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*2011 Scholarship
Awards Reception*

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Welcome!

Ventura County Office of Education
Conference & Educational Services
Center (Salons A, B, & C) June 2, 2011

Program

Check-in 4:30 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions 4:35 p.m.

- ◆ Virginia Weber, Program Officer, VCCF
- ◆ Pierre Y. Tada, Chair, Board of Directors, VCCF
- ◆ Hugh J. Ralston, President & CEO, VCCF

Presentation of Awards 4:50 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 Latino or Latina high school seniors, this scholarship is the embodiment of "Moving Forward!" for outstanding young Ventura County residents pursuing higher education.

Cindy Alamillo

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me." - Erma Bombeck

Leticia Cruz

Keep steadily before you the fact that all true success depends at last upon yourself.—Theodore T. Hunger

Me gustaria agradecerle a todas aquellas personas que me han ayudado a lograr mis metas, especialmente mis padres. Aristeo Cruz y Angela Gonzalez, gracias por su apoyo.

Patricia Gomez

Through hard work, dedication, and many years of sleepless nights, I'm honored to be the Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2011 at Santa Paula High School. I spend my free time playing competitive club soccer year-round and coaching girls' youth soccer.

Raquel Hernandez

Set your sights high, the higher the better. Expect the most wonderful things to happen, not in the future but right now. Realize that nothing is too good. Allow absolutely nothing to hamper you or hold you up in any way.—Eileen Caddy

Take chances, make mistakes. That's how you grow. Pain nourishes your courage. You have to fail in order to practice being brave.—Mary Tyler Moore Thanks again!

Jesus Lira

Arturo Luna

Maria Robles

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.

This fund provides scholarships for Ventura/Ojai area students pursuing musical development or musical education.

Courtney Baird

Courtney will be attending Illinois Wesleyan in the fall. She lives by the quote, "Be brave and you're going to be fine," from the musical *In the Heights*, music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Thank you.

Gabrielle Trainor

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 fund to benefit music specialists from Ojai and Ventura with professional growth while a student or a teacher.

Dana Christie

In music, there is no present, and there is no past. There is no fear of death, since time is stopped. This is why we love music, why we play music: to transcend death.—Larry Livingston

Sean Hayward

Carly Roberg

In the fall, Carly will be attending New York University. She is enrolled in the music business program and plans on becoming a singer/songwriter. This has been a longtime passion of hers, and she is excited to continue her dream in New York City. Thank you!

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.

~
Gina Lopez

I was fortunate to become Edward and Steven's Mom when I was 16 years old. There have been many struggles as a teenage mother, however the best triumph has been motherhood and my education. My education benefits my children's lives and the people I come in contact with daily.

Thank you so much!

~
Esmeralda Nunez

The quality of strength lined with tenderness is an unbeatable combination, as are intelligence and necessity when unblunted by formal education.—Maya Angelou

~
Destino Scholarship

This fund was 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 priority for local public institutions of higher learning. Preference is for first generation students.

~
Daniela Burbano

God and my family are my fountain of love, inspiration, dedication, and strength. With them I have learned to appreciate my present, be optimistic about my future, let go of the past, and live happily under any circumstance. Thank you for your support!

~
Sarah Contreras-Ortiz

I will attend the Honors College of UC Riverside to major in bioengineering before attending medical school. Someday, I'd like to open my own clinic so that I can help break down the barriers that deny people access to proper medical care.

~
Leticia Cruz

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Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment Grant Scholarship

Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization for women educators promoting professional and personal growth and excellence in education.

One of our local chapter's ongoing projects is the recruitment grant scholarship, awarded each year to a meritorious young woman who is preparing to be a teacher.

~
Chelsea Wallace

~
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.

~
Joel Orozco

~
Finck Family Charitable Fund Scholarship

This scholarship fund 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.

~
Katelyn Bailey

We are all a little weird and life's a little weird, and when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join us with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.—Dr. Seuss
To be nobody-but-yourself—in a world which is doing its best, night and day, to make you everybody else—means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight; and never stop fighting.—e. e. cummings

~
Bob & Evie Florence Memorial Scholarship

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

~
Sean Hayward

Mike Frick Memorial Baseball Scholarship

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

~
Matthew Burke

I'm a dedicated hard-working student athlete. I know education is the pathway to my success. "It is the little things that make the big things," and with success comes the opportunity along my journey for me to pay it forward to others one day. Thank you for all of your assistance.

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.

~
Jennifer Zhao

In the future, I aim to attend law school. My greatest dream is to argue in front of the Supreme Court. Thank you.

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 un-lockers and door-openers, creating opportunities for the benefit of the county, the country, and the world.

~
Alec A. Sears

Gould Family Scholarship

The Gould family owned and operated the Ford dealership in Santa Paula for many years. Their philanthropic contributions to our county are myriad. This fund was established to provide scholarship support for promising local entrepreneurial students.

Miguel Martinez

I believe that with hard work and dedication, doors will open, leading to success. I thank those around me who keep on inspiring me. Thank you.

