

# Ventura County Community Foundation

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## *2010 Scholarship Awards Reception*

*Philanthropic Stewards for Ventura County*  
*Investing in Ventura County. For Good. For Ever.*



# Welcome!

Ventura County Office of Education  
Conference & Educational Services  
Center (Salons A, B, & C) June 3, 2010

## Program

Check-in 4:30 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions 4:45 p.m.

- Tina Knight, Vice President, VCCF
- Pierre Y. Tada, 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:

(in order of presentation)

### *iAdelante! Scholarship*

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

~

Ericka Cortez

You've got to stand for something, or  
you'll fall for anything.

~

### *Association of Water Agencies (AWA) Scholarship*

The AWA of Ventura County was formed in 1976 to provide a forum for information exchange on local and regional water issues. The AWA set up this scholarship fund to encourage Ventura County's young people to pursue their passion for water-related sciences.

~

Jared Dozal

I am transferring to UC Berkeley's College of Engineering this fall as an Environmental Engineering Science major. I plan to spend the rest of my life creating solutions to the countless problems that this planet has incurred due to humanity's voracious appetite.

~

Luis Mejia

Como minoría, crecí, progresé y me incliné a pensar que la educación superior era poco más o menos un pensamiento intangible. Contar con el constante apoyo de mis padres, me enseñó que el conformarse con menos no era aceptable cuando pudiese ser el mejor. Gracias mamá y papá.

~

**Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship (PEO)**

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 furthering their education as a teacher or performer in music.

~

Dana Christie

The color brown, I realized, is anything but nondescript. It comes in as many hues as there are colors of earth, which is commonly presumed infinite. –Codi,

Animal Dreams by Barbara Kingsolver

~

Andre Richards

Andre Richards is a musician and composer who hopes to one day write music for movies, television shows, commercials, and recording artists. Andrew's favorite quote is by Hans Christian Anderson:

Where words fail, music speaks.

~

**Berenice Barnard Music Education Scholarship (DKG)**

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, Gamma Chapter, established this scholarship in 2001 with a bequest given them by Berenice Barnard to provide support for Ventura-Ojai area students pursuing musical development or musical education.

~

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quote is by Hans Christian Anderson:  
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~

Kristin Williams

~

**Bob Beltramo Memorial Scholarship for  
Athletic Sportsmanship**

This scholarship fund was established by his family to honor the memory of Bob Beltramo, beloved sports enthusiast who exemplified good sportsmanship and always exhibited an appreciation for outstanding high school athletes.

~

Stephanie Beth Armstrong

~

Mo Griffith

Thank you! My dad took me to Bob's cages every week when I was a kid. I got cancer in 2004 and every time I came home from chemotherapy we would stop at the cages. It reminded me to never give up. I never did!

~

Sarah Wenner

To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift.  
—Steve Prefontaine  
Thank you very much.

~

Andrew J. Yingling

Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them—a desire, a dream, a vision. —Muhammad Ali

~

**Destino Scholarship**

Established in 2006 by VCCF's *Destino: The Hispanic Legacy* Fund to provide scholarship support specifically directed to Ventura County Latina and Latino students

pursuing higher education in California colleges, universities, or community colleges with a preference for first generation students.

~

Nathan Alamillo

There're going to be times when life gets rough, but once you reach the highest peak of the rocky mountain, it's all downhill. The only obstacles that can defeat you are the ones you allow. No matter what happens, aim for success and never give up.

~

Alejandra Castillo

~

Anthony Chavez

Since I was a young boy, I have lived with the belief that if I persevere in all of my endeavors, no matter how much of a struggle they are, with enough effort I am capable of anything and everything. Only I have the ability to limit myself.

~

Valerie Valdez

My inspiration comes from my family, friends, and teachers. I am extremely fortunate to have so many positive and helpful influences in my life. They have made me the ambitious young lady I am today. I am forever appreciative of them. Thank you!

~

**Michael A. DiRaimondo Foundation Scholarship**

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

~

Joshua Smith

I currently work as an EMT and work with Los Angeles County Fire Department. This scholarship is a great opportunity for me to pursue my career as a firefighter/paramedic and use what I've learned to serve the community I work in. Thank you.

~

**David Dodge Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2006 to memorialize lifelong Ventura County resident David Dodge. David loved the ocean, his family and friends. Curious about how things worked and why, David especially valued learning. As a UCSB Global Studies major, David was determined to make this world a better place.

~

Elida Becerra Quintero

My senior year has been life-changing. I look back and I'm grateful for everything that has happened to me. It's all so surreal.

~

**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.

~

Susan Bolanos

Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get. -Forest Gump

~

**Mike Frick Memorial Baseball Scholarship**

This scholarship is for baseball players from Buena, Foothill Technology, or Ventura High School 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.

~

Scott Zeman

I have worked hard throughout high school to maintain a high GPA and excel on the baseball field. I will be heading to UC San Diego in the fall.

~

*Mary R. & 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.

~

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~

*Charles K. & 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 a 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

~

Katelyn Williams

It's hard to beat a person who never gives up. –Babe Ruth  
I believe this quote has guided me throughout high school. I hope to live by it throughout my college years as I strive to become a broadcast journalist or attorney.

