

# 36TH ANNUAL 2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY



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# SPECIAL WELCOME MESSAGE

## Welcome to the Ventura College Foundation's 36th Scholarship Awards Ceremony!

We are delighted to spend this afternoon with you as we celebrate and honor our 2025 Student Scholarship Recipients!

Today's celebration highlights the amazing dedication, hard work, and perseverance of these exceptional students, and we are incredibly proud to recognize their achievements.

We also want to take a moment to acknowledge the families, friends, and campus partners who have been a constant source of support for our scholarship recipients. Your belief in their potential and unwavering encouragement has played a crucial role in their success.

Our heartfelt thanks go to our generous event sponsors, current scholarship donors, and those who have created lasting legacies through scholarship endowments or estate gifts. Your philanthropic contributions enable our students to pursue their educational goals, earn a higher income, realize their career aspirations, and build a brighter future for themselves and future generations.

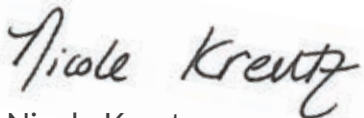
**We are thrilled to share that the VC Foundation is awarding 435 scholarships to 269 students, totaling an impressive \$940,854.34 for the 2024-25 academic year.**

Scholarships offer essential financial assistance to many Ventura College students who face significant challenges along their educational journey, such as food and housing insecurity, financial constraints, multiple jobs, limited access to transportation, family responsibilities, and so much more.

Despite these hurdles, the resilience and determination shown by Ventura College students continues to profoundly inspire us. By supporting these students, you are making an investment not just in their futures, but in the future prosperity and well-being of our entire community.

Thank you for your partnership and your unwavering belief in our mission of student success.

With gratitude,



Nicole Kreutz  
Board Chair  
Ventura College Foundation & VC Alumnus



Anne Paul King  
Executive Director & Board Member  
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## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY PHOTOS

Photos taken by Trinity Wheeler Photography during today's Scholarship Award Ceremony will be available for viewing in a couple short weeks on the Ventura College Foundation's Online Photo Album!



# TODAY'S PROGRAM

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

**Anne Paul King, Executive Director, Ventura College Foundation**

**Gerry Pantoja, CFRE, Director of Philanthropy, Ventura College Foundation**

## VENTURA COLLEGE ALUMNI SPEAKER

**Sophia Manson, Class of 2014**

VC Alum, Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Recipient,

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Don L. Carlton**

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**Ellyn Dembowski, Eleanor Tillquist**

## SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

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## VC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SPEAKER

**Luis Angel Avila, Cavola Family Scholarship**

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## OUR MISSION: FACILITATING STUDENT SUCCESS

Established in 1983, the Foundation is one of the most successful community college foundations in California, having raised over \$51 million dollars for Ventura College and its students.

The Ventura College Foundation transforms students' lives through education by providing innovative and vital resources and financial support. The Foundation collaborates with Ventura College to enhance human potential, civic engagement, careers, and academic success of students enabling their effective impact and legacy on the college, local workforce, and our community.

## VC FOUNDATION FUNDING PRIORITIES

- VC Promise Tuition & Enrollment Fee Assistance Program for 1st & 2nd Year Students
- VC Basic Needs Center
- General Scholarships
- Phoenix Scholarships for Re-entry & Veteran students
- Textbook & Equipment Lending Library
- Weekend Marketplace
- Ventura College Campus Programs & Corporate Partnership Support

Our community colleges drive social and economic mobility in Ventura County and beyond. When our students achieve their academic goals at VC, they can fulfill their dreams of a rewarding career, higher income, and better quality of life.

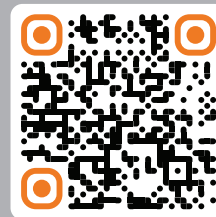
In 2023-24, the VC Foundation provided \$738,558 in support to serve 7,858 students & facilitated another \$1.33 million for 56 Ventura College Programs from 14 Dept/Divisions. Learn more and read our Impact Report: [venturacollegefoundation.org/foundation-impact/](https://venturacollegefoundation.org/foundation-impact/)

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# IN MEMORIAM

Today's Scholarship Awards are presented in memory of a longstanding member of the Ventura College Foundation family. We honor his legacy that continues to make an impact on the lives of the students he cared about so passionately.

## **DON L. CARLTON**

Born in San Diego, California, on November 4, 1928, Don's journey led him to become an integral part of the Ventura community for 67 years. His departure on April 26, 2024, in Ventura, California at the age of 95, left a profound void in the hearts of many. With over six decades dedicated to the real estate industry, his impact resonates far beyond the properties he managed.



Beginning his illustrious real estate career after a successful tenure as Regional Marketing Director with SoundScriber/Xerox Corporation, Don's entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish Don L. Carlton Real Estate Services in 1963. A proud veteran of the U.S. Army Logistics Department, Don's service was marked by honor and dedication. Following his time in the military, he pursued education at Woodbury College in Los Angeles, shaping his future endeavors. Don was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He shared 45 wonderful years of marriage with his beloved wife, Bonnie, building a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering support.

In 2005, Don and Bonnie made their first gift to the Ventura College Foundation, beginning well over a decade of generous support for programs that remove financial barriers to student success. In 2011, they established the Don L. Carlton Family Scholarship endowment to benefit Ventura College students studying business. Since its inception, their scholarship has helped 23 students pursue their academic and professional dreams; this gift will continue to leave a lasting legacy in the community Don cherished by supporting future generations in their educational endeavors.

# EMERITI

## ELLYN DEMBOWSKI

Ellyn is a proud community college alumnus and has lived in Ventura for over 35 years. She and her daughter, Kellye Patterson, a Ventura College alumnus herself, are Team Dembowski at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. Ellyn is a consistent award winner since she first entered the real estate industry. Ellyn has been heavily involved with the community as well. As a result, she has been honored with the Rotary Presidential Citation and the Rotarian of the Year award. Ellyn is a former board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura and the BHHS Charitable Foundation Board.



In 2010, Ellyn and her husband Jim started the Ellyn & Jim Dembowski Scholarship for Ventura College students, and have generously supported many other funds and projects for the Ventura College Foundation in the 16 years since. Ellyn joined the board of the Ventura College Foundation in 2009 and served until 2024, including 2 years as Board Chair. Ellyn also volunteered as a reader for the Ventura College Foundation's Scholarship Application Review Committee. In recognition of her dedication and service, the Foundation Board voted in 2024 to honor Ellyn as Board Emeritus. The Foundation is deeply grateful for all that Ellyn has done to support generations of Ventura College students.

## ELEANOR TILLQUIST

Eleanor Tillquist dedicated over 11 years as a Ventura College Foundation board member, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to supporting students in their pursuit of higher education. Even before joining the board, she was deeply involved with the Foundation as her husband, George Tillquist, served as a board member from 2004 to 2018.

Beyond her contributions to the Foundation, Eleanor has been a dedicated volunteer at the Ventura County Medical Center for 30 years, working in the hospital gift shop three days a week. She also serves as the Scholarships Chairperson and past board president of the San Buenaventura Women's Club.