Jan Heyne Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was 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!

~
Lihan Lu

~
Daniel Teran

A mighty god is a living man.—Bob Marley
These words have inspired and motivated me since I was young. To this day, I aspire to live up to their meaning and strive to be the best I can be.

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. Through this fund, Vivian's spirit and legacy live on by providing scholarship support to local students who are majoring in the arts.

~
Sean Hayward

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 who attend California schools in pursuit of an education relating to a life in public service.

~
Jacquelin Arroyo

I have been blessed with so many gifts and opportunities that I feel I have a responsibility to give back. It is my hope that after I graduate, my efforts may have a positive impact promoting human activism and women's rights worldwide. Thank you!

~
Jongin Baek

You miss 100% of the shots you never take.—Wayne Gretzky
Success is a ladder you cannot climb with
your hands in your pockets.—American Proverb

~
Mira Brown

Laugh as much as you breathe and love as long as you live.—Author Unknown
Be the change you wish to see in the world.—Mahatma Gandhi

~
Erin Hollander

Erin will be studying Linguistics at UC Davis this fall. She hopes to teach English abroad, and eventually work in the field, assisting with language revitalization programs and their efforts to document and revive dying languages.

~
Gabriela Jimenez

~
Nicolas Molina

I would like to thank the donors of the scholarships for their invaluable support. Funding our educations is not simply a financial relief but a motivational force that keeps us going. Thank you.

~
Jorge Navarro

~
Elizabeth Perez

~
Stephanie Wagner

I am overwhelmed with the generosity of the scholarship donors. If someday I am able to offer a scholarship fund to help students, I will be very proud. Thank you!

~
Orfalea Scholarship Fund

This fund was established in 2005 to assist worthy Ventura County students, including non-traditional learners, pursuing full-time undergraduate education at community colleges, vocational schools, or 4-year colleges or universities. It is for students planning to enter the fields of teaching, early childhood education, and for specific approved health-related majors who intend to practice in Ventura County upon completion of their studies. The fund also provides scholarship support to deserving local students whose parents are employed at Ventura County non-profits, employed in public safety professions in our community, and employed as local seasonal or migrant farm workers.

~
Leticia Aguayo

~
Mayra Amezcua

Nuestros padres hicieron el sacrificio de darnos lo que tenemos Es Nuestro turno triunfar por ellos, por la comunidad y por un mejor mundo para el pueblo.

~
Susana Amezcua

~
Jocelyn Arroyo

~
Maria Barrios

~
Brittany Brown

~
Kimberly Castillo

Let us consider that we are all partially insane. It will explain us to each other; it will unriddle many riddles.—Mark Twain

~
Alison Cosgrove

I will be attending San Diego State University this fall and majoring in Psychology. After graduating, I hope to attain a Master's Degree and become a Nationally Certified School Psychologist to help young children. Thank you!

~
Leticia Cruz

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Aristeo Cruz y Angela
Gonzalez, gracias por su apoyo.

~
Sandra Davis

~
Vanessa Dominguez

I'm thankful for having my family support me in my education in every way possible. I only know some of the many sacrifices they have made for me to be at UCSB. I hope to be an educator in a high school so I can further inspire and enrich the minds of a generation in pursuit of higher education. Thank you mami y papi.

~
Carlos Espinoza

Thank you for all of your support. The impact your scholarships have had on my life is so immense that it would be very difficult to continue my education without your support. Thank you very much for being part of my dream of obtaining a higher education and making it come true. I cannot thank you enough for investing in me, my education, and in my dream of helping people—people like me who have dreams and are willing to go against the odds to obtain them.

~
Kirsten Garbe

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.—Gandhi
Thank you!

~
Michael Hanley

~
Philip Hanley

~
Kendra Heredia

~
Erin Hollander

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~
Courtney Hultgen

Courtney is a very determined person. When she decides to do something, she dedicates herself to it until it is done. Thank you.

~
Kala Jankowski

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11
Thank you.

~
Brooke Jepsen

Something that is very important to me is giving to others. I feel that we get so much more joy out of life when we don't focus on ourselves all of the time. Thank you so much for choosing me to receive a scholarship. I am so grateful.

~
Tara Johnson

~
Aubrey Kaye

We do not need magic to change the world; we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.—J. K. Rowling
My dream is to encourage the curiosity for learning that was so graciously supported in me.

~
Kristine Kelley

Thank you so much for your support! In the fall I will transfer from Ventura College to begin the MSN-Nurse Educator program at CSU Dominguez Hills. I am working toward a career in diabetes education.

~
Jesus Lira

~
Joseph Liu

~
Gabriela Magana

These two quotes from Thomas A. Edison inspire and motivate me: The reason a lot of people do not recognize opportunity is because it usually goes around wearing overalls looking like hard work.
What you are will show in what you do.
Thank you!

~
Edwin Mancilla

~
Alfredo Martinez

Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.—Albert Einstein

~
James McLeod

I believe integrity and hard work will get me where I want to go in life.
Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

~
Miguel Mendez

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Thank you.