~

*Gould Family Scholarship*

This scholarship was established by the Gould family, long-time Ventura County residents, small business owners, and leaders in the community, to provide scholarship assistance to Ventura County students majoring in business with a preference for students demonstrating entrepreneurialism and a consistent work history.

~

Sarah Rosen

Having completed her studies at Moorpark College, Sarah is now set to transfer to the University of San Francisco for the fall 2010 semester where she will be studying business administration. Sarah has worked at Sotheby's Realty for the last 3 years and hopes to one day own her own brokerage.

~

Christina Rozsa

The purpose of your life comes from the bottom of your heart. Be true to it. –Gandhi

~

*Jan Heyne Memorial Scholarship*

Established in memory of Jan Heyne by her children and Amgen to benefit under-privileged Ventura County students in the 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!

~

Bronwyn Bennett

I'd rather be anything than ordinary. This line is from one of Avril Lavigne's early songs. It truly sums up my personal and my academic dream: to be outgoing, involved, a real and memorable part of my community.

I want a life that means something.

~  
Esther Chung

~  
*Mike Larrabee Athletic Scholarship*

Mike was born in Ventura and graduated from Ventura High 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.

~  
Blake Anthony Romero

~  
*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.

~  
Monica Robles

~  
*John and Agnes McFarlane Scholarship*

This fund was established at VCCF in 2009 to provide scholarship assistance to worthy, talented and industrious Ventura County students as they pursue their educational goals in schools in California.

~  
Samuel Blaustein

It's the journey, not the destination.

~  
Beth Brooks

I am so grateful for God's grace in my life and am excited that with the support of God, friends, and family I can

touch many lives as I pursue teaching. Being a servant in my career is one of my life goals.

~

Chelsea Cox

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. –Albert Schweitzer

~

Denise Diaz

When the tough gets going the tough keep going. I hope you never fear those mountains in the distance. Never settle for the path of least resistance, Livin' might mean taking chances but they're worth taking, Lovin' might be a mistake but it's worth making.

~

Corey Dugan

There will come a time you see with no more tears and love will not break your heart but dismiss your fears. Get over your hill and see what you find there with grace in your heart and flowers in your hair. –Mumford and Sons

~

Shannon Esswein

I plan to study biology and medicine at UCLA. I hope to become a doctor or medical researcher to find cures for diseases.

~

Susanna Kitabjian

My major is nursing. With this, I plan to become a Nurse Anesthetist. I hope to make a difference in other people's lives by the care that I give them. Thank you so much.

~

Nicolas Molina

~

Laura Peach

This quote has inspired me, given me peace through

times of trouble, and reminded me that there is an unseen source of strength that by its very nature declares that nothing is ever impossible.

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

–Philippians 4:13

~

Devan Torbert

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you so much.

~

Stephanie Wagner

The more I've lived, the more I've found that consciousness is essential. When we are not conscious of our everyday lives, the result is not good. I've also found education to be a way to everyday consciousness.

~

Lucas Zucker

~

### ***Orfalea Scholarship Fund***

This fund was established in 2005 to assist worthy Ventura County students including non-traditional learners pursuing fulltime education at community college, vocational school, or 4-year colleges/universities in the fields of teaching, early childhood education, public health, nursing, and other majors. Approved health-related majors intend to practice in Ventura County upon completion of their studies.

~

Claire Ackland

I'm excited to transfer to UC Davis in the fall to major in English and pursue my goals. Thank you.

~

Natalie Aguayo

I will be successful, not only for myself but for my son,

and nothing will hold me back.

~

Norma Aguayo

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

~

Jesse Albor

~

Emily Allen

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking in anything. –James 1:2-3

~

Susana Amezcua

~

Sara Anger

There are only two options regarding commitment. You're either IN or you're OUT. There is no such thing as life in between. –Pat Riley

Thank you.

~

Veronica Arenas

A mother of six has been inspired to do well academically to fulfill her dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. She plans to give her children a better future and also guide them in the right direction. She will transfer to CSUCI in fall 2012.

~

Crystal Barragan

~

Theresa Bosh

This inspirational verse has and continues to influence my life: 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

~

Kelley Bray

I am a single mom of two boys, and am working toward  
my RN at Ventura College. Upon completion I hope to  
provide for my family and give back to the community  
that has aided me through my educational journey.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

~

Beth Brooks

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that with the support of God, friends, and family, I can  
touch many lives as I pursue teaching. Being a servant in  
my career is one of my life goals.

~

Holly Brown

The end of wisdom is to dream high enough not to lose  
the dream in the seeking of it. –William Faulkner

~

Katherine Canet

Teaching has always been my passion. I look forward to  
working with kids and using my God-given abilities in this  
area to help others. Thank you.

~

Kymerie Ariel Catlett

The aim of our education should be to teach us rather  
how to think, than what to think—rather to improve  
our minds, so as to enable us to think for ourselves,  
than to load the memory with thoughts of other men.

–Bill Beattie

~

Kim Cyprian

~

Ian Chris Daduya

~

Hannah Dineley

The inspirational motto that has influenced me is  
"Everything happens for a reason."  
Thank you.

~

Brandon Dittmar

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,  
being justified freely by His grace through the redemption  
that is in Christ Jesus. –Romans 3:23-24  
Thank you!