In 2005, Eleanor and George would endow the George and Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship, the first of several scholarships supporting Ventura College students pursuing careers in nursing, emergency services, and engineering, as well as reentry students. Eleanor later created the Eleanor Tillquist Endowed Nursing Support Fund and the Eleanor Tillquist Nurse Pinning Endowment, to support graduation expenses, especially to ensure that every graduate receives the Ventura College nursing school pins. Through her scholarships and endowments, Eleanor has helped hundreds of Ventura College students achieve their educational dreams.

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Talle Stanton Scholarship

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Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

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Edmund Andreas Arredondo Memorial Scholarship

Jacqueline and Walter Walker Memorial Scholarship

Judith Leventhal Two-Dimensional Art Scholarship

Theodora Art Scholarship

**Karen Aranha**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

**Leslie Arnette**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

Osher Foundation Scholarship

**Sierra Atchison**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

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Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Brenda Avila**

Alfred Howe Davis Memorial Scholarship

**Diamaya Avila**

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**Luis Avila**

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Talle Stanton Scholarship

VCSNA Peer Assistance Scholarship

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Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

**Edwin Balam**

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**Olivia Banales**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

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**David Banegas**

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**Celida Barios**

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Talle Stanton Scholarship

**Alejandra Becerra**

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Lupe and Robert Piros Nursing Scholarship

VCSNA Peer Assistance Scholarship

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

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Denise Baylor Scholarship

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Nathaniel Bock**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

**Jadee Cleto**

Barbara Meister Teaching Scholarship

Carole Olsen-Bryan Memorial Scholarship

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# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Outreach Alliance Ventura County Re-Entry Scholarship

**Refugio Contreras**

Ventura Downtown Lions Club - Fred W. Smith Osher Scholarship

**Kylee Coronado**

Talle Stanton Scholarship

**Matthew Cortez**

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

**Layla Coyne**

Scholarship Reader Merit Award

**Ashley Crist**

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**Thomas Gallegos**

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**Jacqueline Gamboa**

Gordon Ross Medical Scholarship  
Linda Rose Memorial Scholarship  
Lupe and Robert Piros Nursing Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

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Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

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Osher Foundation Scholarship  
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## **David Magana**

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## **James Magana**

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## **Melissa Magana**

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## **Tyler Maldonado**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **Linda Manzo**

Mary A. Sandoval Memorial Scholarship  
Western Ventura County - Employer Advisory Council - Avelina Villalobos Scholarship

## **Mariana Marceleno**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

## **Tayler Martin**

Carolyn Villines Memorial Scholarship  
Prison Hospital Action Committee Scholarship

## **Sean Martinez**

George and Jean Woolley Memorial Scholarship  
Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund

## **Ashley McCullum**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship  
Jessica Prescott Nursing Scholarship  
Pamela Oster Memorial Scholarship  
Tony & Ruth Garcia Scholarship

## **Camron McElroy**

Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund  
Ruth Hemming Foster Youth Scholarship

## **Ashley McMichael**

Classified Senate Endowed Scholarship

## **Danica Medina**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

## **Eduardo Mejia**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

## **Erick Meza**

Cavola Family Scholarship  
SEIU Local 99 Classified Senate Scholarship

## **Elizabeth Mihatov**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

## **Chris Mijares**

John and Cherie Brant Ventura Boys & Girls Club Scholarship

## **Disney Minjarez**

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

## **Joshua Minjarez**

Mary Guthrie Teaching Scholarship

## **Brenley Minkel**

Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Endowed Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Charlie Moen**

Carl Stehle, Jr. Physical Science Scholarship  
Osher Foundation Scholarship

**Emiliano Molina**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Ana Montfort**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Nevaeh Morales**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship  
Martin P. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship

**Ty Morris**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Jonathan Mota**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

**Evelyn Moyado**

Eleanor Tillquist Phoenix Scholarship  
Eleanor Tillquist Phoenix Annual Scholarship  
Larry Meister Memorial Business Scholarship  
Micheline Sakharoff Phoenix Scholarship

**Briot Mpeh**

American Legion Post 339 (Ventura) Scholarship

**Lillian Newton**

George & Eleanor Tillquist Annual Scholarship  
Prison Hospital Action Committee Scholarship

**Andrew Nguyen**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Khaiphuong Nguyen**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

**Michael Nishman**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Lizbeth Nolasco**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship  
Tony & Ruth Garcia Scholarship

**Janel Noonkester**

Hemming Family Scholarship  
Ruth Hemming Phoenix Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **Juliet Noway**

Mary J. Gloisten Nursing Scholarship  
Maude A. Broughton Memorial Scholarship  
Rebecca Singer-Beilin Memorial Scholarship

## **Kendra Oliver**

Dr. Thomas B. O'Neill Nursing Scholarship  
George & Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship

## **Erika Olivera**

Michael Kirkpatrick Seely Creative Writing Scholarship

## **Aneesa Olmos**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

## **Mavel Ortiz**

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

## **Carlos Ozuna**

Kenneth D. Helms Memorial Choral Scholarship  
Micheline & Albert Sakharoff Music Scholarship

## **Elena Ozuna**

Osher Foundation Scholarship  
Rebecca Singer-Beilin Memorial Scholarship

## **Valeria Paez**

Dr. Joyce Mason Evans & David A. Evans Phoenix Scholarship  
James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

## **Isabella Palacios**

John Tallman Memorial Scholarship  
Miriam and Henry Schwab Memorial Aquatics Scholarship

## **Zuri Partido**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship  
Martinez y Ewens Anasazi Scholarship

## **Lenora Pell**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

## **Alyssa Peralta**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship  
San Buenaventura Women's Club Scholarship

## **Andrea Perez**

Edith H. French Scholarship  
John and Glenda Hammer Education Scholarship

## **Isabella Perez**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Jasmine Perez**

American Association of University Women Ventura County Branch Bevans/Klein Scholarship  
Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Julissa Perez**

Associated Students of Ventura College Scholarship  
Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Genesis Plaza**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Amanda Prado**

James Doyle Memorial Scholarship  
Megha Pandya Memorial Scholarship

**Elora Prado**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

**Dulce Quezada**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship  
Edith H. French Scholarship  
Professor Ismael "Mayo" De La Rocha Memorial Scholarship

**Gary Quintanilla**

Ed and Sue Stile Scholarship

**Ellynore Ramirez**

Advocates for Social Justice Scholarship  
Damián De La Peña Memorial Scholarship  
James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Kevin Ramirez**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Rene Ramirez**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

**Stacey Ramirez**

Eleanor Tillquist Phoenix Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

**Josephine Rausch**

Blalock Family Endowed Scholarship

**Don Regnier**

Talle Stanton Scholarship

**Sara Rico**

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **Alessandra Rivas**

Martin P. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship  
Niamatullah SA and A-Ishah MA Memorial Scholarship  
Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College

## **Ma Blanca Rivera**

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship  
Goldman Metalworking Scholarship

## **Maria Rivera**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

## **Jennifer Rodriguez**

Contarino Family Scholarship  
Micheline and Albert Sakharoff Nursing Scholarship

## **Kimberly Rodriguez**

James Doyle Memorial Scholarship

## **Rubi Rodriguez**

Grey Dog Ranch Scholarship

## **Kelley Rogers**

Jacqueline and Walter Walker Memorial Scholarship  
Joe Hernandez Memorial Art Scholarship  
Sandra Hope Thomas Art Scholarship

## **Ariadna Romero Ayala**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

## **Alyssa Rosas**

Dr. Joyce Mason Evans & David A. Evans Phoenix Scholarship  
Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

