basile Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in 1999 by attorney Jim Basile as a way to assist Ventura County students pursuing higher education at public institutions in California. Education was dear to Mr. Basile's heart.

~

Julio Chavez

Sometimes you just have to close your eyes and jump.

~

Emily D. Christison

The only question to ask yourself is how much are you willing to sacrifice to achieve this success? –Flynt

~

Luz Figueroa

I consider education a treasure that has proved to be very significantly difficult to attain, but not impossible when you have so many people support you, guide you, and most of all, they **believe** in you!

And that for me is what truly matters. Graças!

~

Kristyn Fryrear

~

Josefina Garcia

When you are a nurse you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours. Thank you!

~

Michael Garcia

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Javier S. Garibay

If you want to keep your memories, you first have to live them. –Bob Dylan. Thank you!

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Jennifer Gonzalez

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Jessica Howell

This Foundation has not only allowed me to further my education but has given me the opportunity to become a teacher and to “be the change I want to see in this world.” –Mahatma Gandhi

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Miguel Martinez

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Nahal Niakan

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Marisela Ortiz

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Sarswati “Diane” Rampersaud

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Alma Rubalcava

I am very excited to continue my education at the university.

I would like to thank the people who have supported and encouraged me to pursue a college education. Thank you!

~

Brittany Silverstein

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. –Eleanor Roosevelt. Thanks to the VCCF all my dreams can come true as I pursue my degree in broadcast journalism when I transfer to CSUN next spring. Thank you!

~

Alexis Tai

Through any pain of the past or failure in the future, I have to remember that, as Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”

~

Justin Tung

Thank you to the scholarship committee members for your work, time and effort. This truly means a lot to me and my family and we are incredibly happy. I hope everyone enjoys high school as I have—with accomplished hopes and dreams.

~

Cristal Vasquez

I like to eat, sleep, drink, and be in love. I like to work, read, learn, and understand life. –Langston Hughes

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Justin E. Vilorio

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**Bob Benedetto Memorial Scholarship Fund for
Social Workers**

This fund was established to continue the legacy of Bob Benedetto’s interest in social work by assisting young people in pursuit of their social work education.

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Nina Abiera

~

David A. Deutsch

Through my studies in the field of Social Work I hope to help people improve the quality of their lives to the greatest extent possible. It is a privilege and an honor to be able to call myself a Social Worker.
Thank you for this award.

~

Laura Guerra

~

Bob Beltramo Memorial Scholarship For Athletic Sportsmanship

Established by his family, this fund honors the memory and life of Bob Beltramo, beloved sports enthusiast who exemplified good sportsmanship and always exhibited an appreciation for outstanding high school athletes.

~

Scott Kamino

This fall I will attend UCLA where I will study life sciences. I am planning to specialize in public health and I hope to become an epidemiologist. Thanks!

~

Gabriel Soliz

~

Herbert A. Berlin Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in 1991 by the family of the former Oxnard High School math teacher, coach, and vice principal, Herbert A. Berlin, to benefit a graduating senior from Oxnard Union High School.

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Erica Fernandez

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~

Calavo Scholarship

Established by the Calavo Growers of California for residents of any of the Calavo districts who are related to a Calavo member, this scholarship is awarded to outstanding students pursuing an agriculture-related major.

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Austin Rodriguez

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David G. Casavan Memorial Scholarship

This fund provides scholarships for students pursuing a degree at a California college or university in math, science, or engineering.

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Joseph Mazeika

Joe is a math major at the CCS at UCSB. Throughout his years at Westlake High, he has done everything from Varsity Track to Physics Club, Philosophy Club to Theatre. Remember: Always Look on the Bright Side of Life!

~

Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship

Gary had a thirst for knowledge and was high school valedictorian. He earned college degrees in Economics, Management, and Statistics. Gary was so interested in finding a cure for leukemia that his parents included medical research as part of the focus for this scholarship memorializing the life of their son.

~

John S. Ekman

After losing my grandmother Yolanda to brain cancer four years ago, I have had a strong desire to apply my knowledge in molecular biology research. This scholarship will support my work as a medical researcher when I attend Harvard College. Thank you.

~

Annelise Mah

Annelise will be attending Stanford University next year and hopes to major in Biology and become a research scientist. She enjoys playing the piano, volunteering at Westminster Free Clinic, Rubik's cubing, reading, dancing, writing poetry, and taking photographs.

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Alice Park

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Sidney Primas

We are still masters of our fate. We are still captains of our souls. –Winston Churchill

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Stanley E. Cohen Memorial Scholarship

This fund memorializes a gentleman who believed strongly in education. In addition to being an attorney, Mr. Cohen was an active community volunteer.

~

Shirley Hernandez

I will attend UC Davis in the fall where I will major in Biological Sciences. My overall goal is to be an obstetrician and to be able to help underprivileged women receive the medical help they require.

~

Community and Folk Art Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the Floral Artists to invest in the future of the arts by providing assistance to graduating high school seniors who are studying art.

~

Chelsea King

This quote has inspired me throughout my life: Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly. –Langston Hughes

~

Lauren Roberts

In an environment so engulfed in disturbing negativity, it is my goal to positively impact society by providing artistic images of hope in this media-driven world. Through my education at UCLA, I'll pursue a career in advertising/design, publishing, or photojournalism. Thank you.

~

Michael A. DiRaimondo Foundation

Michael was an athlete who loved the outdoors and whose compassion drew him to become a paramedic. An Army flight medic, Spc. Michael A. DiRaimondo was killed when his medevac helicopter went down in Iraq on January 8, 2004.

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James G. Eberhardt

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Shane Petrites

Nothing is worth more than this day. –Goethe

~

William A. and Cynthia D. Fairburn

Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Fairburn, son of a Columbia University teacher, was born in New York City. Mrs. Fairburn's parents were professors at St. Paul's College in Tarsus, Turkey, where she was born. Mr. and Mrs. Fairburn retired to Ojai, read voraciously, and believed fervently that the finest heritage one can leave children is an education.