~

Vanessa Dominguez

~

Melina Esparza

~

Ryan Espinosa

I'm a humble and hard-working musician who believes  
that with patience and faith comes great rewards.  
I hope to change the world, one song at a time.  
When words fail, music speaks. –Hans Christian Anderson

~

Carlos Espinoza

Mountains don't move unless we move them. Anyone can  
suggest change, but not everyone makes a change. Why  
not you? Why not me? No one person can do it all. We all  
have to help one another.

~

Sheena Gaball

~

Rana Hijaz

Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream  
closer. Receiving an education is very important to me as  
well as family who have always been supportive.

I hope to become an effective teacher who will help many students also receive an education. Thank you!

~

Melisa Huerta

~

Kathleen Jiminez

We must all take a chance! In order to make anything happen, we must believe in ourselves even if others may doubt you! We take a chance and the outcome is unknown, whether it's good or bad, there is a lesson to be learned. Thank you for this opportunity!

~

Bethany Jones

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure. Being successful can take you far in life. There may be obstacles, but there is always a way through. I would like to thank my mom, Karen Jones, for her love and support.

~

Kristine Kelley

I am very excited to enter a career in nursing in order to help our community become even healthier and better informed than it is today. Thank you!

~

Rebecca Kowalski

~

Jessica Lopez

~

Kapri Madrid

I am a senior at Ventura High School. I have been involved in the AVID program, in track & field as a discus and shot put thrower, and volunteered at Project Understanding and Turning Point. Next fall I will attend Chico State, majoring in pre-nursing in hopes of becoming an RN and helping those in need. My dream is to graduate from

college and transfer to the Air Force Academy and continue my education in nursing. Thank you.

~

Amparo Magana

Sometimes God doesn't give you what you think you want not because you don't deserve it, but because He has something better in mind for you.

~

Dominique Martinez

~

Morgan Mascorro

~

Alexis Moraila

Something that is really important to me is my family. With the love and support of my family, they have helped me reach my full potential and get me where I am today.

~

Annalyse Olivas

Whatever you touch, touches you. -Brian Attebrery  
I find this a fulfilling way to live in that we, as people, can creatively make a difference with what we are given.

~

Jasmyne Overton

~

Elena Owen

I am 22 years old, from Ojai, and I go to nursing school, which I very much enjoy. I currently work as a nurse assistant and I eventually want to be a nurse practitioner.

~

Clifford Payne

I am a husband, father, and student who plans to pursue a Bachelors in Nursing in order to care for and serve people in need.

~

Braulio Terrazas

It takes just one moment of imagination to turn a dream into your main goal. To make my goals happen, I dream but I also gain determination which has made me potentially stronger to not give up my goals, and especially the American Dream.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

~

Breana Thomas

You should never say you "can't" because you can do whatever you set your mind to, as long as you try.

~

Angel Torres

Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. I always liked building things. No matter if it was blocks, stones, puzzles, or model cars, I was always interested in these types of things. So I know Civil Engineering is the right major.

~

Katelynn Vargas

A senior at Ventura High School, I will attend UCSB in the fall to major in mathematics and fulfill my dream since middle school—becoming a mathematics teacher. My goal is not just to be a teacher, I want to be a role model, a hero.

~

Andrea Vega

~

Chelsea Wallace

Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined. This quote means a lot to me because you choose the direction in which your life goes and should live it to the fullest!

~

Shalonda Woods

~

Gabriela Zavala

~

*Orfalea Migrant Education Scholarship*

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

~

Yadira Aguiniga

~

Angelica Amezcua

~

Mayra Amezcua

Hay muchos sacrificios que hacer para cumplir tus metas, pero tu familia siempre te esperara con las manos abiertas.

~

Angelica Andrade

~

Antonia Arevalo

As the first daughter in my family, I have to be a role model for all my sisters. If I can reach my goal to go to college or university it will be a pleasure to say that I was the first one in my family to attend a university.

~

Yasmin Castro

~

Luz Figueroa

Thank you for supporting my educational goals and for having placed a little faith on me. This same faith that has motivated me to reach my goals with more determination, courage, hard work, and a lot of heart. Now that I am closer to graduating from Cal State Northridge, I thank God and mis padres Jose y Maria, al igual que a toda mi familia. Gracias!

~

Maria Medina

~

Nicolás Medina

~

Jacqueline Perez

~

Maritza Rosas

~

Nayeli Velasco

I just go for what I want and never give up on something that I know is worth it, because everything in this life is possible.

~

Iris Villalobos

The quote that describes me the most would be: Deal with it, DON'T quit, and NEVER EVER give up.

~

Cindy Yepes Cervantes

Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe. –Gail Devers

Thank you.

~

**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.

~

Noah Garcia

I believe I have arrived at where I am today because of my family and life's experiences, and thank the former for supporting me through life, especially my grandfather. Other things may change us, but we start and end with

the family. —Anthony Brandt

~

Alexander Pfeffer

The quote that inspires me is:  
If you think you can do a thing or think you can't  
do a thing, you're right.—Henry Ford

~

Michelle Van Riper

Stubbornly persist, and you will find that the limits of  
your stubbornness go well beyond the stubbornness  
of your limits.—Robert Brault

~

*SAGE Scholarship*

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.