## **Liana Ruiz**

Dr. Joyce Mason Evans & David A. Evans Phoenix Scholarship  
Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

## **Diana Russell**

Nancy Steward Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship  
Taimi Chauveau Nursing Memorial Scholarship

## **Eduardo Salazar**

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

## **Jesus Saldana**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Aidan Sanchez**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship  
Edith H. French Scholarship  
George & Harriet Arita - Tai Boy Biology Scholarship  
Christopher Santamaria  
Betty Bow Withers Scholarship

**Aven Sedano**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Jillian Smith**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Kai Sodergren**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship  
The Orozco Family Scholarship (La Beca De La Familia Orozco)

**Aneli Solano**

Barbara R. Burton Memorial Scholarship  
Lupton Child Development Textbook Scholarship

**Diego Solano**

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

**Cindy Solorio**

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

**Gabriel Soto**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship  
Osher Foundation Scholarship

**Nicholas Stokes**

Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College

**Luis Taia**

Edith H. French Scholarship  
Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

**Raelene Tapia**

Martin Hansen Family Scholarship

**Olivia Terrones**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Christine Thomas**

Susan M. Buchter Nursing Scholarship

**Julian Tlaxcuapan**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Brianna Torres**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Luigi Travi**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship  
Miriam and Henry Schwab Memorial Aquatics Scholarship

**Chelsea Trejo**

John and Glenda Hammer Science Scholarship

**Breann Trotter**

Don and Sandy Greenberg Scholarship  
Hickerson Family Scholarship

**Maximus True**

Cheuvront Family Scholarship

**Angel Valdez Morales**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Ruth Valencia**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Angelica Vargas**

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship  
Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Endowed Scholarship  
Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Scholarship

**Rosemary Vargas**

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

**Thomas Vargas**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

**Natalia Vega**

Mary Guthrie Teaching Scholarship

**Nichole Vigliotti**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

**Marissa Villa**

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship  
Viento Y Mar Environmental Scholarship

**Rosalia Villa**

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship  
Taylor Family Scholarship

**Jadelyn Villasenor**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

**Jordyn Villasenor**

Ruth Hemming Phoenix Scholarship  
Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## **Daniel Villegas**

Betty Bow Withers Scholarship  
Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

## **Lorenzo Voletti**

Micheline Sakharoff Phoenix Scholarship  
Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

## **Toni Wangui**

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

## **Amina Waqar**

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

## **William Wentworth**

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship  
David P. Bianco Family Scholarship

## **Joshua White**

McNeely Family Scholarship

## **Lewis Yang**

California Resources Corporation Veteran Students Scholarship



## THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP DONORS!

Due to the generosity of our scholarship donors, the Ventura College Foundation is awarding 435 scholarships today to 269 students totaling \$940,854.34 for the 2024-25 academic year!

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## **ADVOCATES FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was created to support students pursuing careers in social justice by advocating for inclusion and equality for people of color, people with disabilities, members of the LGBTQAI+ community, individuals struggling with immigration issues, women and girls, citizens who are experiencing hunger or are economically marginalized, and/or members of other marginalized groups in our society.

## **AERA ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Aera Energy STEM Scholarship Fund will award an annual scholarship to a students or students who are studying and seeking a degree. In STEM disciplines particularly those interested in pursuing a career in the energy sector.

## **ALFRED HOWE DAVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in honor of Alfred Howe Davis to support students majoring in Journalism, Media Studies, Public Relations or Communications.

## **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN VENTURA COUNTY BRANCH BEVANS/KLEIN SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Ventura County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) was founded in 1911, incorporated in 1951 and has come to the end of its existence. The membership felt that this scholarship would keep the name of the group alive and honor two women who made generous planned gifts allowing the interest to be used for scholarships. The Mary Bevans Scholarship was endowed in 1941 for \$3,000, and art and architecture were her interests. The Maureen Klein scholarship was endowed for \$5500 in 1970, and her interest was language. Maureen Klein was a past President and Scholarship Chairman for the Ventura Branch. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is passionate about gender equity.

## **AMERICAN LEGION POST 339 (VENTURA) SCHOLARSHIP**

Chartered and incorporated in 1934, American Legion Post 339 has a long tradition of service to Ventura County. Its primary interest is support of Veterans and service members and helping young men and women to become future leaders.

## **AMY CHEROT FOSTER OUR FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established to benefit students majoring in Sciences, Engineering or Fine Arts.

## **ANDY AND SARAH REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is for outstanding achievement and leadership in the Veterinary Tech Program.

## **ANDY AND ELLEN SMITH NURSING ASSISTANT SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship honors and supports the education and work of Certified Nursing Assistants in Ventura County. We thank all Ventura College CNA curriculum students for their commitment to high quality and compassionate care! Andy and Ellen Smith are proud to invest in their futures.

## **ARGUIJO FAMILY TACKLE CANCER SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Romie and Louie Arguilo, loving mother and brother who were passionate about education and football. This award will support the educational success of student-athletes whose lives have been impacted by cancer.

# 2025 SCHOLARSHIP INDEX

## **ARLENE GOLDBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of Norman Goldberg established this scholarship in memory of his wife, Arlene, who supported the Ventura College Journalism program for many years. It benefits a re-entry student majoring in Journalism, Public Relations or Communications who is passionate about gender equity.

## **ARTHUR SUMLINER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by a generous gift from the Arthur and Marcia Sumliner estate to benefit students graduating from Ventura College and pursuing careers in medicine with a preference to support students studying pharmaceuticals.

## **ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF VENTURA COLLEGE OSHER SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Ventura College ASVC represents the students of Ventura College by participating in various forums and committees, both on and off campus. This scholarship benefits students who major in business, social science, and public and social services with a preference for those actively involved in ASVC and student government.

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## **AUTOMOTIVE CAREER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Created by Brian and Doretta Burgess, this scholarship is awarded annually to support students enrolled in the Ventura College Diesel program who intend to have a career in the diesel heavy equipment industry.

## **AURORA LOSS NURSING ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Ms. Loss established this scholarship benefiting a deserving nursing student. She has supported Ventura College nursing students through scholarships and direct program support since 1999

## **BARBARA ANN MRVICHIN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to a Buena High School graduate, planning a career in teaching. It is in memory of Barbara Ann Mrvichin, who was Buena High School Spanish teacher.

## **BARBARA MEISTER TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP\***

Barbara Meister, a retired educator and renowned community philanthropist, established this scholarship to benefit an outstanding student pursuing a career in teaching with a preference to those who want to teach at the elementary level.

## **BARBARA R. BURTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a career in Early Childhood Education in memory of Barbara R. Burton.

## **BENJAMIN TANNER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Anne and David Tanner honored their son, Benjamin, who was an EMT and aspired to be a paramedic, by establishing this scholarship to benefit a student enrolled in the Paramedic Studies Program at Ventura College.

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## **BERNICE BEILIN MEMORIAL PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship in the memory of Bernice Beilin, is intended to support a re-entry student who is devoted to completing college and helping others.

## **BESS PINKSTAFF SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by the California Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa to benefit an education major planning to teach at the elementary, middle or high school level in honor of charter member, Bess B. Pinkstaff. ADK works to recognize outstanding women educators, build fraternal fellowship among women in the profession, promote high standards in education and promote educational and charitable projects and activities.