~

Karen Acevedo

The difference between the impossible and the possible lies in a person's determination. –Tommy Lasorda

~

Rasha Ahmed

I will be attending UCLA as a Neuroscience/English major. I hope to work with Doctors without Borders as a surgeon. I hope that I will not have to meet you on the operating table, but if I do: you are in good hands!

~

Sergio Alamillo

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Esteban Alvarado

I will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I have been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity building houses. I want to make my family proud of me and give back to them and the community for supporting me. Thank you for helping give me the opportunity to do that.

~

Alexandria Anderson

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. –Proverbs 3:5-6

~

Rachel O. Arment

Oscar Wilde once wrote, "I've now realized...the vital importance of Being Earnest." This has inspired me to approach my life with honesty and dedication—and a bit of humor to keep things interesting. Thank you!

~

Alicia L. Began

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Mira Brown

You must be the change you wish to see in the world. –Mahatma Gandhi. One person may not be able to save the planet, but the efforts each person makes can accumulate to create a significant difference. Thank you so much! I am pleased to be the recipient of this award.

~

Alex K. Bryant

I am currently a senior at Ventura High School and will attend Yale University next fall. I plan to major in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, and I will run for Yale's cross county and track teams. Thank you very much!

~

Anaamika Campeau

Each of my successes is the fruit of every influence in my life. Each teacher I have had, my parents and relatives, and my friends have given me the experiences, whether good or bad, from which I have learned. Once again, thank you.

~

Angela Chen

Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence. –Vince Lombardi. Thank you for organizing and offering the scholarships; I know it will be a great financial help for my family and me next year when I attend Harvard University. Thank you again!

~

Lydia Chung

Aspiring to be the “change she wishes to see in the world,” Lydia will attend UCLA in the fall. She thanks her family and friends for their endless support and for always being there for her.

~

Joy Cyprian

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. –John Wooden. Thank you!

~

Kim Cyprian

Everything I do, I do with my heart. Living life with passion and enjoyment makes everything worthwhile. I think this sums me up the best. Thank you for this opportunity.

~

Lucy E. Darago

My cross country coach once told me, “When you race, throw your life into it, make a believer out of yourself and everyone else.” I’ve tried to apply these words to every aspect of my life.

~

Megan P. De Gennaro

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, though checkered by failure than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat. –Theodore Roosevelt

~

Alisa De Los Santos

It’s hard to wring my hands when I am busy rolling up my sleeves. –Linda Geraci. This quote exemplifies that I am a “do-er”, fulfilling the needs around me and accomplishing goals that I set for myself without hesitation.

~

Corinna E. Doris

If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counselor, caution your elder brother, and hope your guardian genius. –Joseph Addison. Thank you!

~

Alana J. Dowden

This quote is from Audrey Hepburn, a woman I greatly admire: "For beautiful eyes, see only the good in others, for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness, and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are not alone."

Thank you so much for honoring me through your scholarship program.

~

John S. Ekman

After losing my grandmother Yolanda to brain cancer four years ago, I have had a strong desire to apply my knowledge in molecular biology research.

This scholarship will support my work as a medical researcher when I attend Harvard College. Thank you.

~

Linnea Fechtner

I am pursuing a B.S. in Biological Studies from the University of Notre Dame. I will then explore biomedical research with a focus on neurological diseases. The dramatic arts will also play a strong role in my life, for I have found that study without the complement of acting is meaningless.

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Maxwell Fisch

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Laura Fredrickson

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Ashley Grande

Think Positive, Set Goals, and Never Quit!

~

Evan Gravelle

To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift. –Steve Prefontaine

~

Spencer Gulbranson

Nothing in the world is so small that the sun cannot warm it. –Avi.

Thank you.

~

Anthony Gurrola

~

Elizabeth Heredia

Henry David Thoreau captured my outlook in life when he said: If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

~

Mara Hochberg-Miller

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace. –Jimi Hendrix. It is my dream to work with peace negotiations at the United Nations. Thank you.

~

Stephanie Johnson

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Nathisha Kalpage

Forget conventionalisms; forget what the world thinks of you stepping out of your place; think your best thoughts, speak your best words, do your best works, looking to your own conscience for approval. –Susan B. Anthony

~

Michelle Kane

Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile. –Mother Teresa

~

Steffi Khurana

~

Danny Klittich

I am a second year Entomology student attending UC Davis and would like to thank you for supporting my education.

~

Jack Knauer

~

Ryan Krebs

I desire to major in International Business and start my own corporation—maybe even an airline! Also I would like to run for public office in the future, and to be a writer. I aim to be a Renaissance man!

~

Stephanie Kroll

Stephanie has a passion for science and literature, and hopes to major in neurobiology and literature at UCLA. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, playing volleyball, going to the beach, and reading.

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Megan Landeros

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Stephanie Leung

We write our own destiny; we become what we do. –Madame Chiang Kai-Shek Thank you!

~

Janet Li

God has continuously showered me with blessings, giving me selfless parents who have instilled confidence in me and have created the stepping stones for my aspirations. But more importantly, God has blessed me with a loving sister, my favorite companion, who I wish to emulate.

~

Victoria Lou

I am attending Wellesley College as an Economics major. My favorite quote is "Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." Thank you!

~

Annelise Mah

Annelise will be attending Stanford University next year and hopes to major in Biology and become a research scientist. She enjoys playing the piano, volunteering at Westminster Free Clinic, Rubik's cubing, reading, dancing, writing poetry, and taking photographs.

~

Amanda M. McDowell

Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Live selflessly. Kindness will repair the damage in the world. As of now, it is not too late!

~

Morgan McLeod

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover. –Mark Twain

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Jacqueline Mendoza

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Kelly R. Mizraji

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Amanda Mundell

It is important to me that my work be meaningful. I plan to major in neuroscience at UCLA, obtain an M.D. and Ph.D. in neuroscience, and do medical research in that field with a focus on brain disorders.