~

Melissa Carlson

Experience is not what happens to you, it's what you do  
with what happens to you. —Aldous Huxley  
Thank you.

~

Chelsea Cox

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the  
key to success. If you love what you are doing, you  
will be successful. —Albert Schweitzer

~

Katey Dager

Every calling is great when greatly pursued.  
—Oliver Wendell Holmes

~

Zachary Rutland

Thank you so much for granting me this great award!

With my scholarship I aim to pursue my aspirations in Film/Communications starting at Moorpark College and continuing at CSUN. One quote that inspires me is:  
What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.  
–Ralph Waldo Emerson

~

Gillian Sanhamel

Gillian is a lifetime student of music of every genre, with a focus in piano. She plans to earn a master's degree in instrumental conducting, and hopes to touch many people's lives with music the way it has touched hers.  
Thank you to SAGE Publications and to VCCCF!

~

Devan Torbert

Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail. –Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Thank you so much.

~

**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.

~

Justin Bricker

~

Jodi Loo

~

**Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship**

This fund was established in 1997 to provide scholarship assistance to students who are either employees,

children of or legal wards of an employee of Saticoy  
Lemon Association.

~

Michelle Buenrostro

~

**Charles J. & Kay Schuler Scholarship**

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.

~

Linda Evans

~

**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.

~

Sol Moon

I'm a Moorpark High School graduating senior and was  
part of the 2009 Academic Decathlon Team. I'm  
attending Berkeley in the fall. I'm eternally grateful for my  
family and friends. Look past the tide pools, for the ocean  
is deep. Thanks so much.

~

**Cheryl Shearer Scholarship**

Cheryl Shearer was a teacher and administrator at Oxnard  
College. She was educated in Ventura and attended Ven-  
tura College. This fund fulfills Cheryl's wishes to assist  
women who interrupted their education and after some  
time, return to school to get an education or improve  
their job-related skills or opportunities.

~

Veronica Cervantes

"Slow and steady wins the race." That's what I tell my kids.  
My super kids who watch as I juggle between work, school,

family. They give me the love and support that makes me feel I can accomplish anything and I could not do it without them. Thank you.

~

*Soroptimist of Santa Paula Scholarship*

This scholarship was established to encourage meritorious females graduating from Santa Paula High School to pursue advanced studies and careers.

~

Cassandra DeSales

~

*Supervisor Jim Dougherty Scholarship*

This scholarship was established to encourage graduating seniors from high schools in Moorpark and Simi Valley who intend to enroll at a Ventura County community college to pursue studies in education/teaching, political science, or administration of justice.

~

Katey Dager

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–Oliver Wendell Holmes

~

*TEACh Scholarship Endowment Fund*

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.

~

Reina Alvarez

~

Jacob Belisle

All you have to fear is fear itself.

~

Chris Brooks

~

Alexandra Garcia

~

Rebecca Kowalski

~

Nerissa Lee

~

Erika Lopez

~

Cristina Miranda

My daughter and I would like to thank you for awarding me this scholarship that will allow me to further my education and at some point, allow for my daughter and I to live a good life and be self sufficient and give back to our community. Thanks so much for all your support and for having faith in me and my dreams.

~

Sherry Miyara

May I do to others as I would that they should do unto me. -Plato

I am so grateful for everything in my life. My only hope is, to someday, be able to give the opportunities I have been given. Thank you.

~

Shandi Muirhead

~

Stephanie Murray

~

Jenna Nelson

~

Hanizel Rodriguez

My name is Hanizel. I am a 17-year old Spanish girl. I am an outgoing girl with a great sense of humor and a big heart.

~

Ian Roth

~

Charys Sandowich

~

Natalie Shirley

There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning. –Louis L'Amour  
I hope to become a psychologist or a nurse and help people heal both physically and emotionally and live happy fulfilled lives.

~

Amanda Solomon

~

Briana Tappe

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–Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you.

~

Breana Thomas

You should never say you "can't" because you can do whatever you set your mind to, as long as you try.

~

Samantha Thurston

~

Breanna Webb

~

Shalonda Woods

~

**TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund**

Established in 2010 to provide assistance to students who are or have been in foster care or a group home in Ventura County, this scholarship fund provides support for students pursuing undergraduate or graduate level degrees.

~

Veronica "Jackie" Bustamante

~

Austin Martin

~

Dominique Martinez

~

*Ventura County Agricultural Scholarship*

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

~

Sandra Torres

~

Iris Villalobos

The quote that describes me the most would be:  
Deal with it, DON'T quit, and NEVER EVER give up.

~

*Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors  
Scholarship Fund*

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 attend CSUCI, Ventura College, and Oxnard College on a full-time basis.

~

Martin Cervantes

~

Jonathan Chiorino

~

Disha Karia

Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises. Thank you very much.

~

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.

~

Victoria Mercado  
Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall.

~

Ventura County Medical Education Fund  
(Forgivable Loan)

This fund was established with Tobacco Settlement Program funding. Its purpose is to increase the number 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.

~

Norma Aguayo  
Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

~

Rocio Alvarado

~

Sara Anger  
There are only two options regarding commitment. You're either IN or you're OUT. There is no such thing as life in between. –Pat Riley  
Thank you.