## **BETSY SLOVER PHOENIX, RN, MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

The family and friends of Betsy Slover Phoenix, RN, established this scholarship in her memory to benefit students enrolling or currently enrolled in the Ventura College Nursing Program.

## **BETTY BOW WITHERS SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by a generous gift from Betty Bow Withers's estate to benefit a student with a disability and support their academic and career goals. Betty was a very kind hearted, giving person who dedicated her life as a special education teacher. Throughout the years she had the gift of patience and encouraging her students that they could succeed in life. Betty's legacy lives on through this scholarship, which reflects her lifelong passion for education, advocacy, and helping others reach their full potential. Preference is given to students from Santa Paula who are studying political science or education.

## **BILL AND ELISE KEARNEY PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP\***

Ventura County philanthropists Bill and Elise Kearney established this scholarship to benefit a re-entry student.

## **BILL MILLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of longtime Ventura College Aquatic Instructor, Bill Miller created this scholarship in his memory. It is awarded to students participating in the Ventura College Aquatics program who are transferring to a four-year university or college.

## **BLALOCK FAMILY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship benefits an outstanding student in any discipline. It was established by Ventura College Alum Charlene Blalock in honor of her family and in memory of her twin sister Cheri Love.

## **BOB GOWDER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The family of Bob Gowder established this scholarship to benefit a full-time student of any discipline.

## **BRET LARSEN SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of our son who died at the age of 14, after a 10 year struggle with cancer, and supports students pursuing a career in nursing.

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## **BRIAN MARSHALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Carol Marshall established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Ventura College Golf Coach Brian Marshall. It benefits an outstanding athletic student (preferably one who plays on the Ventura College Golf Team) and is transferring to a four-year university.

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded to an Environmental Studies Student demonstrating significant community activity involving environmental issues.

## **CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION VETERAN STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP**

The CRC Veteran Students Scholarship was established to provide annual scholarships to Veteran students to enable them to reach their higher education goals. This scholarship serves to relieve Veteran students from financial hardships promoting well-being, easier transition to civilian life, and academic success.

## **CARL STEHLE, JR. PHYSICAL SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Nancy Stehle established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Carl Stehle, Jr., a geologist. This scholarship benefits a Physical Science major.

## **CAROLE OLSEN-BRYAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In memory of Carole Olsen-Bryan. She was a graduate of Ventura College and a third-grade teacher for 16 years.

## **CAROLYN VILLINES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to honor the life of Carolyn Villines. Carolyn received incredible care from nursing staff while recovering from surgery. This scholarship

## **CAVOLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Frank Cavola created this scholarship to benefit deserving students studying the field of Engineering or Photography.

## **CHAPPY MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Mission Produce, in memory of Chappy Morris, has created this scholarship to benefit students who are passionate about agriculture.

## **CHEUVRONT FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Virginia Stout established this scholarship to benefit a deserving student meeting the Ventura College Foundation's academic standards for scholarships. This scholarship benefits an outstanding student enrolled in any field of study.

## **CITIZENS BUSINESS BANK SCHOLARSHIP**

Funded by a grant from Citizens Business Bank, this scholarship is awarded annually to continuing and/or transferring Ventura College students who are majoring in business and/or a business-related field of study and are preparing for a career in business and/or a business-related area.

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## **CLASSIFIED SENATE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The Classified Senate of Ventura College established this scholarship to benefit all relatives of current classified employees and former classified employees and former classified employees, who are returning to school.

## **CONTARINO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship was established in honor of the Contarino family to benefit an outstanding Ventura College nursing student.

## **CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit a student who transferred to Ventura College from Ventura High School and is studying writing, art, music, drama, or photography.

## **DAMIÁN DE LA PEÑA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Karen and José de la Pena established this scholarship in memory of their youngest son, Damián, who attended Ventura College and studied math and sciences. He aspired to have a career in neuropsychology. This scholarship supports students majoring in Psychology.

## **DAVE & LIZ KRAUS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Dave and Liz Kraus created this scholarship to support a re-entry student studying humanities.

## **DAVID P. BIANCO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

David Bianco established this scholarship for students who were emancipated foster children or had lived in transitional housing during their lifetime.

## **DELTA THETA TAU SORORITY - ZETA EPSILON CHAPTER MEMORIAL BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

Delta Theta Tau Sorority is a national women's organization dedicated to the advancement of philanthropy and charity, nonsectarian, nonacademic, promoting welfare for all and fostering the spirit of good fellowship.

## **DIANA LILLIE SEELY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The friends and family of Diana Lillie Seely established this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in Theater or Arts.

## **DENISE BAYLOR AUTOMOTIVE & DIESEL MECHANICS SCHOLARSHIP**

Denise Baylor created this scholarship to support a student currently enrolled in Ventura College's diesel or automotive programs.

## **DENISE BAYLOR SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is in honor of Denise Baylor, whose ongoing contributions help students accomplish their academic goals. This scholarship benefits a Ventura College athlete.

## **DIANA LILLIE SEELY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The friends and family of Diana Lillie Seely established this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in Theater or Arts.

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## **DON & SANDY GREENBERG SCHOLARSHIP\***

Don and Sandy Greenberg created this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in Education or Liberal Arts.

## **DON L. CARLTON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Mr. Carlton established this scholarship to benefit students majoring in Business.

## **DONNA SANTO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Ventura College Foundation Board Member Donna Santo established this scholarship in honor of her family to benefit a re-entry student in any area of study.

## **DR. JOYCE MASON EVANS & DAVID A. EVANS PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dr. Joyce Mason Evans & David A. Evans Phoenix Scholarship is awarded to a re-entry student who is passionate about gender equity and who will be transferring to a four-year college or University in pursuit of a degree.

## **DR. MORRIS & JUDITH LEVENTHAL ART SCHOLARSHIP\***

Judith Leventhal established this scholarship in memory of her husband, Morris, a master ceramics artist devoted to the VC art department. This scholarship benefits students majoring in applied arts.

## **DR. THOMAS B. O'NEILL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

The late Dr. Thomas O'Neill, long-time VC faculty member and head of the Biology Department, established this scholarship which benefits outstanding students enrolling or currently enrolled in the VC Associate Degree Nursing Program.

## **DRS. ROSALIND WARNER AND MICHAEL HOGAN FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Drs. Rosalind Warner and Michael Hogan established this scholarship to benefit an outstanding student who is currently or formerly in the foster care system.

## **ED AND SUE STILE SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Stile to benefit an outstanding student with a passion and desire to succeed.

## **EDITH H. FRENCH SCHOLARSHIP**

The trust of Edith H. French created this scholarship to assist a student planning on teaching in a K-12 school.

## **EDMUND ANDREAS ARREDONDO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

In loving memory of Edmund Andreas Arredondo, artist, stylist, costumer, actor, producer, and lover of life and lover of the arts.

## **ELAINE G. TENNEN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit a student enrolled in the Ventura College Nursing Program.

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## **ELEANOR TILLQUIST PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Ventura College Foundation Board Emeritus George E. Tillquist created this scholarship as a gift to his wife, Eleanor Tillquist. This scholarship benefits re-entry students who have overcome hardships in order to pursue an education.

## **ELLYN & JIM DEMBOWSKI SCHOLARSHIP\***

Ventura College Foundation Board Member Ellyn Dembowski and her husband Jim established this scholarship to benefit excellent students pursuing any area of study.