Thank you very much!

~

Rosa Navarro

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. –the Serenity Prayer. Thank you!

~

Michelle L. Oishi

Intelligence is not always knowing the answer; it is always asking the question. –Maya Angelou. Thank you so much for this scholarship; it will help in my pursuit for higher education. Thank you!

~

Shirley S. Palomino

Thank you for supporting my undergraduate education at Wellesley College. This community taught me fraternity and good will, intellectual curiosity and decisive action. I promise to continue in this spirit in my personal and professional life.

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Alice Park

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Amish Patel

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Amelia Pecsok

Quitters never win and winners never quit. – Vince Lombardi

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Jessica Pilloni

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Sidney Primas

We are still masters of our fate. We are still captains of our souls. –Winston Churchill

~

Karishma Raghuvanshi

My passions in life include leadership and community service. I hope to become a doctor so that I can impact the lives of others. My family and friends are important to me because they make me the person I am today.

~

Helen Ren

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. –Ralph Waldo Emerson. What lies within me is a passion for benefiting the lives of others, especially through global health. At Duke, I plan to pursue this passion through Pre-Med/Biology with a global health certificate and concentration in neuroscience.

~

Juan Rodrigo Ricafort

A revolution without dancing is a revolution not worth having!

~

Mario Rodriguez

Upon my arrival to the U.S. three years ago, I started dreaming about attending a university. It was an impossible dream. Now, thanks to the help of such altruistic and benevolent people like our scholarship donors, attending a university for me is still a dream, a dream that is about to come true!

Thank you!

~

Emily Rossi

Who, being loved, is poor? –Oscar Wilde. Love is the source of all true riches. It inspired the Taj Mahal. It brings people together and creates new life. And it is great love that made me who I am today.

~

Erin Rusch

I will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where I plan on majoring in Biological Science with an emphasis in Anatomy and Physiology. I am interested in pursuing a career in the medical sciences, possibly physical or occupational therapy. Thank you!

~

Kassandra Sandoval

~

Abigail Sassoon

Some say opportunity only knocks once; that is not true. Opportunity knocks all the time, but you have to be ready for it. –Louis L'Amour

~

Katherine Anne Sawyer

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile. –Albert Einstein. Thank you!

~

Nicole Schmitz

I will be attending Cal Lutheran University this fall with a sharp interest in physical therapy or sports medicine. My friends and family have given me motivation to achieve success in school, in church, and on the volleyball court.

~

Geoff Schneider

I am a driven scholar athlete who loves family and will attend UCLA. I aspire to enter into an accomplished business profession and eventually the realm of politics in order to make a difference in my community and the world.

~

Dora Servin

~

Samir Siddhanti

I've always believed that if you put in the work, the results will come. I don't do things half-heartedly. Because I know if I do, then I can expect half-hearted results. –Michael Jordan

~

Shaun Stehly

The quote I try to apply to all aspects of my life is from a novel written by one of my favorite authors, Chuck Palahniuk: This is your life and it's ending one minute at a time.

~

Katherine Stevenson

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Jessica Sworzyn

Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence. –Vince Lombardi

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Vanessa Szeto

~

Melinda Thomas

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss you'll land among the stars. –Les Brown. Thank you for everything! Especially for my scholarship!!

~

Angela M. Tong

Desire is the key to motivation, but it's the determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal—a commitment to excellence—that will enable you to attain the success you seek.

~

Leslie M. Tong

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Amanda M. Turk

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Lauren S. Weiner

This fall I will attend Tufts University where I plan to study politics, economics, and Arabic. Simply possessing knowledge about our world will not do me or my community any justice if I do not take action; therefore I anticipate utilizing the law as a means of implementing social change. I wholeheartedly appreciate your financial assistance in pursuing this endeavor.

~
Elizabeth Wilkinson

If you were born without wings, do nothing to prevent them growing. –Coco Chanel. Thanks so much!

~
Heather J. Williams

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Dallas N. Woodburn

Dallas will be a senior at the University of Southern California, majoring in Creative Writing and Entrepreneurship because she hopes to make a career as an author and also start a publishing company some day. She has published two books of short stories; her latest, *3 a.m.*, is available at Amazon.com. Her nonprofit foundation "Write On!" (www.zest.net/writeon) has donated more than 9,000 new books to underprivileged kids.

~
Christine Yim

I plan to major in Biology at UC Berkeley and join a community service organization to improve environmental issues. I want to thank my family whose unwavering love and support always gives me strength at the right times.

~
Maria Zacarias

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Finch Family Scholarship

This fund was established in 1999 by James and Lorraine Finch to provide scholarships to meritorious children of employees or contractors working for Finch Ranches or students who are residents of Piru.

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Mariana Barajas

~
Laura Orozco
~

Finck Family Charitable Fund Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Frank M. and Maudette M. Finck to support education for young people who are preparing for careers in helping professions such as education, health, or social services.

~

Maribel Martínez

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack of will. –Vince Lombardi. Thank you!

~

Dennis S. Ford Memorial Scholarship

This fund was started in 2002 by Dennis Ford's widow. Dennis was a teacher and basketball coach in Oxnard. He attended Nordhoff High School in Ojai. Dennis was an unsung hero demonstrating perseverance and character all his life.

~

Rebekah Casas

The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses—behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights.
–Muhammad Ali

~

Mike Frick Memorial Baseball Scholarship

This scholarship is for baseball players from public high schools in the city of Ventura who love the game and will play it in college. It memorializes Mike Frick, a Buena High graduate who attended CSUN on a baseball scholarship until he was drafted by the Oakland Athletics to play professional baseball. Mike's favorite expression, which symbolized his life, was "Carpe Diem" - Seize the day.

~

Alejandro Gallardo, Jr.

My name is AJ, and my dream is to play baseball professionally. I have been accepted to Cal State Northridge where I will be playing Division I Baseball while studying Kinesiology.