~  
Sheena Gaball

~  
Fumiko Matsumoto

~  
Hayley Nisbet

I am finishing my first semester of nursing school at Ventura College. It has been an amazing journey thus far and one I could not have done without the love and support of my wonderful family. I am grateful to have the opportunity to follow my career goal and dream to become a registered nurse and look forward to what the future has in store. Thank you very much!

~  
Elena Owen

I am 22 years old, from Ojai, and I go to nursing school, which I very much enjoy. I currently work as a nurse assistant and I eventually want to be a nurse practitioner.

~  
Kathleen Pelham

~  
***Katherine M. Wakelee Scholarship***

This scholarship was established 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.

~  
Lihan Lu

~  
***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 ex-

tra help. Kent loved teaching math; his theory was that an understanding of math helped students develop self-confidence leading to academic success in college, in work, and in life!

~

Sasha Richman

If we must never take any chances...we should have nothing, for nothing is certain. –Blaise Pascal

Thank you!

~

*James C. Basile Scholarship*

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

~

Cinthya Chavez

No road is too long for him who advances slowly and does not hurry, and no attainment is beyond his reach who equips himself with patience to achieve it.

–Jean de La Bruyère

~

Noorin Damji

Never fear those mountains in the distance, never settle for the path of least resistance, and when you get the choice to sit it out or dance; dance. Thank you.

~

Bhanuja Dub

Four steps to achievement: Plan purposefully. Prepare prayerfully. Proceed positively. Pursue persistently.

–William Arthur Ward

~

Carlos Espinoza

Mountains don't move unless we move them. Anyone can suggest change, but not everyone makes a change. Why

not you? Why not me? No one person can do it all. We all have to help one another.

~

Linda Evans

~

Benjamin Kaufman

There's heroes and there's legends. Heroes get remembered but legends never die, follow your heart and you'll never go wrong. Benji tries to live by this quote every day of my life and be a hero to those who need one.

~

Lihan Lu

~

Laura Lucas

I have fought off many shadows in my life and I have found the power to stand back up after falling. With the help of others, I will continue to do the things that realists and pessimists tell me I cannot do. I am so thankful that there are others who will help me defy my limits.

~

Luis Mejia

Como minoría, crecí, progresé y me incliné a pensar que la educación superior era poco más o menos un pensamiento intangible. Contar con el constante apoyo de mis padres, me enseñó que el conformarse con menos no era aceptable cuando pudiese ser el mejor. Gracias mamá y papá.

~

Omar Ruiz

*Fides Quærens Intellectum.* I plan to major in philosophy at UCLA and eventually receive a masters and doctorate degree in philosophy to be able to become a professor in the future and help those in my community.

~

Charith Samarasena

I'm currently a senior at Buena High School. I will be attending UC Irvine to earn my bachelor's degree in Biomedical Engineering.

~

Julie Sandoval

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. –Eleanor Roosevelt

~

Tamara Spangler

~

Julian Splies

I'd like to thank my family, friends,  
five points and westpark.

~

Diana Vazquez

~

Stephanie Wagner

The more I've lived, the more I've found that consciousness is essential. When we are not conscious of our everyday lives, the result is not good. I've also found education to be a way to everyday consciousness.

~

**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 meritorious graduating senior from Oxnard Union High School

~

Ross Crockett

Ending a sentence with a preposition is something up with which I will not put. –Winston Churchill

As you can see, I'm quirky, fun-loving, and looking forward to my first semester at UC Berkeley.

~

**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 undergraduate education.

~

Marguerite Jackson

Those who dance are thought crazy by those who can't hear the music. People in high school thought I was crazy, but I marched to the beat of my own drum and now I will be attending UC Davis with a major in biology.

Thank you!

~

Roberto Ramirez

~

*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.

~

Carina Boo

Whatever goal you have, pursue it with determination, enthusiasm, and passion. Put all your effort into your ambitions, never give up when you run into challenges, and most importantly, always believe in yourself.

Thank you.

~

Sarah Rosen

Having completed her studies at Moorpark College, Sarah is now set to transfer to the University of San Francisco for the fall 2010 semester where she will be studying business administration. Sarah has worked at Sotheby's Realty for the last 3 years and hopes to one day

own her own brokerage.

~

Amanda Vu

The power of imagination makes us infinite. –John Muir

~

**Stanley E. Cohen Memorial Education Scholarship**

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

~

Grecia Garcia

~

Cheyenne Johnson

~

**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.

~

Mackenzie Sullivan

My favorite quote: The chief cause of success and happiness is trading what we want at the moment for what we want most. I am so honored and excited to be a part of the 2010 Scholarship Awards Reception. Thank you!

~

**William A. & 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.

~

Jessica Adlof

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but

by the moments that take our breath away. This quote has influenced the decisions I make and the goals I set.

~

Carlos Aldrete

~

Rachel Ashley

What you share with the world is what it keeps of you.

-Noah and the Whale

Before I die, I want to burn out bright. -Jon Foreman

~

Lauren Barnett

I will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and majoring in biological sciences in the fall. I plan to follow a pre-med course of study and I hope to one day become a neonatologist. Thank you.