## **EMPLOYER ADVISORY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by the Western Ventura County Employer Advisory Council (EAC) to benefit a student studying Business Administration. The VC EAC is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with the Employment Development Department to improve the quality of employment services in Ventura County.

## **ERIC WILLIAM BORCHARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Ventura College Alumnus, Eric Borchard, by his family and friends. It recognizes those students with a documented physical or learning disability who, like Eric, triumph in the face of adversity, and ensures that they too are able to reach their full potential.

## **EVERETT MILLAIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Rotary Club of Ventura Foundation established this scholarship in memory of Everett Millais. Everett was a dedicated Rotarian who gained great pleasure assisting in Rotary's mission of charitable giving to better Ventura. This scholarship is to be awarded to a Ventura College re-entry student who exemplifies Everett's values as set forth in the Rotary motto, Service Above Self.

## **FRANK NOLAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The friends and family of Frank Nolan created this scholarship to benefit an exceptional student in any discipline.

## **FRANK S. & ARDELLA J. WATTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

The daughters of Frank and Ardella Watts established this scholarship in their memory. It is awarded to a student majoring in Performing or Fine Arts.

## **GARY DANIEL NEWCOMB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is established by the Newcomb family in memory of their son, Gary Daniel Newcomb, whose passion for computers and love of family filled his life. The scholarship benefits students pursuing an education in a computer-related field.

## **GENE HAAS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Gene Haas Foundation created this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in Engineering, Machining Manufacturing or Computer Aided Design.

## **GENE HAAS SCHOLARSHIP**

The scholarship program support machining students enabling many to remain at Ventura College after their first year to complete their manufacturing design education.

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## **GEORGE & ELEANOR TILLQUIST SCHOLARSHIP**

Respected community philanthropists, George and Eleanor, established this scholarship for a student living in Ventura who majors in Nursing or Emergency Medical Services.

## **GEORGE & HARRIET ARITA - TAI BOY BIOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP**

Harriet and George Arita established this scholarship in recognition of their beloved dog, Tai Boy. Students receiving this scholarship must major in science. The scholarship is geared toward students who will be transferring to a four-year college or university who plan to teach K-12, or plan to conduct research.

## **GEORGE & JEAN WOOLLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

Dr. John Woolley established this scholarship in honor of his parents, George and Jean Woolley, to support a Veteran student majoring in Associate Justice, Law Enforcement or Liberal Arts.

## **GEORGE E. TILLQUIST ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**

Eleanor Tillquist established this scholarship in memory of her husband George E. Tillquist to benefit an engineering student.

## **GERALD JONES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Jones family established this scholarship to celebrate the memory of Gerald Jones and his passion for the sciences and higher education. Gerald was an orphan, but refused to let this challenge get in his way. He traveled the world, worked as a diver on the atomic bomb tests in the Pacific and loved his family. This scholarship will help a student from a disadvantaged background who is seeking a major in the sciences.

## **GERALD R. CURTIS ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP**

Bambi Curtis created this scholarship in loving memory of her husband "Jerry" to help support a highly qualified Ventura College student to acquire an advanced degree in engineering in order to help benefit our global society.

## **GIBBS TRUCK CENTERS DIESEL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Created by the Gibbs Truck Centers, this scholarship is awarded annually to support students enrolled in the Ventura College Diesel Program who intend to have a career in the diesel industry. Gibbs Truck Centers is proud to partner with Ventura College to invest in preparing more students for more rewarding careers.

## **GMR FOUNDATION FOR RESEARCH AND EDUCATION PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP**

GMR Foundation for Research and Education recognizes that high quality prehospital care begins with provider education. In some cases, the cost of EMT and paramedic education may prevent otherwise well qualified candidates from pursuing a career in EMS, especially in medically underserved areas in the United States.

## **GOLDMAN METALWORKING SCHOLARSHIP**

Martino and Marcelle Goldman created this scholarship to benefit a deserving welding or construction student at Ventura College.

## **GORDON & DOROTHY KING MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by Gordon King to benefit a student pursuing a career in Nursing.

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## **GORDON ROSS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship benefits a student pursuing a career in Nursing.

## **GREY DOG RANCH SCHOLARSHIP**

Grey Dog Ranch supports the development and education of veterinary technicians; their skill and care is essential to positive patient outcomes. We seek to help students break down financial barriers so they can access the education they deserve.

## **GUADALUPE LOPEZ NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

The children of Ventura College Alumna, Guadalupe Lopez, created this scholarship to be awarded to a student enrolling or currently enrolled in the VC Nursing Program who demonstrates leadership in advocating for gender equality and/or the rights of Hispanic/Latinx/Mexican communities.

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## **HABIB FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Habib Family scholarship was established by Dr. Lourido-Habib the President of Ventura College. This scholarship aims to support the academic achievements and aspirations of a Ventura College student. The scholarship provides assistance to a student who demonstrates dedication to their studies and commitment to their community.

## **HARRY J. & LUCILLE E. EARL SCHOLARSHIP**

Harry J. and Lucille E. Earl created this scholarship to be awarded to a graduate from a Ventura County high school majoring in Mathematics, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering or other science technology.

## **HEIZER FAMILY PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP\***

Linda Heizer Seaman created this scholarship to support the educational endeavors of re-entry students.

## **HELMS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Helms Family Scholarship was established by Tim and Kathy Helms and is dedicated to supporting the educational endeavors of Ventura College students. This scholarship aims to provide financial assistance to deserving students from diverse backgrounds who demonstrate academic promise, leadership potential, and a commitment to their community.

## **HEMMING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Ventura College Foundation Board Emeritus, Dr. Ruth Hemming, established this scholarship for continuing students majoring in Communications, Journalism and Liberal Arts.

## **HICKERSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship benefits a student demonstrating community involvement and financial need.

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## **HON. COLLEEN TOY WHITE MEMORIAL ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is established in memory of Hon. Colleen Toy White. It is to be awarded to a single parent returning to school after a break in their education, a circumstance reflecting Judge White's own path. It is hoped this award will inspire and motivate the recipient to pursue and achieve success in their own chosen field, and to help others along that path to do the same, as exemplified by Judge White.

## **JACQUELINE AND WALTER WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Walker family and the Santa Paula Society of the Arts funded this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in visual arts, preferably aqua media painting.

## **JAMES DOYLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ventura County Community College District Police Officers Association created this scholarship in honor of Officer James Doyle, a district police officer killed in the line of duty. The scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in Criminal Justice.

## **JAMES V. & IDAH W. ILIFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Idah Iliff, a Ventura City Councilwoman from 1949 until 1961 and a high school teacher, established this scholarship in honor of her husband, James Iliff, who taught Mathematics at Ventura College for 30 years. Students receiving this scholarship must be continuing their education at a four-year university or college.

## **JANET & MARK L. GOLDENSON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP\***

Community philanthropists, Janet and Mark L. Goldenson established this scholarship to support Nursing majors in their second year of the Nursing program.

## **JESSICA PRESCOTT ART SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by a generous bequest from the Stanley and Jessica Prescott Estate for students majoring in Art.

## **JESSICA PRESCOTT LIBRARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by a generous bequest from the Stanley and Jessica Prescott Estate to benefit students majoring in the social sciences.