~

Stuart Smith

~

Mary R. and James R. Galbraith Scholarship

With the belief that education is the key to unlocking the golden door of opportunity, Mary and Jim Galbraith established this fund in 2004. They encourage recipients to be unlockers and door-openers — creating opportunities for the benefit of the county, the country, and the world.

~

Eric Almaguer

~

Charles K. and Ola I. Gose Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gose by their children to benefit an outstanding graduating senior at Channel Islands High School or meritorious graduating high school senior living in the city of Camarillo. Mr. Gose retired as a naval officer in 1968 and later taught government and economics at Channel Islands High School.

~

Keenan Hochschild

I am honored to be selected as the recipient of this scholarship. I will be attending UC Irvine and majoring in political science with the goal of one day becoming an attorney.

~

Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship

Established by Ventura County attorney Jim Basile, this fund is to encourage young people to become good lawyers in the ethical and proficient tradition of Roy Gustafson, who was Ventura County District Attorney from 1950 to 1961. He also served as a Superior Court Judge.

~

Sara Brucker

History will have to record that the greatest tragedy of this period of social transition was not the strident clamor of the bad people, but the appalling silence of the good people. —Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Gina Herkel

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John Khosravi

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Erin Mayo

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Andrew Paulson

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Jan Heyne Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in memory of Jan Heyne by her children and Amgen to benefit under-privileged Ventura County students in pursuit of their college education. Jan left us tragically in May 2005, but through this scholarship, continues to light the way for others as she did each day of her life!

~

Kim Cyprian

Everything I do, I do with my heart. Living life with passion and enjoyment makes everything worthwhile. I think this sums me up the best. Thank you for this opportunity.

~

Adam Devine

As a Congressional Gold Medal recipient, I look forward to attending Davidson College in North Carolina where community service is so important to the curriculum. I plan on studying math and science and without the assistance of this scholarship, I would not be able to continue my education. Thank you.

~

Hsiangchin "Ariel" Yeh

All I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother. –Abraham Lincoln.

~

Oscar and Aileen Horn Scholarship

This fund was established to provide scholarships for meritorious graduating students from Oxnard Union High School pursuing an English degree.

~

Rhianna D. Lee

An idea that is not dangerous is unworthy of being called an idea at all. –Oscar Wilde

~

Vicky Howard Community Service Award

Vicky Howard served as Ventura County Supervisor from 1990—1994. She started this fund to recognize an outstanding student who has shown exemplary dedication to community service in the Simi Valley/Moorpark areas.

~

Angela Chen

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~

Parker M. and Virginia Howell Scholarship

Mrs. Howell was president of the Ventura County Writers Club and taught writing at Ventura College. Mr. Howell was an engineer (surveying & civil) who also taught at Los Angeles Valley and Ventura College. This fund was established to carry forward the Howells' care and concern for educating young people in these professions.

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Esteban Alvarado

I will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. I have been volunteering with Habitat for Humanity building houses. I want to make my family proud of me and give back to them and the community for supporting me. Thank you for helping give me the opportunity to do that.

~

Joyce M. Kennedy, Ph.D., Scholarship

This fund was established in 1996 to honor Dr. Kennedy's many years of public service and her passion for education. She began in 1974 as Assistant Director of the Ventura Learning Center (UCSB & CSUN) and served as Director of the CSUN-Ventura Campus until retiring in 1996. She led the charge to establish a public university in Ventura County; CSUCI is part of her legacy for us all.

~

Annette Berryhill

VCCF has helped my transition into the university in many ways. I am very grateful for this gift and the opportunity of a lifetime, my education! I am so excited about what the future holds in store for me and my daughter. Thank you so much!

~

Vivian Klemz Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in 2006 by Virginia Weber to honor and memorialize the life, artistic interests, and talents of her mother. It provides scholarship support to undergraduate students majoring in the arts.

~

Shirley Palomino

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~

Mike Larrabee Athletic Scholarship

Mike was born in Ventura and graduated from Ventura High School in 1952. He was a track star who amazed the sports world by setting a world record and winning 2 Gold Medals in the 1964 Olympics—at the age of 30! Mike's life was cut short by pancreatic cancer. His life-long buddy John Bragg started this fund to honor the memory of the always inspiring Mike Larrabee.

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Alex K. Bryant

I am currently a senior at Ventura High School and will attend Yale University next fall. I plan to major in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, and I will run for Yale's cross county and track teams. Thank you very much!

~

Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship

This fund was established in 1993 with a bequest from Mr. Lehmann, who realized the great importance of a firm educational foundation for young people commencing the voyage of life. He hoped these awards would be a stimulus to all students attending Oxnard High School.

~

Sarah Hakes

Patience is the greatest virtue.

~

Susan Hakes

Keep moving forward. –Walt Disney

~

Ariana Jazmin Martinez

~

Miguel Medina

Your only obligation in any lifetime is to be true to yourself. Being true to anyone else or anything else is...impossible.

~

Tessa Karina Reeder

~

Nicole E. Schmitz

~

Lauren Ashley Wiggins

The worst risk is the risk not taken. I am an aspiring surgeon who plans to practice here in Ventura County. Compassion and determination are two words I firmly believe in. I am very thankful of my scholarship.

~

Armando & Lourdes Lopez Scholarship

Longtime Ventura County residents and philanthropic leaders Armando and Lourdes Lopez started this fund to provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are children of farm workers and plan to attend Oxnard College.

~
Carlos Chavez

~
Luis J. Salazar

Jerry E. Lorenz Scholarship

This scholarship honors the memory of Jerry Lorenz, a gentleman who was a resident of Thousand Oaks, president of Lorenz Housewares, Inc. of Newbury Park, and an active participant in the brush industry including serving as president of the American Brush Manufacturers Association (ABMA).

~
Christina Amezcua

Learn from yesterday...Live for today...Hope for tomorrow! I would like to thank my friends, teachers, and staff for helping me along my high school journey. Especialmente a mi familia, los amo mucho!!