~

Samuel Blaustein

It's the journey, not the destination.

~

Carina Boo

Whatever goal you have, pursue it with determination, enthusiasm, and passion. Put all your effort into your ambitions, never give up when you run into challenges, and most importantly, always believe in yourself.

Thank you.

~

Brooke Boyes

Whatever you are, be a good one. -Abraham Lincoln

Thanks!

~

Stacy Boyle

People grow through experience if they meet life honestly and courageously. This is how character is built.

-Eleanor Roosevelt

~

Tia Brandt

If you can walk, you can dance. If you can talk, you can  
sing. We all have rhythm. Everyone has a heartbeat.

-Zimbabwean proverb

~

Ian Carr

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

The important thing is not to stop questioning.

-Albert Einstein

~

Christian Castaneda

~

Alexandra Ciminera

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to  
be experienced. -Soren Kierkegaard

~

Christopher Conway

I hope to become a surgeon and travel the world. I also  
enjoy long walks on the beach with loved ones.

~

Brittany Cullen

Next year I will attend College of the Atlantic in  
Bar Harbor, a one of a kind institution in which ethics  
come first. Enrollment of 300, carbon net zero, an  
island off the coast, and a hands-on education.

I could not find a better fit.

~

Lucy Darago

~

Nora Darago

~

Mansee Desai

The pessimist complains about the wind; the optimist  
expects it to change; the realist adjusts the sails.

-William Arthur Ward

~

Cherie Du

Hey there, Mr. Grumpy Gills. When life gets you down, do you wanna know what you gotta do? Just keep swimming...just keep swimming, swimming, swimming!

~

Nathaniel Dueber

Remember what they say, there's no shortcut to a dream. It's all blood and sweat, and life is what you manage in between. -James Mercer

~

Linnea Fechtner

~

Andrew Frank

~

Evelyn Frederick

~

Hans Gao

A quote I've always tried to live by: Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life; not so much by what happens to you as by the way your mind looks at what happens. -Kahlil Gibran

~

Lucy Gao

I'm a person that enjoys happiness in the moment, taking chances, and learning every day. I'm looking forward to a future with no boundaries, and I know that my college, Johns Hopkins, will provide opportunities that satisfy my demand for an action-packed lifetime.

~

Jose Garcia

~

Gina Greenwalt

Dum spiro, spero

While I breathe, I hope.

~

Naomi Henry

Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive. –Howard Thurman

~

Emily Hickerson

Three words that describe me are ethical, motivated, and passionate. This year I have held multiple, concurrent jobs, handled AP coursework, been Editor-in-Chief and taken a role in Environmental Club. In the fall, I will attend Cal Poly SLO to study environmental engineering.

~

Kathryn Irwin

And in the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years. –Abraham Lincoln

~

Rachael Jensen

~

Tony Jin

Somewhere in the world there is defeat for everyone. Some are destroyed by defeat, and some are made small and mean by victory. Greatness lives in one who triumphs equally over defeat and victory. –John Steinbeck

~

Bryant Jones

~

Joshua Junge

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

Thank you very much.

~

Jennee Kuang

If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them. –Thoreau

~

Surya Kumar

Regardless of how you feel inside, always try to look like a winner. Even if you are behind, a sustained look of control and confidence can give you a mental edge that results in victory. –Arthur Ashe

~

Jamie Lane

I, Jamie Lane, am a senior at Moorpark High School who has enrolled in San Diego State University's Honors program for this coming fall. I embrace every day with a smile and look forward to achieving my future aspirations of becoming a doctor.

~

Elena Light

~

Katherine Light

~

Matthew Lopez

~

Kathryn McDonald

Never discourage anyone who continually makes progress, no matter how slow. –Plato

This quote inspired me to major in liberal studies in order to become an elementary school teacher so that I can give every child an opportunity to succeed.

~

Victoria Mercado

Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall.

~

Sol Moon

I'm a Moorpark High School graduating senior and was part of the 2009 Academic Decathlon Team. I'm attending Berkeley in the fall. I'm eternally grateful for my family and friends. Look past the tide pools, for the ocean is deep. Thanks so much.

~

Amanda Mundell

~

Rodney Owen

I am an eighteen year old senior at Nordhoff High School. I enjoy running and playing soccer. I am interested in helping disadvantaged people in third world countries as well as in ocean conservation. Thanks so much.

~

Jasmin Perez

I am my mother's daughter. -Amy Tan  
I too am my mother's daughter and have her to thank for all that I have become and all that I will become in the future. She has been my sole inspiration in becoming the most successful person I can be; therefore it is with great joy that I embark to Cornell University in the fall, building my life as a branch from hers.

~

Juan Rodrigo Ricafort

Juan Ricafort is a graduate of Westlake High School and junior at Georgetown University, where he studies International Security, Computer Science, and Japanese. In addition to a cappella singing, hip hop dancing, and rediscovering his Filipino roots, Juan is preparing to enter a career in the field of national security. I am very honored and thankful to be receiving this award.

~

Airalee Rivera

~

Quetzalli Rocha

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out. –Robert Collier. Thank you very much.

~

Richard Ruby

Define *normal*...that's what everyone should have.