## **JESSICA PRESCOTT NURSING SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by a generous bequest from the Stanley and Jessica Prescott Estate for students enrolling or enrolled in the Ventura College Nursing Program.

## **JOE HERNANDEZ MEMORIAL ART SCHOLARSHIP\***

Tess Hernandez created this scholarship in memory of her husband Joe, a long-time art student at VC and an expert watercolorist to benefit students majoring in Art.

## **JOHN AND CHERIE BRANT VENTURA BOYS & GIRLS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

John and Cherie Brant continue their long-time support of the Boys and Girls Club through this scholarship benefiting students that have attended the Boys and Girls Club in the City of Ventura.

## **JOHN AND GLENDA HAMMER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

John and Glenda Hammer created this scholarship to benefit a student majoring in Education.

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## **JOHN AND GLENDA HAMMER SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP\***

John Hammer established this scholarship in memory of his wife, Glenda, to benefit a student planning a career in the sciences.

## **JOHN TALLMAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by the family and friends of John Tallman, who began his career at Ventura College as Aquatics Director in 1972. He also served as Budget Manager, Dean of Instruction, and Vice Chancellor of Instruction. Mr. Tallman brought more than 200 palm trees from around the world to Ventura College, which now has the largest collection of palms in the state. This scholarship is awarded to an athlete who is transferring to a four-year college or University.

## **JOYCE OGAWA YOSHIOKA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Joyce Ogawa Yoshioka in support of students who intend to pursue a career in law.

## **JUDITH LEVENTHAL TWO-DIMENSIONAL ART SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in memory of Judith Leventhal to benefit a deserving student studying drawing, painting, or photography.

## **JULIE TAYLOR & PATRICK MURRAY FUND**

To honor the lives of Julie Taylor and Patrick Murray by ensuring youth who were in foster care have the ability to thrive at Ventura College.

## **KADA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Lynne Kada established this scholarship in honor of her family. It benefits Veteran students with a preference for those majoring in STEM.

## **KENNETH D. HELMS MEMORIAL CHORAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kenneth D. Helms scholarships were both established in memory of Kenneth Helms by his wife, Elizabeth, to honor his long career in music. The Kenneth D. Helms Memorial Choral Scholarship benefits music students with a preference to those who participate in Choir or Choral Conducting as a part of their music studies.

## **KENNETH D. HELMS MEMORIAL ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

The Kenneth D. Helms Memorial Organ Scholarship is awarded to a music student with a preference to a student who participates in Organ Conducting as a part of Music Studies.

## **LARRY MEISTER MEMORIAL BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP\***

Philanthropist Barbara Meister established this scholarship in memory of her late husband. It benefits a student who majors in business, social science, and public and social services.

## **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF VENTURA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit students majoring in Political Science, History or Government.

## **LILLIAN DEMBER SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit students majoring in life sciences.

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## **LINDA MCSHERRY-ROOS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by community philanthropist, Linda McSherry Roos, for continuing students pursuing STEM studies.

## **LINDA ROSE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

My aunt Linda was an amazing woman and I miss her every day. When in her last days she inspired and encouraged me to pursue my degree in nursing. Although my degree was gained after her devastating loss, I care for my patients as I would have cared for her if given the chance. I also received financial aid and scholarships through VC Foundation, which made it possible to put myself through the ADN Program. I am now in the position to not only give back but to also honor the strong woman who helped spark the fire within me. I love you and miss you my Linda Lou, and I am proud to do this in your memory.

## **LUCIA TEBBE MEMORIAL PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of Lucia Tebbe established this scholarship in memory of her passionate support for re-entry students who come back to Ventura College to continue their education and better the lives of their families, their community and themselves. Lucia's pivotal financial support and leadership helped to create the Phoenix Scholarship program in 1999.

## **LUPE & ROBERT PIROS NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Lupe and Robert Piros established this to benefit a student enrolled in the VC Nursing Program.

## **LUPTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEXTBOOK SCHOLARSHIP**

John Lupton established this scholarship in memory of his beloved wife, Jeri, who served as a Childcare Instructor for many years at VC. This textbook scholarship benefits a student enrolled in child development courses.

## **MARTIN HANSEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Martin Hansen was born in Brons, Denmark and immigrated to the United States at the age of 23 where he ultimately became a successful realtor and founding member of the Ventura College Foundation. This scholarship is awarded to students transferring to a public university

## **MARTIN P. KNOWLTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

Ventura College Foundation board members David Bianco and Amy Cherot established this scholarship through the Center for Future Studies. It honors Martin P. Knowlton, who co-founded ElderHostel with Mr. Bianco. This scholarship benefits a continuing student studying social sciences with an interest in exploring new paradigms.

## **MARTINEZ Y EWENS ANASAZI SCHOLARSHIP**

Michael Ewens and Lydia Martinez-Collins established this scholarship to benefit first-generation students who demonstrate a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for the rights of Native American communities and who also have a passion for community service. This scholarship honors Mike's 34 years of teaching at Ventura College and his military service in three American wars.

## **MARY A. SANDOVAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of Mary A. Sandoval created this scholarship to benefit a student who demonstrates leadership in advocating for the rights of Hispanic/Latinx/Mexican communities.

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## **MARY GUTHRIE TEACHING SCHOLARSHIP**

Mary Guthrie, former Ventura College Administrative Dean of Student Personnel Services, established this scholarship through a generous bequest. It benefits students transferring to a four-year university to become teachers.

## **MARY J. GLOISTEN NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Community philanthropists, Donald and Mary Gloisten, created this scholarship to benefit Nursing students.

## **MAUDE A. BROUGHTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

Mr. James created this scholarship in memory of his mother, Maude, to benefit students who demonstrate a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for the rights of African American/Black communities who are pursuing a career in Nursing or health sciences.

## **MCNEELY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

George McNeely began teaching Agriculture at Ventura College during the Great Depression. Before he retired in 1972, he also served as the Dean of Students. George was a founding board member of the Foundation. The Ventura College Foundation honored Mr. McNeely by naming the planned giving legacy society in his honor. The scholarship benefits a student studying any of the sciences.

## **MEGHA PANDYA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Megha Pandya Memorial Scholarship is a prestigious award designed to honor the memory of Megha Pandya, an exceptional individual who dedicated her life to social justice and made significant contributions to women's rights. This scholarship seeks to support and encourage students who share Megha's passion for social justice and are considering a career in law.

Recipients should demonstrate a deep commitment to social justice issues and a strong desire to make a positive impact on their communities. The scholarship is open to students from all backgrounds who have shown exemplary dedication to advancing the rights and well-being of others. This scholarship not only serves as a tribute to Megha Pandya's legacy but also as a catalyst for inspiring the next generation of compassionate attorneys and advocates for social justice.

## **MICHAEL KIRKPATRICK SEELY CREATIVE WRITING SCHOLARSHIP**

The friends and family of Michael Kirkpatrick Seely created this scholarship in his honor to benefit an outstanding student studying writing.

## **MICHELINE & ALBERT SAKHAROFF MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Micheline Sakharoff established this scholarship as a tribute to her husband Albert and their mutual love of music. It benefits an outstanding music student.

## **MICHELINE & ALBERT SAKHAROFF THEATRE ARTS SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Wasserman family created this scholarship in honor of Micheline and Albert Sakharoff to benefit students majoring in the arts with a preference for theatre arts students.