Nicolas Molina

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~

Monica Morales

~

Manuel Moreno

~

Luis Naranjo

I still find each day too short for all the thoughts I want to think, all the walks I want to take, all the books I want to read, and all the friends I want to see.—John Burroughs
Thank you for this opportunity. Go Bears!

~

Jenna O'Donnell

~

Maria Ortiz

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me." – Erma Bombeck

~

Elena Owen

Never a failure, always a lesson.

~

Shannon Palka

Success is falling nine times and getting up ten.—Jon Bon Jovi
May we all have the courage and strength to stand again after every time we fall, and may we surround ourselves with people willing to help us get back up. Thank you!

~

Sariely Sandoval

What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.—Goethe
Thank you.

~

Samantha Sheveland

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.—Dr. Seuss

~

Grace Simon

~

Michelle Stassforth

Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be. You are the only one who can use your ability.—Zig Ziglar
Thank you so much!

~

Jaclyn Stout

~

Karissa Tarango

~

Troy Thornton

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.—Martin Luther King, Jr.
Thank you.

~

Ernesto Valdivinos

~

Iris Villalobos

~

Juan Villalobos

~

Chelsea Wallace

~

William P. Reiman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the Ventura County Agricultural Association and local donors to memorialize Mr. Reiman and his many contributions to the agricultural field. It helps local students pursue an education in agriculture.

~

Allisen V. Hansen

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

~

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.

~
Danielle Bonucchi

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now
and then doesn’t hurt.—Charles M. Schulz

~
**Bob Beltramo Memorial Scholarship for
Athletic Sportsmanship**

This 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.

~
Frank Fassl

He that would have fruit must climb the tree.—Thomas Fuller
I am a football, basketball, and volleyball player who will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo next fall. I’m a member of the Oxnard City Explorers and of multiple community service groups at Rio Mesa High School. Thank you for choosing me as a recipient of this scholarship. It is an honor.

~
Rebecca Gregg

Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you
can do.—John Wooden

~
Ryan Pettit

Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become
the best that you are capable of becoming.—John Wooden

~
Yvonne Solis

Don’t tell me the sky is the limit when there are footprints
on the moon.—Brandt Paul

I am so thankful for the opportunity you have given me with this scholarship. I’m inspired by courage and strive for the best; it’s made me who I am today and I plan on doing big things in my life. With the help of this scholarship, I am that much closer. Thank you again.

I truly appreciate it!

Stephen Devron Resnik Memorial Scholarship

Established by Joyce Resnik along with her children, this scholarship memorializes the life of quiet, gentle, and influential businessman Stephen, owner of the Somis Nut House. An unassuming gentleman who had a great impact on individuals countywide, Stephen loved being with his family and friends, playing beach volleyball, golfing, playing the ukulele.

~
Nicole Pompilio

I am very grateful that I received this scholarship. It is hard for me to describe myself, but if I had to choose something, I would say hardworking. I plan to attend the University of Southern California in the fall of 2012 after one year at Moorpark College.

~
SAGE Scholarship

This fund was established by the employees of SAGE Publications to provide scholarships for Ventura County high school students who have shown initiative and improvement in academic accomplishments as well as demonstrating good citizenship.

~
Sarah Contreras-Ortiz

I will attend the Honors College of UC Riverside to major in bioengineering before attending medical school. Someday, I’d like to open my own clinic so that I can help break down the barriers that deny people access to proper medical care.

~
Colin Crilly

You’re only given a little spark of madness. You mustn’t
lose it.—Robin Williams

Colin plans on majoring in Biochemistry and hopes to
become a research scientist.

~
Sally Kiesow

Success is a journey, not a destination.—Arthur Ashe
This scholarship is really going to change my college experience.
It means the world to me. Thank you!

~
Joann Kweon

If the English language made any sense, a catastrophe would be an
apostrophe with fur.—Doug Larson
I hope to study English and Rhetoric at UCLA so that I can work
in the publishing industry.

~
Shannon Palka

Success is falling nine times and getting up ten.—Jon Bon Jovi
May we all have the courage and strength to stand again after every time we fall, and may we surround ourselves with people willing to help us get back up. Thank you!

~
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.

~
Michael Fickenscher

~
Cullen McAlpine

One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it's worth watching.—Gerard Way

~
Charles J. and 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.

~
Rocio Alvarado

~
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.

~
Ryan Fleming

I am not going to sit by as the events that affect me unfold to determine the course of my life. I'm going to take a stand. I'm going to defend it. Right or wrong, I'm going to defend it.— *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*—script by John Hughes

~
Cheryl Shearer Scholarship

Cheryl Shearer was a teacher and administrator at Oxnard College. She was educated in Ventura and attended Ventura 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.

~
Andrea Lawson

Andrea Lawson is a wife and mother of three small children. In addition to her professional vocal career, Mrs. Lawson is also pursuing a degree in Pharmacology. She would like to express her gratitude for continued educational opportunities to VCCF for making this possible. Thank you for all you do.

~
TEACH Fund Scholarship

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.