~

Ryan Schultz

Every man dies. Not every man truly lives.

–William Wallace, *Braveheart*

~

Danna Seligman

I am driven to accomplish every goal to which I aspire, and strive to find balance between my passions for academics and dance. Now begins the dance of many happy tomorrows as I embark on my first accomplished dream, attending Stanford University. Thank you so much!

~

Liberty Shee

This is an inspirational quote my parents taught me: I am destined for greatness, and I can achieve anything in life as long as I'm willing to work hard enough to get it.

~

Micah Smith

~

Lena Stehly

The worth of a human being lies in the ability to extend oneself, to go outside oneself, to exist in and for other people. –Milan Kundera

This quote has inspired me throughout my high school years.

~

Mackenzie Sullivan

The chief cause of success and happiness is trading what we want at the moment for what we want most. Thank you.

~

John Thomson

The most important thing we can do is inspire young minds and to advance the kind of science, math, and technology education that will help youngsters take us to the next phase of space travel. –John Glenn  
I aspire to be one of these young minds and use my education to help us set foot on Mars. Thank you.

~

Evelyn Tran

There is no fate that plans men's lives. Whatever comes to us, good or bad, is usually the result of our own action or lack of action. –Herbert Casson. I hope these words will help me on my path to become a pharmacist. Thank you for the scholarship.

~

Amanda Vu

The power of imagination makes us infinite. –John Muir

~

Melanie Weiner

~

Dillon Wexler

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.  
–Thomas Jefferson

~

Samuel Wexler

It will be found, in fact, that the ingenious are always fanciful, and the truly imaginative never otherwise than analytic. –Edgar Allan Poe  
Thank you.

~

Claire Willey

~

Jordan Willis

Jordan Willis will be a sophomore next year at UC

Berkeley. She thanks her parents, teachers, and friends for their continuous support as she expands her horizons through education.

~  
Kathryn Willson

~  
Tianna Wilson

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

~  
***Bob & Evie Florence Memorial Scholarship***

This scholarship was established for the express purpose of assisting students studying music, to honor Evie Florence and to memorialize Bob Florence, well-known composer, arranger, pianist, bandleader, educator, Grammy and two-time Emmy Award winner.

~  
Gillian Sanhamel

Gillian is a lifetime student of music of every genre, with a focus in piano. She plans to earn a master's degree in instrumental conducting, and hopes to touch many people's lives with music the way it has touched hers. Thank you to the Florence family and to VCCF!

~  
***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.

~  
Hanna Riley  
Life goes on, enjoy the ride.

~

*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.

~

Katherine Hause

~

Matthew Miller

~

Langdon Southworth

We returned from our honeymoon 3 days before I started law school. Nine months later, just weeks before final exams of my 1st year of law school, Lincoln was born. My wife and Lincoln make the struggles of law school all worth it! Thank you.

~

*Vicky Howard Community Service Award*

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

~

Alicia Carter

Part of being a person is about helping others. It is an important piece of who I am and will become. By doing so I feel that I am not just taking from the world but rather growing with it and nothing beats that feeling.

~

*Parker M. & 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 in 1996 to carry forward the Howells' care and concern for educating young people in the professions of writing and engineering.

~

Rick Zang

~

**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 1964 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.

~

Susanna Sukiasyan

What the mind can conceive and believe it can achieve.

-Napoleon Hill

~

**Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship 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.

~

Irene Dang

To love is to risk not being loved in return. To hope is to risk pain. To try is to risk failure. But risk must be taken because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

~

Diane Marie Kreil

Life isn't about that next great thing. It's about the little things I laugh at, from my klutziness, my "insanity," my Happy Hat, to just about anything else you can think of.

~

Sarah Maxel

My family is the most important part of my life. I thank them for supporting me in school and in my plans to study medicine at my university next year.

~

**Arleigh McConnell Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship 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.

~

Lauryl Nakagawa

Believe in your dreams and they may come true; believe in yourself and they will come true. –Author Unknown

~

Brett Silvernail

~

**Rosellen Dee Pearsall Nurse Scholarship**

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

~

Lucy Hollingsworth

~

Kristyn Mickley

Thank you for awarding me the Rosellen Dee Pearsall

Nurse Scholarship. What this means to me is receiving help as someone who has become sensitized to dealing with a personal medical lifelong condition. Receiving the help encourages me more to help others as I serve them in my goal of becoming a loving and caring nurse.

~

*Alfonso & Dora Romero Scholarship*

This fund was established in 1996 by Barbara and Wylie Horn and named for Mrs. Horn's parents, to provide assistance to meritorious students graduating from Santa Paula High School.

~

Lindsay Lippert

~

*Science Matters Scholarship*

This fund was established by Ron L. and Barbara Fowler Rose in honor of her father, Robert D. Fowler, who had a passion for teaching science—geology, physics—at the high school level. The initial funding for this scholarship was made possible by the Wharton Foundation, on whose board Mrs. Rose served, and matching gifts from the Roses. The scholarship is to encourage students to become science teachers in our elementary and secondary schools.

~

Carlos Aldrete

~

*Ray Libero Sepulveda/Ray Garcia  
Latino Town Hall Scholarship Fund*

This scholarship fund was established in 2003 to provide scholarship assistance to meritorious graduating seniors from Santa Paula High School who are graduates of the Agriculture/Science and Human Services Academy.