## **MICHELINE & ALBERT SAKHAROFF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Sakharoffs established this scholarship to benefit students enrolled in the Ventura College Nursing Program.

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## **MICHELINE SAKHAROFF NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of Micheline Sakharoff created this scholarship on Micheline's 90th birthday to honor her tremendous commitment and philanthropy to Ventura County.

## **MICHELINE SAKHAROFF PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of Micheline Sakharoff created this scholarship on Micheline's 90th birthday to honor her tremendous commitment and philanthropy to Ventura County.

## **MIRIAM AND HENRY SCHWAB MEMORIAL AQUATICS SCHOLARSHIP**

A beloved local philanthropist, passionate classical music champion and long-time supporter of Ventura College, Miriam Emily Schwab made a bequest of \$14 million through her estate to Ventura College to benefit the Ventura College Instrumental Music Program as well as the Ventura College Aquatics Program. This scholarship benefits VC aquatics students who are transferring to a university.

## **NANCY STEWARD MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP\***

Dr. Evan Slater and his wife, Fran, established this scholarship in memory of Nancy Steward. It benefits a student enrolled in the Ventura College Nursing Program.

## **NASIF, HICKS, HARRIS, & CO., LLP ACCOUNTING TRANSFER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

NHHCO is a local public accounting firm with locations in Santa Barbara and Ventura. We are excited to announce that we are providing scholarships of \$1,080 each for two accounting students who are planning on transferring to a 4-year university to complete their Accounting degree.

## **NELLIE DAY HARRIS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Buena Center Business and Professional Women's Club created this scholarship in honor of member, Nellie Day. This scholarship benefits students who demonstrate a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for gender equality who are majoring in business, social science, and public and social services with a preference for students majoring in education.

## **NIAMATULLAH SA AND A-ISHAH MA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by Saliha Sha in memory of his mother. It benefits a student who demonstrates a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for immigrant rights and who is passionate about community service.

## **NICHOLAS JOEL HAVERLAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to encourage the study of the Biology field, in memory of Ventura College student Nick Haverland's love of the natural world of Ventura County and beyond.

## **NOAH CHARLES KRIESE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

Former board member Laura Kriese established this scholarship in memory of her nephew, Noah, to benefit students majoring in science or music.

## **OJAI FAMILY PODIATRY CLINIC, DR. JAMES TODD BEATY, DPM SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established for continuing students majoring in the arts or career education.

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## **OSHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Osher Foundation Scholarship was provided through the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment initiative, a program of the Bernard Osher Foundation.

## **OUTREACH ALLIANCE OF VENTURA COUNTY RE-ENTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship is awarded to a student who has re-entered college after a gap in their education continuum, working toward a specific goal of completion.

## **PAMELA OSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Henry Oster established this scholarship in memory of his beloved wife, Pamela Oster, who taught at Ventura College for many years. This scholarship benefits a student planning a career in nursing with a preference for nutrition science or early childhood development.

## **PATRICIA SANCHEZ EHRET MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP\***

Family members established this scholarship for students planning on careers working with children.

## **PIER ANGELA FIUMERODO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in 2016 to honor and celebrate the memory of Pier Angela (nee Barla) Fiumerodo, the mother of Anthropology Professor, Dr. Maria Teresa (Gigi) Fiumerodo. Pier Angela was a loving and hard-working mother and immigrant to the United States. This scholarship will help a student studying anthropology or child development who demonstrates a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for immigrant rights and/or gender equality.

## **PRISON HOSPITAL ACTION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Prison Hospital Action Committee of Camarillo disbanded in 2009 and awarded the funds for this Ventura College nursing scholarship.

## **PROFESSOR ISMAEL "MAYO" DE LA ROCHA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Friends and family of long-time Ventura College Professor Ismael "Mayo" De La Rocha established this scholarship in his honor to benefit an outstanding Chicano Studies student who demonstrates a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for the rights of Hispanic/Latinx/Mexican communities.

## **QUINN COMPANY DIESEL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Created by Quinn Company, this scholarship is awarded annually to support students enrolled in the VC Diesel Program who intend to have a career in the diesel heavy equipment industry. Quinn Company is proud to partner with Ventura College to invest in preparing more students for more rewarding careers.

## **REBECCA SINGER-BEILIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Beilin family created this scholarship to honor Rebecca-Singer Beilin. It benefits students majoring in Nursing.

## **ROHAN ZEN SCHOLARSHIP\***

Jan and Hal Wasserman established this scholarship in honor of their grandson, Rohan Zen, to benefit students majoring in Biology or Environmental Studies.

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## **ROTARY CLUB OF OXNARD SUNRISE SCHOLARSHIP\***

The Rotary Club of Oxnard Sunrise established this scholarship to benefit current residents of Port Hueneme or Oxnard.

## **RUTH HEMMING FOSTER YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Ruth Hemming established this scholarship to benefit an outstanding student who is currently or was formerly in the foster youth system.

## **RUTH HEMMING PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Ventura College Foundation Board Dr. Ruth Hemming established this scholarship to support re-entry students who have overcome hardships and are pursuing their dreams through an education.

## **SAM & MARY SAPUTO SCHOLARSHIP**

Mary Saputo established this scholarship to benefit a student engaged in their community.

## **SAN BUENAVENTURA WOMEN'S CLUB OSHER SCHOLARSHIP\***

The San Buenaventura Women's Club promotes friendship among its members and supports social, civic, educational, cultural, and social welfare projects in the community. This scholarship benefits re-entry female students who are at least 25 years old residing in the City of Ventura.

## **SAN BUENAVENTURA WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP**

The San Buenaventura Women's Club promotes friendship among its members and supports social, civic, educational, cultural, and social welfare projects in the community. This scholarship benefits students who demonstrate a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for gender equality.

## **SANDRA HOPE THOMAS ART SCHOLARSHIP**

Family and friends of Sandra Thomas established this scholarship in her memory to benefit an outstanding student majoring in fine arts. Mrs. Thomas was a life-long educator and Ventura resident with a great appreciation for the arts.

## **SANTA CLARA VALLEY HEALTHCARE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Scholarship Committee, created this scholarship to benefit a student in the VC Nursing program.

## **SCHOLARSHIP READER MERIT AWARD**

This scholarship was established by the Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Review Committee to benefit outstanding students of Ventura College.

## **SEIJI YOSHIOKA AND MARY PHILLIPS YOSHIOKA SCHOLARSHIP**

Seiji and Mary Yoshioka established this scholarship to benefit a re-entry single parent pursuing a career in nursing.

## **SEIU LOCAL 99 CLASSIFIED SENATE SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established to benefit a child, grandchild, dependent or relative of a Ventura College Classified employee.

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## **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON STEM SCHOLARSHIP**

Southern California Edison established this scholarship to honor students pursuing a degree in a STEM field who are transferring to a four-year college or University.

## **STAN WEISEL PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

Stan Weisel created this scholarship to benefit re-entry students whose lives were interrupted by “life” but have returned to Ventura College to pursue their dreams. Stan sadly passed away on January 29, 2020 but his love and generosity will forever live through this scholarship award.

## **STANLEY PRESCOTT BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Stanley Prescott Business Scholarship was established by a bequest from the Stanley and Jessica Prescott Estate. Students receiving this scholarship major in Business.

## **SUSAN M. BUCHTER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Luther Tolo created this scholarship to support students pursuing a career in nursing.