~
Cristal Avila

~
Alexandria Bolanos

~
Veronica (Jackie) Bustamante

~
Alexandra Garcia

Always feeling like I can do better is what keeps me doing my best.

~
Nerissa Lee-Young

~
Leslie Mendez

~
Judy Miyara

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."—Jeremiah 29:11-13

What I would like to do with my studies is to become a great social worker to help and influence young people like me. Thank you

~
Sherry Miyara

~
Shandi Muirhead

~
Kathy Murray

~
Stephanie Murray

~
Kimberly Phan

~
Carolina Ramos

Thank you for helping me financially to continue my education throughout high school and college. I have a lot of appreciation to give to all those who supported me while I was in the foster care system. Your help and honor has fulfilled my education capabilities for the future. I will consider all your help to my success in life. I have always tried to accomplish beyond in life in order to succeed but I did not always have the financial support. Thank you for all the support I have received from my loved ones, from VCCF and the TEACH Fund, and from my former social worker Jiann Pemberton, who pushed me to the opportunities and advantages I have as a student and has helped me look into a bright future.

~
Maoly Romero

~
Ian Roth

~
Samantha Sheveland

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.—Dr. Seuss

~
Jaelyn Stout

~
Andre Theus

~
Stephanie Vanhorenbeeck

"I would if I could, but I'm not, cuz I won't," were words that I lived at one point in my life. I live now in Faith, Hope, and Love. Being a mother changed my life and now Cruzito is my biggest motivation in life!

~
Chanchin Yeh

I don't have to have a special or grand line to commemorate this event. I want to thank you all. Not for selecting me, but for doing this at all. I just happen to be selected and now that I am on the receiving end, I realize how much you help students. And who knows what may become of students who make it through college because of the scholarships they received? Thank you.

TEACH Opportunity Scholarship Fund

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

~
Corey Hawkins

Corey is a sophomore at Colorado State University—Pueblo, majoring in nursing. She graduated from Santa Paula High School in 2010.

~
Raquel Montes

~
Jennifer Paulsen

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.—Dr. Seuss
What is most important to me is my beautiful daughter Samara and making sure she has a healthy, fulfilling, happy life.

~
Jessie Peterson

Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship

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

Kristine Kelley

Thank you so much for your support. In the fall I will begin the MSN–Nurse Educator program at CSU Dominguez Hills. I am working toward a career in diabetes education.

~
Nichole Smith

Leo and Rita Vanoni Scholarship

Established to honor Leo and Rita's countless hours dedicated to Ventura County's youth and to encourage students to pursue studies and careers in agriculture, this scholarship continues the work begun by Leo and Rita more than 50 years ago providing opportunities for children to become acquainted with agriculture by meeting barnyard animals at Uncle Leo's Barn at the Ventura County Fair. The family's farming tradition began in Ventura County in the 1890's when Leo's grandfather emigrated from Italy; Leo and Rita continue that tradition, passing on their love for the land to their children and the many visitors to Uncle Leo's Barn each year.

~
Emily Hobson

I am a sophomore at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, majoring in Animal Science. The scholarships I have received through VCCF will greatly help me in reaching my goal of becoming a veterinarian. Thank you so much for your support and your generosity.

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.

~
Michael Adams

Switching to healthcare was the smartest move I've ever made: I enjoy connecting with patients and their families, and am excited about the world of possibilities nursing holds for me.

The assistance from VCCF and the Medical Education Fund is helping me achieve this dream. Thank you.

~
Elaina Caliento

~
Sandra Davis

~
Deborah Gorman

~
Hayley Nisbet

~
Clifford Payne

Thank you Juliette for all your help these last four months.

~
Brenna Savage

~
Catharine Welsh

Katherine M. Wakelee Scholarship

This scholarship fund 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.

~
Anna Geare

Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known.—Carl Sagan
Nothing could describe my mindset more. Whether it's in science, art, religion, relationships, or just life, there are so many undiscovered possibilities that I cannot wait to explore.

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 by providing scholarship support to good students who are committed to safe schools and the encouragement of good citizenship.

~
Lloyd Lucin

Where there is no vision, the people perish.—Proverbs 29:18

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!

~ **Su Ji Hong**

It wasn't a mentor, family member, or friend that changed me, it was math. With the familiar language of numbers, math was an hour of relief from a stressful day in the foreign world. I would like to become a math teacher or professor one day and hope that as a teacher, I will be as influential to my students as my teachers are to me.

Young Artists Scholarship

The Young Artists Scholarship 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 convenings and specific goals to increase charitable capital for the arts. VCCF's goal is to raise \$375,000 for this fund's permanent endowment to support education for our young artists from Ventura County in perpetuity.

~ **Adrian Carcione**

Hiking provides me a connection with nature. My favorite experience is to go anywhere away from the bustling of the city, and just listen to pure natural sound. My education will open undiscovered interests and passions and lead me towards my full potential.

~ **Trevor Mauk**

~ **Alexandra Phelps**

Alexandra is a surrealist with a knack for dark humor and absurdity. Her influences include everyone and everything she encounters. As a young artist, she will be attending California College of the Arts in the San Francisco Bay Area starting in the fall of 2011.