~

Yasmin Castro

~

Kathryn Gialketsis

~

Marguerite Jackson

Those who dance are thought crazy by those who can't hear the music. People in high school thought I was crazy, but I marched to the beat of my own drum and now I will be attending UC Davis with a major in biology.

Thank you!

~

Ygnacio Rodriguez

~

Kimura Yamamoto

~

***Salik Omar Shah Scholarship***

This scholarship fund was established in 1994 by Mr. & 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.

~

Carlos Aldrete

~

Francisco Navarrete

~

***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.

~

Madison Scollick

~

Kimura Yamamoto

~

Ventura County Community Foundation  
(VCCF) Scholarship Grants Fund

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

~

Alexandrina Cisneros

~

Sadie Foster

~

Charli Gross

Charli Gross is a young woman who is dedicated to being a  
successful adult who will inspire others to do well in life.

~

Amanda Madrigal

Life has no limitations, except the ones you make.

-Les Brown

~

Monica Morales

~

Kelly Newberry

~

Jasmine Omran

Despite my loss, I still view life with enchanted optimism,  
but instead of being the damsel in distress, I want to  
be the hero who saves the day. I am determined to  
overcome all the challenges that I will undoubtedly  
face as I fulfill my goals.

~

Maria Rangel

Coming from a Spanish-speaking household, I will become  
the first generation in my family to attend a university. I  
will major in biological sciences/nutrition, and I want to

come back and contribute to my community by obtaining an education. Thanks to all those who supported me!

~

Jorge Rubalcava

~

**Ventura County Career & Technical Education Scholarship**

Established with a gift from HAAS Automation, this fund assists Ventura County students who are enrolled in local vocational, career & technical education institutions.

Enhancing 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 future economy.

~

Simeon Dyke

Simeon Dyke is not only my name, but also my father and grandfather's name. I am very proud to have the same name as them. And to be a firefighter like my grandfather makes them very proud of me.

~

Linda Evans

~

Briana Tappe

I do not where the path may lead [me], instead I go where there is no path and leave a trail.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Thank you.

~

**Iris & Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship**

This scholarship 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 students pursuing a nursing degree at public institutions of higher learning in California.

~

Leticia Aguayo

Since a young age, I have always been determined to receive a college education. I am finally in college and on my way to accomplishing my dream. I hope to one day become a Nurse Practitioner. I am a very determined, goal-oriented young lady.

~

Antonio Diaz

~

Kristine Kelley

am very excited to enter a career in nursing in order to help our community become even healthier and better informed than it is today. Thank you!

~

Hayley Nisbet

I am finishing my first semester of nursing school at Ventura College. It has been an amazing journey thus far and one I could not have done without the love and support of my wonderful family. I am grateful to have the opportunity to follow my career goal and dream to become a registered nurse and look forward to what the future has in store. Thank you very much!

~

Clifford Payne

I am a husband, father, and student who plans to pursue a Bachelors in Nursing in order to care for and serve people in need.

~

Tamara Spangler

~

Patricia Vallarta

~

Karen Zamarripa

Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so you shall

become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall  
one day be. –James Allen

~

### Young Artists Scholarship

This fund was developed in conjunction with VCCF's  
*ArtsLIVE in Ventura County* initiative. The initiative aims  
to increase support for the arts in Ventura County through  
grants, management training for local arts organizations,  
community convening's and specific goals to increase  
charitable capital for the arts. VCCF's goal is to raise  
\$375,000 for the Young Artists Scholarship Fund's  
permanent endowment to support education for future  
artists from Ventura County in perpetuity.

~

Dana Christie

The color brown, I realized, is anything but nondescript.  
It comes in as many hues as there are colors of earth,  
which is commonly presumed infinite. –Codi,  
Animal Dreams by Barbara Kingsolver

~

Alana Grossman

Alana Grossman, 17, plans to attend Northwestern  
University this fall to pursue her love of singing, acting,  
music, and dancing. There she hopes to not only grow as  
an artist, but also as a person.

~

## CONGRATULATIONS!



### To our scholarship recipients:

Please keep in touch with us! We especially like to  
hear how you are doing with your classes. If you are  
willing to share with us a little about your discoveries  
as you further your education, please do so. Tell us

how the scholarship support you received from VCCF has helped you as you pursue your education and work on fulfilling your dreams.

There are very special people behind each of the Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) scholarship funds, and all of them would like to hear from you as well. We will gladly share your letters and cards with them.

~

**From Mr. Hugh J. Ralston, President & CEO of  
Ventura County Community Foundation**

We are privileged to partner with caring community donors who believe in the future of our young people and in the promise of their dreams, each participating in the oldest of stories—one generation staking the next.

We believe in the power of education. The skills that come from education, even throughout life, will not only make a difference in where you live and how you live, but in what types of experiences you will have, what friends will ignite, and what talents you will hone.

Our donors also believe in you, and in your capacity to make a difference.

Our congratulations to each of you!





Did you know that gifts of any size can be made to any of the scholarship funds at Ventura County Community Foundation?

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](http://www.vccf.org)) or call (805) 988-0196 or write to:

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