## **TAIMI CHAUVEAU NURSING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The friends and family of Taimi Chaveau established this scholarship in her memory to benefit students enrolled in the Nursing Program.

## **TALLE STANTON SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established from the estate of Talle Stanton in honor of Alpha Gamma Sigma and the veterans of the Vietnam War who served in the years 1962 and 1963. The Talle Stanton Scholarship benefits a student studying the health sciences.

## **TAYLOR FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP\***

Richard and Kristin Taylor created this scholarship to benefit a student who demonstrates a commitment to and/or leadership in advocating for gender equality.

## **TERENCE P. O'NEILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Terence O'Neill created this scholarship in 1998 to support the students of Ventura College. He taught Western Civilization and Russian History at Ventura College for 32 years before retiring. It benefits students majoring in History, Social Science or Economics who plan to teach.

## **THE BAUER FAMILY NURSING ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by Jeannette and Dave Bauer, this scholarship is in honor of their son, Robbie Bauer, N.P. Robbie's journey began at Ventura College, and he would attend and graduate from CSUCI and UCLA and become a Nurse Practitioner. Robbie is now serving his community and helping those in need. This career has opened many doors for Robbie, and the Bauer family wants to support the next generation of nurses on their journey.

## **THE OROZCO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP (LA BECA DE LA FAMILIA OROZCO)**

In honor of the sacrifices made by my parents (Maria & Hector Orozco) who immigrated to this country and the relentless challenges that are conquered each day by first generation children. The Orozco family established this scholarship to aid the recipient in achieving their educational and career goals, el esfuerzo vale la pena!

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## **THEODORA ART SCHOLARSHIP**

A scholarship to enable deserving art students to purchase art supplies.

## **TOMMY ANTHONY PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Tom and Mary Anthony created this scholarship in honor of the paramedics who saved the life of their grandson, Tommy. It benefits a student in the Paramedics Studies program.

## **TONY & RUTH GARCIA SCHOLARSHIP\***

Dr. Ronald Garcia established this scholarship in honor of his parents, Tony and Ruth. It benefits students pursuing a degree in health care who are committed to serving the Hispanic community.

## **VCSNA PEER ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ventura College Student Nurses Association established this scholarship to benefit students entering their third or fourth semester in the Nursing program who are also members of VCSNA. Preference is given to students demonstrating community service.

## **VENOCO, INC. PHOENIX OSHER SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established by Venoco, Inc. to benefit re-entry students continuing their education at Ventura College.

## **VENTURA COLLEGE ACADEMIC SENATE SCHOLARSHIP**

These scholarships are funded through the efforts and staff of the Ventura College Academic Senate. They are awarded to exceptional students who have a 3.0 minimum GPA.

## **VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is funded through the generous donations of individuals and the Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors to benefit students of Ventura College.

## **VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is funded through the generous donations of individuals and the Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors to benefit a re-entry student.

## **VENTURA COLLEGE HOLISTIC HEALTH GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit students who are majoring in Holistic Health Studies or Alternative Medicine and are transferring to a four-year college or University. Students who are actively involved with the VC Holistic Health Club may also qualify. Students who meet both criteria are preferred.

## **VENTURA COLLEGE HOLISTIC STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP\***

This scholarship was established to benefit students who are majoring in Holistic Health Studies and/or students who are actively involved with the VC Holistic Health Club.

## **VENTURA DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB - FRED W. SMITH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Downtown Ventura Lions Club generously donated this scholarship to benefit a continuing student in any area of study.

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## **VIENTO Y MAR ENVIRONMENTAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The Gonzalez family endowed this scholarship in memory of a beloved son and brother and beloved aunt and sister both of whom attended Ventura College. VC was an important step to success for numerous other family members. This scholarship is intended as a “step” for the benefit of a transferring student with a major in Environmental Science or Music.

## **WENDY DUNN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP OF VENTURA COLLEGE**

Mr. Dunn established this scholarship in honor of his wife, Wendy, to benefit a student who has overcome personal hardships or challenges.

## **WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established to benefit a **student** majoring in Engineering, Geology, Chemical, Welding, Electronics or Machine Shop.

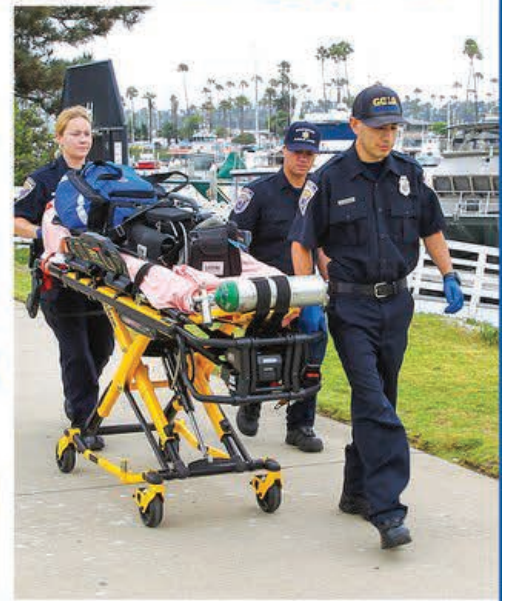
## **WESTERN VENTURA COUNTY – EMPLOYER ADVISORY COUNCIL – AVELINA VILLALOBOS SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established by the Western Ventura County Employer Advisory Council (EAC) to benefit a student studying Business Administration. The VC EAC is an independent, nonprofit organization that works with the Employment Development Department to improve the quality of employment services in Ventura County.

## **WESTSIDE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Westside Community Council created this scholarship to benefit a student who is a resident of the Westside of Ventura.

\*The Bernard Osher Foundation pledged an overall gift of \$50-million to launch the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment – the largest gift ever given to any community college system. Through the Osher Foundation’s generous matching dollars, our local donors, and the VC Foundations’ challenge match, the campaign, which ended in 2011 was a major success. VC Foundation raised 296% of its target goal –the best fundraising record of any college in the state – which resulted in new scholarships for 89 students at VC annually, in perpetuity.



# PARTNERSHIPS THAT MOVE US FORWARD

AMR Ventura County and Gold Coast Ambulance are proud to sponsor the Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Awards Ceremony and congratulate all of the honorees.



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# VCF SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE

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## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE VC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE?

The Ventura College Foundation (VCF) Scholarship Review Committee is a team of community members, alumni, friends, family, and/or Ventura College employees who review all applications received for the VCF Scholarship Program.

### READER QUICK FACTS

- Committee members can review as few as four applications or up to 10! Anything and everything helps.
- Reviews are done on your own schedule. You just need a computer and internet connection to score applications.
- Applications are randomly assigned to each reviewer and each application is read by a total of three readers.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Araceli Aggarwal, Programs and Development Specialist at [aaggarwal@vccd.edu](mailto:aaggarwal@vccd.edu) or 805.289.6141

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The VC Foundation would like to express our appreciation to the following VC Campus Partners & Volunteers who without their partnership and extra support these awards would not be possible.

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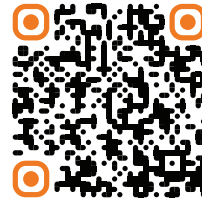
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- Receive information about our Centennial Celebration activities
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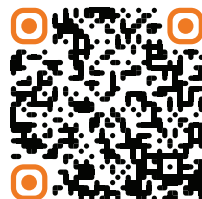
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