The MacKenzie Family Scholarship

Established in 1996, this scholarship is offered to help deserving student athletes attend a Ventura County community college. Mabel and Allan MacKenzie were born of humble heritage in Montreal, Canada. They became lifelong students of academia and of the game of life. To achieve their goals, they were helped by many people along the way. The intent of this fund is to pass on similar lifelines and opportunities so worthy minority students can continue to learn how to learn.

~
Regie Barcena

I chose to write this because I love being positive; learning each mistake as a motivating force. Having positive encouragement will give us a better view in life and situations we face on a daily basis. It also fosters growth and can completely redirect people's lives. It also helps to foster confidence within ourselves and among other people.

~
Isis Benitez

Arleigh McConnell Memorial Scholarship

This fund honors meritorious graduating students from Buena High School. It was established to memorialize Dr. McConnell who moved to Ventura in 1959 with his wife Mary. He was named the first principal at Buena High School in 1961. His love for the Buena campus and its students never waned.

~

Kim Cyprian

Everything I do, I do with my heart. Living life with passion and enjoyment makes everything worthwhile. I think this sums me up the best. Thank you for this opportunity.

~

Vincent McCowan

Although you cannot choose every situation you find yourself in, or always have the solution to your problems, you always have the opportunity to laugh and to make mistakes.

~

Mario Rodriguez

Upon my arrival to the U.S. three years ago, I started dreaming about attending a university. It was an impossible dream. Now, thanks to the help of such altruistic and benevolent people like our scholarship donors, attending a university for me is still a dream, a dream that is about to come true! Thank you!

~

Orfalea Forgivable Loan Award

This fund was established to by the Orfalea Family Foundation to assist nursing students in Ventura County receiving awards from the Ventura County Medical Education Fund.

~

Victor H. Alamillo

All things, therefore, that you want men to do for you, you must likewise do to them. –Matthew 7:12

~

Cynthia Ekanem

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Diana T. Glines

~

Holly Le-Wong

~

Monica Lomeli

To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream.
Not only plan but also believe. –Anatole France

~

Silvia Ramos

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Natalie A. Snee

~

Jay Spry

~

Orfalea Migrant Scholarship

This fund was established by the Orfalea Family Foundation to provide college assistance to deserving students from Ventura County who are children of migrant and seasonal farm workers.

Angelica Amezcua

My parents are my motivation and my support. They taught me to never give up and to fight for my dreams. I am a determined, committed and responsible student. I plan to graduate with honors and then go to Graduate School. Thank you.

~

Daniel Corona

I hope to graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Mechanical Engineer and obtain a great job. By doing this I can help my family as they have helped me. Quote: As you think, so shall you become. –Bruce Lee

~

Rene Farfan

~

Alicia Figueroa

I truly consider myself privileged for having the opportunity to initiate the first steps toward achieving an outstanding education. It is also equally important to share part of this memorable moment with my family that is always very supportive.

~

Luz Figueroa

I consider education a treasure that has proved to be very significantly difficult to attain, but not impossible when you have so many people support you, guide you, and most of all, they **believe** in you! And that for me is what truly matters. Gracias!

~

Marisol Luna

~

Alejandra Martinez

~

Carolina Mendez

~

Rosa Navarro

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I can not change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the
difference. –the Serenity Prayer. Thank you!

~

Isabel Nunez

The grass is always greener on the other side.

~

Laura Orozco

~

Marisela Ortiz

~

Orfalea Scholarship Awards (Health Field)

This scholarship program was established in 2004 by the Orfalea Fund in Santa Barbara in direct response to the critical nursing shortage in Ventura County and expanded to include additional health field courses of study. The awards provide financial assistance to local students pursuing these health-related majors who intend to practice in Ventura County upon completion of their studies.

~

Victor H. Alamillo

All things, therefore, that you want men to do for you, you must
likewise do to them. –Matthew 7:12

~

Gema Cardona

~

Joy Cyprian

Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do. –John
Wooden. Thank you!

~

Chris Daduya

~

Sac-Nicte DeLira

~

Austin Flauding

Our lives are not determined by what happens to us but by how we react to what happens, not by what life brings to us, but by the attitude we bring to life. –Anonymous. Thank you!

~

Vicky Fliss

Just knowing that someone believes in me and my success as a student is a great motivating factor and fuels my determination to work through the challenges associated with being a self-supporting full-time student. Thank you!

~

Josefina Garcia

When you are a nurse you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours. Thank you!

~

Claudia Gonzalez

I've faced a series of life-changing events that have knocked me down, broken me apart, and made me feel worthless. Yet the suffering and misfortune that comes from these experiences continues to fuel my motivation and courage to make something meaningful of myself.

~

Erika Guzman

It's the ability that counts, not the disability!

~

Leslie Haynes

I think one's feelings waste themselves in words; they ought all to be distilled into actions which bring results. –Florence Nightingale

It's through my actions as a nurse that I will be able to make a difference in the world. Thank you!

~

Crystal Kilgore

...the character of the nurse is as important as the knowledge she possesses. –Jarvis, 1996. I hope to prove the extent of my character and the depth of my knowledge in the years preceding my RN degree and ever day after till I die. Thank you for the opportunity to do this.

~

Monica Lomeli

To accomplish great things, we must not only act but also dream. Not only plan but also believe. –Anatole France

~

Julieta Lopez-Herrera

In the hearts of many, a dream is a future: a journey influenced by one's thoughts and aspirations. In the course of my own dream, being a nurse will allow me to make a difference in the lives of others.

~

Rene McMurray

~

Angelica Montelongo

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish. –John Quincy Adams

~

Mariana Navarro

People with goals succeed because they know where they are going...it's as simple as that. –Earl Nightingale. I like this quote because if you have a goal you're going to do the impossible to accomplish it.

~

Nahal Niakan

~

Isabel Nunez

The grass is always greener on the other side.

~

Nicole Ray

Success is my only option, failure's not! You miss one hundred percent of the goals you never strive to make!