James C. Basile Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established at VCCF in 1999 by attorney Jim Basile as a way to assist meritorious and worthy Ventura County students earn undergraduate degrees at public colleges and universities in California. Education was dear to Mr. Basile's heart.

~ **Leticia Aguayo**

~ **Kevin Ardibili**

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.—St. Francis of Assisi

~ **Daniela Burbano**

God and my family are my fountain of love, inspiration, dedication, and strength. With them I have learned to appreciate my present, be optimistic about my future, let go of the past, and live happily under any circumstance. Thank you for your support!

~ **Matthew Burke**

I'm a dedicated hard-working student athlete. I know education is the pathway to my success. "It is the little things that make the big things," and with success comes the opportunity along my journey for me to pay it forward to others one day.
Thank you for all your assistance.

~ **Adrian Carcione**

Hiking provides me a connection with nature. My favorite experience is to go anywhere away from the bustling of the city, and just listen to the natural sound. My education will open undiscovered interests and passions and lead me towards my full potential.

~ **Alejandra Castillo**

Smile and be happy. People are inspired by your presence. You can change the world with your incandescence. Thank you.

~ **Brianna Deyling**

You'll never achieve greatness by "staying in the box." There are no problems, only challenges and situations.—Eckhart Tolle
Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart,
for helping make my dreams come true.

Catherine Foster

Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world. —Harriet Tubman

~

Jairo Gonzalez

A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest men.—Roald Dahl Thank you!

~

Emily Hobson

I am a sophomore at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, majoring in Animal Science. The scholarships I have received through VCCF will greatly help me in reaching my goal of becoming a veterinarian. Thank you so much for your support and your generosity.

~

Dustin Horton

I think the environment should be put in the category of our national security. Defense of our resources is just as important as defense abroad. Otherwise what is there to defend? —Robert Redford

~

Courtney Hultgen

Courtney is a very determined person. When she decides to do something, she dedicates herself to it until it is done. Thank you.

~

Hamida Mohammad

~

Yasmin Sallak

~

Matthew Woertink

~

Joseph Isaac Wong

What if one day or night a demon crept up to you and told you, "This life you must relive again and infinite times more, exactly as you have lived it." Would you throw yourself down, gnash your teeth, and curse that demon? Or would you answer, "Never had I heard anything more divine!?"
—adapted from Friedrich Nietzsche

~

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.

~

Sarah Watte

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.—Walt Disney

~

Calavo Scholarship

Established by the Calavo Growers of California for residents of any of the Calavo districts directly related to an active Calavo member, scholarships from this fund are awarded to outstanding students pursuing higher education.

~

Juliet Wilson

~

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.

~

Kathryn Barron

I am a biochemistry major and am also very enthusiastic about art. My intention is to further my education with a college path leading to genetic research, particularly as it relates to forwarding the knowledge and treatment of cancer. I look forward to attending Swarthmore College this fall, and I very much appreciate that the Ventura County Community Foundation, its scholarships, and its donors have helped me get there.

~

Savannah D. Badalich

The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing.—Socrates

~

Alison Ohringer

I'll be attending Emory in the fall to study Biological Science and Literature. I hope to utilize these two majors to research and publish papers about breast cancer.

~

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 and enthusiastic community volunteer.

~

Jennifer Moreno

I hope that I will not only scholastically grow in college, but also grow into a better, well rounded, diverse, and dynamic person; that I will

have met many interesting people, learn from the mistakes I make, and never stop learning.

~
Isis M. Topete

I hope to inspire others who have faced various obstacles throughout their lives in order to show how it is the individual who shapes their future with hard work and dedication to exceed expectations and make the community greater.

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.

~
Janelle L. Cohen

The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.—Jack Kerouac

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 in Ojai, read voraciously, and believed fervently that the finest heritage one can leave children is an education.

~
Roy Arguello

~
Kathryn Barron

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~
Anna Barson

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars.—Les Brown

As I leave for college, I am excited to see what lies ahead, hoping to continue making a difference in the lives of others and, in the process, pursue my interests in music and science.

~
Alex Baucum

As a day well-spent brings happy rest, so a life well-spent brings happy death.—Leonardo da Vinci

~
Madeline Bell

Next year, I will be attending Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga. I hope to be studying Health Science. I have been a Type 1 diabetic for nine years and my ultimate goal is to go on to medical school and become an endocrinologist. Thank you so much!

~
Jonathan Bluffer

For everything you have missed, you have gained something else, and for everything you gain, you lose something else.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The prospect of college is incredibly exciting, but I will miss the safety nets and the relationships I leave behind as I venture forward. I would like to take this opportunity to thank VCCF for all you do for our community and for your contribution to making this scholarship happen for me.

~
Matthew Bravo

Matthew plans to attend the California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo to pursue a business major with a focus in accounting. He would like to thank his parents, educators, family, and friends.