~

Chelsea Thomas

~

Jing Yuan Wang

~

Tracy White

You must be the change that you want to see in the world. –Mahatma Gandhi. Thank You!!

~

Orfalea Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2005 to assist worthy Ventura County students, including non-traditional learners, pursuing full-time education at a community college, a vocational school, or a 4-year college or university in the field of teaching, early childhood education, and other majors.

~

Claire Ackland

Faith is not only believing you can, but knowing you will.

~

Sarah Anderson

~

Adam Devine

As a Congressional Gold Medal recipient, I look forward to attending Davidson College in North Carolina where community service is so important to the curriculum. I plan on studying math and science. Without the assistance of this scholarship, I would not be able to continue my education. Thank you.

~

Jorge Flores

~

David A. Freitas

~

Cynthia E. Fulgencio

Learning is an ornament in prosperity, a refuge in diversity, and a provision in old age. –Aristotle

~

Paola Gonzalez

The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

–Vince Lombardi

~

Lindsey Gould

I am just so thankful I have been given the chance to make all my dreams come true. Thank you so much!

~

Amy Griffeth

I am very thankful for this gift. Your belief in my abilities will encourage me as I continue in my education. It is my goal to go to graduate school and earn my M.A. in Education with a specialization in Educational Psychology–Early Childhood Education. Thank you!

~

Breanne Gumaskas

~

Diana Hardin

~

Shelby Herbruck

I know the importance of a good strong work ethic and the importance of having integrity leads to success. I feel I have a direction in life because I have a great desire to accomplish much.

~

Daniel Jenkins

Dreams aren't achieved, until you make them goals.

~

Melanie Kathan

~

Louis Lopez

~

Amelia Mathis

"How high would you go if you knew you wouldn't fall?" I am so honored to receive this award; with this scholarship I am able to pursue my dream in mathematics and become a math teacher to educate the youth of today's society.

~

Daniel Mathis

We all use math every day; to predict weather, to tell time, to handle money. Math is more than formulas or equations; it's logic, it's rationality, it's using your mind to solve the biggest mysteries we know." -NUMB3RS opening credits

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Evelia Maya

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Carolina Mendez

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Margarita Mendoza

~

Angelica Montelongo

Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish. -John Quincy Adams

~

Anna Nakayama

I hope to accomplish a degree in Nutrition at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. I want to live by their motto "learn by doing" to get the most out of my education. Thank you!

~

Kassandra Sandoval

~

Christopher Sugino

~

Joshua Tiraço

~

Christopher Tull

I will be attending CSU Channel Islands in the fall. My major is currently undeclared but I am interested in various biological and physical sciences.

~

Pedro Valdovinos

~

Cynthia Vargas

I would like to become a probation officer in a juvenile facility to help the youth better their behavior, help them have a better attitude toward society, and direct them to accomplish their goals and a better living.

~

Jessica Weaver

~

Ryan Orfalea Scholarship

This fund was established by the Orfalea Family Foundation to provide assistance to deserving students from Ventura County who are children of former Kinko's co-workers based at the Corporate Offices in Ventura and Oxnard.

~

Caitlyne T. Rodarte

Caitlyne will attend UCSB in the fall, her intended major being biological sciences. She hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She enjoys playing the piano and going to the beach.

~

John W. Zatkowsky

These times are crazy, these times are swell, much love to my family and the rest of you as well! Special thanks to my sister Sonia, couldn't ask for a better partner in crime, great times, and high adventure!

~

Caroline Zeiher

Tell me not in mournful numbers life is but an empty dream. -Longfellow. I plan on chasing my dreams and my future in foreign languages and diplomacy with hope and optimism, at Lewis & Clark College in Portland.

~

Margaret A. Tompkins
Oxnard Monday Club Scholarship

The Oxnard Monday Club was started in 1905 by 12 women as a literary club in the "small village of Oxnard." This award memorializes club member Margaret Tompkins who especially appreciated the club's focus on the importance of education and good works in the community.

~

Mariela Nevarez

~

Rosellen Dee Pearsall Nurse Scholarship

Established prior to her death in 2001, this scholarship commemorates the life of Dee Pearsall, a 1967 University of Kentucky College of Nursing graduate. Her successful career in nursing and leadership in the rehabilitation field remain significant as her legacy continues to help fund education and training for the profession she loved.

~

Kailey Schulz

Being a nurse is so much more than performing tasks to make people better. A true nurse is someone who cares about the patients' feelings and the family's needs, and that is what I aspire to do in my career.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of the awards reception even though I cannot be there.

~

Krista Shelton

Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today. -James Dean.
Thank you for all of your support in making my dream of becoming a successful nurse a reality.

~

William P. Reiman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Ventura County Ag Association and local donors to memorialize Mr. Reiman and his many contributions to the agricultural field.

~

Anthony Atchley

Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall.
-Confucius

~

Sage Scholarships

Established by the employees of Sage Publications, these scholarships are for Ventura County high school students who have shown initiative and improvement in academic accomplishments as well as demonstrating good citizenship.

~

Sandra Delgado

Yet no matter what happens, if all these things fail, fall completely to the ground and shatter into a million pieces, it's not going to fundamentally affect us or what we do. We're going to keep on playing. -Jerry Garcia

~

Daniel Hernandez

~

Samin Khoshkhoo

~

Josuel Lupercio

~

Nikki Pauliean Reyes

... a thriving and hard-working individual who finds joy in her family, friends, mentors and education. I believe in the saying that "All difficult things have their origin in that which is easy, and great things in that which is small." -Lao Tzu

~

Angelica Serna

We all die. The goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will.

~

SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was founded in 1920 to bring together professional engineers and those in engineering-related fields to improve and increase knowledge, capabilities, and capacity. The Oxnard-Ventura Post established this scholarship fund to encourage and support Ventura County students pursuing engineering or architectural studies.