~
Ian Carr

There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.—Will Rogers

~
Melissa Carroll

~
Lucas Corley

Luke is an Eagle Scout, Journalism Editor, Varsity Athlete, Swim Instructor, and AP student. He will be attending UC Davis in the fall and majoring in Political Science. Thank you so much for this scholarship!

Colin Crilly

You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.—Robin Williams

Colin plans on majoring in Biochemistry and hopes to become a research scientist.

~

Ryan Cruz

Do what you love. Know your own bone: gnaw at it, bury it, unearth it, and gnaw it still.—Henry David Thoreau

~

Brittany Cullen

~

Kate Danker

Kate will be attending UCLA in the fall. She will major in Linguistics, and plans on pursuing a career in Speech Pathology.

~

Lucy Darago

Thank you so much for the scholarship. I cannot attend the awards ceremony but I thank you for your support.

~

Nora Darago

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning.—Albert Einstein
Thank you!

~

Richelle De Los Santos

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.—John Quincy Adams
This quote has influenced my determination to become a better person and a role model for my little brothers and for the community. I am very thankful to be one of the recipients of the William A. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship.

~

Brian Deutsch

Things turn out best for people who make the best out of the way things turn out.—John Wooden

~

Geoffrey Douglas

The key to good decision-making is not knowledge. It is understanding. We are swimming in the former. We are desperately lacking in the latter.—Malcolm Gladwell
Never let your sense of morals prevent you from

doing what is right.—Isaac Asimov

I am honored to receive a VCCF scholarship this year. Thank you again.

~

Travis Dunlop

Travis will be majoring in Engineering at UC Berkeley next year. He would like to thank the William A. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship Fund for the financial aid to him and his family.

~

Charlotte Ellberg

My family and community throughout the past years have had a huge impact on my education and life. They have inspired me and helped me along the way. I hope to become a dentist or doctor in the future, and I am attending UC Davis in the fall. Thank you!

~

Linnea Fechtner

~

Anthony Fowler

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do...As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.—
Marianne Williamson
Thank you very much.

~

Hans Gao

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.—Khalil Gibran
Thank you once again for helping organize VCCF. We students truly do appreciate the help and encouragement you guys give us.

~

Anna Geare

Somewhere something incredible is waiting to be known.—Carl Sagan
Nothing could describe my mindset more. Whether it's in science, art, religion, relationships, or just life, there are so many undiscovered possibilities that I cannot wait to explore.

~

Brian Ginell

Be Good. Be Smart. Have Fun.
Next year, I will attend Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, as a mechanical engineering major. I look forward to the challenges ahead.
Thank you very much.

~

Patricia Gomez

Through hard work, dedication, and many years of sleepless nights, I'm honored to be the Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2011 at Santa Paula High School. I spend my free time playing competitive club soccer year-round and coaching girls' youth soccer.

~

Diana Gumber

~

Nicholas Herson

~

Emily Hickerson

~

Austin Hymes

I have an insatiable curiosity and a determination for learning which has led me down my academic path. Albert Einstein's words remain my motto for life: "Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning." Thank you. I am honored to be the recipient of a 2011 VCCF scholarship.

~

Annette Johnson

Life gives to all a choice. You can satisfy yourself with mediocrity if you wish...or you can channel your life so that it will be clean, vibrant, progressive, useful, colorful, rich.—Spencer W. Kimball

~

Ariana Johnson

Yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision. But today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope.—Sanskrit Proverb

~

Sne Kanji

I saw the angel in the marble and carved until I set him free.—Michelangelo

~

Jessica Karch

Listen: there's a hell of a good universe next door;
let's go.—e. e. cummings

In the fall, I'm attending Columbia University and planning to double major in Political Science (with a possible concentration in African Studies) and Chemistry.

~

Aubrey Kaye

We do not need magic to change the world; we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.—J. K. Rowling
My dream is to encourage the curiosity for learning that was so graciously supported in me.

~

Chloe Keller

~

Ashley Lim

Dare to dream! I have always set high goals for myself that I push myself to achieve. This scholarship has further motivated and encouraged me. Thank you for this scholarship, which has increased my confidence in achieving my dreams.

~

Paola Lule

~

Hannah Maryanski

Hannah is a Starbucks Gold member, tap dancer, bicyclist, soup connoisseur, actress, pianist, Trekkie, French Horn player, singer, Nepal traveler, Santa Clara University Bronco, and a classy sass queen. She really likes to Party in the USA. Thanks!

~

Colin McMahon

~

Gillian Miller

I don't believe that old cliché that good things come to those who wait. I think good things come to those who want something so bad they can't sit still.—Ashton Kutcher

~

Amanda Mundell

I feel honored to receive this scholarship and am very grateful. In June 2011, I will finish my junior year at UCLA. I am majoring in Neuroscience and hope eventually to obtain a Master's Degree or a Ph.D., possibly pursuing a degree in medical research. I cannot thank the donors and scholarship committee enough for awarding me this scholarship. I appreciate your willingness to contribute to my future education. I promise to try my best in college, to make the donors and VCCF proud.

~

Rebecca Murphy

I am not a has-been, I am a will be.—Lauren Bacall

~

Ahna Neustadt

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

~

Sam O'Donnell

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.—Ayn Rand

~

Ryan Ota

Education has always been a part of my life, and I wish to always learn and experience new things. In the future, I plan to enter the medical profession and my goal is to create a better world for future generations through my work.

~

Marissa Renyer

Do the best you can with what you got where you are.—Health teacher
Happiness can be found, even in the darkest of times, if one only remembers to turn on the light.—Albus Dumbledore (*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*) by J. K. Rowling

Thank you so much!

~

Emma Ruiz

~

Briane Seligman

~

Danna Seligman

I am so grateful for all of the amazing opportunities that my freshman year at Stanford has already presented me with, and I look forward to many more amazing experiences in the years to come. I am excited to continue studying Political Science, working with Stanford Undergraduate Senate and to be a 2011-2012 Stanford Dollie. I'm beginning to learn that everything works out as it is meant to be, and I am so thankful for the opportunity to accomplish all of my dreams. Thank you so much!

~

Valerie Sgheiza

Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.—Isaac Asimov

~

Gabrielle Sharaga

~

Liberty Shee

~

Christina Sheu

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.—George Washington Carver

~

Ila Shimabuku

Focusing your life solely on making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential.—Barack Obama

~

Kavya Singampalli

If you want to know the past, to know what has caused you, look at yourself in the present, for that is the past's effect. If you want to know your future, then look at yourself in the present, for that is the cause of the future.—Majjhima Nikaya

~

Erika Stutts

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.—Colossians 3:23

~

Tyson Tilmont

I am fascinated with weather. I will be attending UC Davis next year to study Atmospheric Science so I can someday become a National Weather Service forecaster. I love playing my tenor sax and serving my community.

~

Andy Truong

My dream in the future is to one day travel to countries in need in order to provide medical services to the people there. In my opinion, helping a stranger is one of the most satisfying things a person can do in his or her life.

~

Benjamin Umholtz

~
Tristan Walczak

Through the creation of sculptures and installations, I am constantly asking one question: how do human beings lead authentic lives in a world of manufactured reality? My art is influenced by the notion that we all deserve to remain the odd and interesting individuals we are.—Tristan Walczak, UCLA Arts, Class of 2015

~
Olivia Watson

The great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes

~
Dillon Wexler

I am a rising sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, earning a degree in Business and Bioengineering. I hope to go into the biotech field on either the business or the tech side. Thank you very much for the continued recognition and scholarships. It helps out so much with paying for college, and I could not do it without the assistance. Thank you.

~
Jordan Willis

~
Ann Wong

~
Benjamin Zhou

You must be willing to act today in order to succeed.—Panda Express fortune cookie. Benjamin would like to thank his teachers, mentors, peers, and family for the invaluable support he has gotten over the years.

~
Jeffrey Zia

Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.—Dr. Seuss
Thank you so much for this scholarship!

~
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 who demonstrated perseverance and excellent character all his life.

Gina Wiley

~
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. Mr. Gustafson also served as a Superior Court Judge.

~
Jason A. Barresi

Law school, coupled with a family and a full-time job, is no picnic. However, it has been made possible through the love and support of my wife, our two boys, and our parents. Without them, I would not have received this scholarship. Thanks.

~
Claudia C. Calderon

I realized at an early age I wanted to effect change and facilitate progress in my community. Pursuing my Bachelor's Degree in Latin American/Latino Studies and Politics and Modern Literary Studies with a Spanish Intensive was the first step on that path. Earning my law degree is next. Thank you so much for this great honor!

~
Oscar and Aileen Horn Scholarship

This fund was established to provide scholarships for meritorious Graduating seniors from Oxnard Union High School pursuing an English degree in college.

~
Bethany Elizabeth Nusser

~
Vicky Howard Community Service Award

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

~
Ann W. Wong

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 and 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.

~
Carlo Eborá

I only follow my voice inside. If it guides me wrong and I do not win, I'll learn from my mistakes and try to achieve again.—Tupac Shakur
Thank you.

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.

~
Tatsiana Parker

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.—Winston Churchill
I am so excited and happy to receive this scholarship.
It means so much to me. Thank you!

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.

~
Danielle Bonucchi

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.—Charles M. Schulz
~

Ruth Cheng

I have been accepted to UC San Deigo as a chemistry major and I hope to pursue a career in pharmacy. Thank you for this scholarship. I hope I may be able to help others in the same way someday.

~
Ian Cossman

~
Dorian Edwards

~
Kenneth Harary

~
Sarah Wátte

It's kind of fun to do the impossible.—Walt Disney
~

Armando & Lourdes Lopez Scholarship

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

~
Blanca E. Gonzalez

My parents have been supportive and have continued to express the importance of a solid education so that I can get a job where I can use my intelligence rather than the back-breaking work experienced by them while working in the agricultural fields. Their words of encouragement remind me to keep those values of hard work and sacrifice vigilant throughout my academic career.

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).