~

Seyed Aminrad

~

Anthony Gurrola

~

Ryan Hnarakis

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has provided me with hands on learning through a unique project-and-design centered curriculum. As a Computer Engineer major, I adhere to the school's "Learn by Doing" motto: tear it apart and put it back together!

~

Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship

This fund was established in 1997 to provide scholarships to students who are either employees, children or legal wards of an employee of Saticoy Lemon Association.

~

Maria Zacarias

~

Charles J. and Kay Schuler Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2003 to provide scholarships to students who are single parents pursuing a degree in the nursing, medical, or education fields.

~

Michelle Frustere

The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning. –Mitch Albom

~

Second Century Legacy Fund Scholarship

Established by the Moorpark Women's Fortnightly Club, this award is for meritorious students in Moorpark who are pursuing higher education.

~

Nathisha Kalpage

Forget conventionalisms; forget what the world thinks of you stepping out of your place; think your best thoughts, speak your best words, do your best works, looking to your own conscience for approval. –Susan B. Anthony

~

Salik Omar Shah Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1994 by Mr. and Mrs. Shah in memory of their son Salik Omar Shah, whose life was cut short at age 17. The award is given to an outstanding college-bound high school senior from schools in Oxnard or Camarillo.

~

Tawny Lim

Although the world is full of suffering, it is full also of the overcoming of it. Thank you very much!

~

TEACH Fund Scholarship Endowment

The TEACH (Training & Education for Achievement by Children) Fund was established in 1994 through an initial donation from the estate of Thomas J. (Johnny) Donovan to provide scholarships for education and training to Ventura County youth who are or have been in foster care.

~

Jeremiah Brady

~

Angelo Brockway

~

Marie Edwards

~

Alexandra Garcia

~

Angela Gonzales

~

Isavel Guillen

This is my quote from high school: Live life with no regrets. Thank you.

~

James Hokafonu

~

Blake Mahorney

~

Austin Martin

~

Cristina Miranda

~

Judy Miyara

I am so glad to receive this scholarship; it will be really helpful to me. The following quotes from the Bible drive me to achieve my goals: "For I know the plans I have for you...they are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." -Jeremiah 29:11 and "Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said "I will never fail you, I will never forsake you." That is why we can say with confidence, the Lord is my helper so I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" -Hebrews 13:5-6

~

Raquel Montes

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain. This is the quote I live by lately! **Special Announcement:** my newborn son is named Evan James Kellner! He was born on February 1, 2008, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz.!!! Thank you for the great news of this scholarship.

~

Kathy Murray

~

Shannell Nelson

~

Alicia Norman

~

Justin Roberts

~

Tara Saylor

Thank you again for this scholarship! "Boredom, you see, is fundamental non-awareness of life." And that is how I live my life. I believe in filling up every minute with the Good. Thank you for allowing me to do so.

~

Angel Silva

~

Bree Stephens

~

Jessica Valadez

~

Sydney Watson

~

DeWayne Williams

~

Hsiangchin "Ariel" Yeh

All that I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother. –Abraham
Lincoln. Thanks!

~

Vaneza Zavala

~

Milton McKeveitt Teague Scholarship

Established in 1987, this scholarship memorializes Mr. Teague. Born in Santa Paula, where he attended the public schools, and graduating with honors from Stanford University, Mr. Teague contributed more than 60 years to agricultural businesses and activities. His legacy lives on to assist young people with agriculturally-related backgrounds as they pursue higher education.

~

Anthony Atchley

Our greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising every time we fall. –Confucius

~

Manuel Prado

The secret of man's being is not only to live but to have something to live for. –Fyodor Dostoevsky

~

Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mr. George Tillquist to celebrate his wife Eleanor in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary because of her interest in and support for the healthcare professions.

~

Maribel Martinez

Happy are those who dream dreams and are ready to pay the price to make them come true. –Leon J. Suenes

~

Hana Randakova

~

Ventura County Agricultural Scholarship

This fund was established in 1997 to provide scholarships for the pursuit of higher education by the sons and daughters of adults working in agriculture locally.

~

Erica Fernandez

We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community...Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others, for their sakes and for our own. –Cesar E. Chavez

~

Ventura County Community Foundation
(VCCF) Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 1998 by donors, volunteers, and VCCF staff as a way to make scholarship awards to as many meritorious Ventura County students as possible.

~

Maria Alfaro

~

Carlie Callaway

“Do and say what you feel because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind.” –Dr. Seuss.

~

Uriel Cobian

Don’t be discouraged. It’s often the last key in the bunch that opens the lock. –Unknown

~

Pedro Damiani

Everything I do in life, I do with a lot of love and faith that everything will be alright. I believe everything is possible when you really believe in it.

~

Fidel del Aguila

Served in the United States Navy for 10 years before returning to school in 2006. Plans on transferring to CSUCI and majoring in Mathematics. Plans on becoming a math teacher for high school and/or college students.

~

Nichole A. Rupp

Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely.
–Auguste Rodin

~

Alyssa Terry

I am a hard-working individual who loves languages more than anything and am very excited to begin my studies in college. I plan to take full advantage of any study abroad offers Loyola Marymount University has to offer. I am very excited to have won a scholarship! Thank you so much for the help at attending college.

~

Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors Scholarship

This fund was established to provide scholarships for meritorious students who are residents of Pt. Hueneme, Oxnard, Camarillo, Ventura, Piru, Fillmore, Somis, and Santa Paula, and who are majoring in Education, Business, Finance, Physical or Natural Science or Technology, and who are attending CSUCI, Ventura College, and Oxnard College on a full-time basis.

~

Michelle Frustere

The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning. –Mitch Albom

~

Alec McLaughlin

~

Ginger Nguyen

Whatever is good to know is difficult to learn. –Greek Proverb

~

Ventura County Medical Education Fund (Forgivable Loan)

This fund was established with Tobacco Settlement Program funding. Its purpose is to increase the supply of medical professionals in Ventura County by identifying and assisting students desiring to pursue careers in medical fields.