~
Jennifer N. Curtis
~

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.

~
Su Ji Hong

It wasn't a mentor, family member, or friend that changed me, it was math. With the familiar language of numbers, math was an hour of relief from a stressful day in the foreign world. I would like to become a math teacher or professor one day and hope that as a teacher, I will be as influential to my students as my teachers are to me.

~
Katherine Rusmiselle

Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.—Author unknown

Alfonso and Dora Romero Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established in 1996 by Barbara and Wylie Horn and named for Mrs. Horn's parents. It provides assistance to meritorious students graduating from Santa Paula High School who are pursuing higher education.

~
Melissa Vargas

Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship

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

~
Esmeralda Carrillo

Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia

Latino Town Hall Scholarship

Established in 2003, this fund memorializes two inspirational and truly visionary community leaders from Santa Paula. This fund awards scholarships to needy and meritorious students in Santa Paula and Ventura County as they pursue their educational goals.

~
Nick Garcia

~
Jeanette Gonzalez

~
Melissa Gwynn

~
Jaymee McInerney

~
Talon Smith

~
Kannie Valdovinos

Salik Omar Shah Scholarship

This scholarship fund 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.

~
Kristian Phillip Dadacay

Soroptimist of Santa Paula Scholarship

This fund was established to encourage meritorious young women graduating from Santa Paula High School to pursue advanced studies and careers.

~
Juliet Wilson

Milton McKeveatt Teague Scholarship

Established in 1987, this scholarship fund 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.

~

Emily Hobson

I am a sophomore at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, majoring in Animal Science. The scholarships I have received through VCCF will greatly help me in reaching my goal of becoming a veterinarian. Thank you so much for your support and your generosity.

~

Hailey McCarthy

~

Ventura County Agricultural Scholarship

This fund was established in 1997 by the Farm Bureau of Ventura County and the Ventura County Agricultural Association to provide scholarship support for outstanding and meritorious students who are children of agriculture workers in Ventura County. Awards are for graduating high school seniors enrolling in a four-year college or university, or community college students who are transferring to a four-year college or university.

~

Oscar G. Rodriguez

~

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.

~

Mariela Contreras

~

Jordan W. Hendrix

~

Kala Jankowski

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you.

~

Celine K. Serrano

~

Alexander T. Sill

This scholarship will go towards my dream of pursuing a career in music. Playing guitar is not just what I do, it's who I am, and I hope that at some point in my life, I can become the inspiration for other students to live out their dreams, too. Thank you, VCCF!

~

Talon J. Smith

Donald and Barbara Frey Memorial award

~

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. The scholarships provide financial assistance for local students pursuing a nursing degree at public institutions of higher learning in California.

~

Leticia Aguayo

~

Kenneth Paul Dadacay

I am a highly motivated individual who strongly believes in himself. I am capable of reaching my dreams in life.

~

Eileen M. Gutierrez

~

Edwin Mancilla

~

Kyle Paradeza

In order to be successful, you have to get uncomfortable.
Thank you so much for this opportunity.

~
Clifford Payne

Thank you Juliette for all your help these last four months.

~
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 pursuing a health-related degree.

~
Mađeleine Crilly

Mađeleine is a pre-medical Biology major and rising junior at Brandeis University. For her extracurricular activities, she enjoys learning about East Asian art, mediating interfaith dialogue, and volunteering with the elderly.

~
CONGRATULATIONS AND REMEMBER:

Among the honors of receiving a scholarship is the realization that people who have never even met you believe in you!

You now have the opportunity and the privilege to express your gratitude to the people who established and contributed to 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. We will make sure the donors receive it.

Please keep in touch with us. After you finish your next year of college, write to us with an update. Our donors, staff, and volunteers are proud of you, and are cheering for you. We all really appreciate hearing from our scholars and learning about your adventures.

**For our scholars from some of the staff at
Ventura County Community Foundation:**

~
LaToya Ford

You can only become truly accomplished at something you love. Don't make money your goal. Instead pursue the things you love doing and then do them so well that people can't take their eyes off of you.—Maya Angelou

~
Tina Knight

Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good.—Vaclav Havel

Knowing that with these scholarships we are investing in your future and the future of our community, nation and world gives me *hope* and gives *hope* to all of us at VCCF—staff, volunteers, donors, and board members. We are proud of you and wish you well in your educational and life pursuits!

~
Hugh J. Ralston

Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) is 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 friendships will ignite,
and what talents you will hone.

We believe in you, in what you have
accomplished, and in what you will accomplish.
Our donors also believe in you,
and in your capacity to make a difference.

~

Susan Seale

Never underestimate the power of dreams and
the influence of the human spirit. We are all the same
in this notion: the potential for greatness lives within
each of us.—Wilma Rudolph, Olympic Gold Medalist

~

Barbara Smith

Change the way you look at things, and the things
you look at will change.—Wayne W. Dyer

~

Virginia Weber

Yesterday's the past and tomorrow's the future.
Today is a gift—which is why
they call it the present.—Bill Keane

~

Did you know that contributions of any size
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