Loans will be forgiven following satisfactory completion of approved courses of study and provision of professional services by recipients within Ventura County for a minimum of 2 years. At this time, the focus is on the nursing profession.

~

Victor H. Alamillo

All things, therefore, that you want men to do for you, you must likewise do to them. –Matthew 7:12

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Cynthia Ekanem

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Diana T. Glines

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Holly Le-Wong

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Monica Lomeli

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Silvia Ramos

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Natalie A. Snee

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Jay Spry

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Ventura County Career and Technical Education Scholarship

Established with a gift from HAAS Automation, this fund assists students who are enrolled in career and technical education institutions. Expanding VCCF's commitment to assist our youth in developing career options, this endowed fund expands scholarship assistance to a broader array of students who will play an important part in our County's future economy.

~

Vicky Fliss

Just knowing that someone believes in me and my success as a student is a great motivating factor and fuels my determination to work through the challenges associated with being a self-supporting full-time student. Thank you!

~

Katherine M. Wakelee Scholarship

This scholarship was created to support young women pursuing undergraduate majors in the sciences. It was created in memory of Kathy Wakelee, a local ornithologist whose work focused on the study of endangered bird species.

~

Hsiangchin "Ariel" Yeh

All I am, or can be, I owe to my angel mother. –Abraham Lincoln.
Thanks!

~

Jean Weber Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1998 by Jean's family. It memorializes the life of Jean Weber and continues the beneficial impacts of her lifelong work for youth—focusing on issues including skills training, drug abuse prevention, school safety, violence prevention, and truancy and drop-out reduction.

~

Alexa Mae Asperin

If I am to contribute only one thing of myself, it would be compassion. Stand upright, speak thy thoughts, declare the truth thou hast, that all may share; Be bold, proclaim it everywhere: They only live who dare. –Voltaire

~

Rebekah Casas

The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses—behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights. –Muhammad Ali

~

Aissa Fernandez

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you. –Princess Diana. A humanitarian at heart, nothing will stop this young lady from making a difference in the world. She will be studying public health at UC Irvine in the fall in hopes to one day work for the World Health Organization. She thanks VCCF and the Weber family for all of their benevolence and accomodation.

~

Kent Weigel Math Scholarship

Kent earned his Master's Degree in Math from Ft. Hayes State University, Kansas. He taught math at Cabrillo Middle School and Buena High School in Ventura, where he maintained an open-door policy for students needing extra help. Kent loved teaching math; his theory was that an understanding of math helped students develop self-confidence leading to academic success in college and work and life!

~

Jessica Lienemann

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. –Thomas Edison

~

Iris and Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship

This fund was established in 1999 by attorney Jim Basile to honor his longtime friends and fellow Ventura County residents, Iris and Spike Wilkins, by providing financial assistance for those pursuing a nursing degree at public institutions of higher learning in California.

~

Esperanza Aguilar

Look at each day as a chance to invest life into life. A chance to share your experience and deposit it into someone else's conscience. Each day is a chance to work miracles in the lives of others. –Jim Rohn

~

Victor H. Alamillo

All things, therefore, that you want men to do for you, you must likewise do to them. –Matthew 7:12

~

Jasmine Garcia

~

Josefina Garcia

When you are a nurse you know that every day you will touch a life or a life will touch yours. Thank you!

~

Leslie Haynes

~

Rene McMurray

~

Sarswatie Rampersaud

~

Yaderi Salazar

Thank you for this nomination. Although I'm the first person in my family to attend college, there isn't any barrier I can't overcome. In fact as Henry Ford quoted, "Obstacles are those things you see when you take your eyes off your goal."

~

Jing Yuan Wang

~

Tracy White

You must be the change that you want to see in the world. –Mahatma Gandhi. Thank You!!

~

Edna Wirt Woods and Ruth Nagel Scholarship

Established in 2002 by the Soroptimists International of Ventura, this fund honors longtime volunteers Edna Wirt Woods and Ruth Nagel. The award is for a female graduating high school senior from Ventura who is pursuing a health-related degree.

~

Michelle L. Oishi

Intelligence is not always knowing the answer; it is always asking the question. –Maya Angelou. Thank you so much for this scholarship; it will help in my pursuit for higher education. Thank you!

~

Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship

Both music and volunteerism have always been major parts of Helen's life. Her philosophy is: "By helping and sharing with others, you multiply your own blessings many times."

~

Jacquelynn Fabiszak

People say I'm vivacious and positive. I love music because it's my happy place. I want to take it and give it to others, so they are happy. My motto is Press Forward, "Grant us faith to look beyond the problems of the moment to the miracles of the future."

–Gordon B. Hinkley. Thank you for this opportunity!

~

IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

- ☺ Among the honors of receiving a scholarship is the realization that others believe in your talents and abilities!
- ☺ You now have the opportunity and the privilege to express your gratitude to the people who established the scholarship fund that is assisting you in your educational pursuits.
- ☺ When you write your thank you note or letter of appreciation, please address it in care of VCCF and we will make sure the donors receive it.



CONGRATULATIONS!



- ☺ Did you know that gifts of any size can be made to any of the scholarship funds at Ventura County Community Foundation?
- ☺ Tribute gifts can be made in memory of or in honor of someone special to you or to commemorate a special event in your life.
- ☺ For more information, please visit our website (www.vccf.org) or telephone us at (805) 988-0196 or write to:

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About the VCCF Scholarship Program:

Though we have a single application deadline each year, Ventura County Community Foundation's Scholarship Program operates year round. Many dedicated community volunteers assist with process review, outreach, application processing, technical compliance, and recipient selection each year.

It is the responsibility of each scholarship recipient to ascertain the annual VCCF Scholarship Program timeline including application deadline and eligibility criteria for awards through VCCF's Scholarship Program. Because VCCF's application deadline and the awards offered vary each year, we suggest you check our website for information regularly throughout the year:

www.vccf.org/scholarships.html



A Special Message from Mr. Hugh J. Ralston, President & CEO of Ventura County Community Foundation:

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