

37TH ANNUAL 2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY



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SPECIAL WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome to the Ventura College Foundation's 37th Scholarship Awards Ceremony!

What an honor it is to be here with you this afternoon as we celebrate our **2026 Student Scholarship Recipients**.

These students have moved us deeply. Behind every name you will hear today is a story of courage. Parents balancing coursework and family, students working multiple jobs to make ends meet, and young people daring to dream bigger than their circumstances. Their dedication, resilience, and determination are nothing short of extraordinary, and we are so proud to celebrate them.

To the families, friends, and campus partners who have walked alongside these students, thank you. Your encouragement, and belief in them has made all the difference. Success is rarely achieved alone, and this afternoon we celebrate you too.

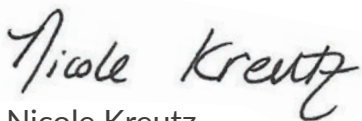
To our generous donors, sponsors, and those who have created lasting legacies through endowments and estate gifts, your generosity transforms lives. Because of you, our students can focus less on how to survive and more on who they are becoming. That is a profound and beautiful gift.

We are proud to share that the VC Foundation is awarding 537 scholarships to 394 students, totaling a record breaking **\$1,038,925.82** for **this academic year**. Each dollar represents a barrier removed, a dream protected, and a future made possible.


We are endlessly inspired by our students, and endlessly grateful for the community that surrounds and supports them. Together we are shaping the future of our entire community.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts

With deep gratitude,



Nicole Kreutz
Board Chair
Ventura College Foundation & VC Alum



Anne Paul King
Executive Director & Board Member
Ventura College Foundation



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Photos taken by Trinity Wheeler Photography during today's Scholarship Award Ceremony will be available for viewing in a couple short weeks!



TODAY'S PROGRAM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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Ventura College President and Ventura College Foundation Board Member

Pete Parker, Director of Development, Ventura College Foundation

Nicole Kreutz, Chair, Ventura College Foundation Board Member & Ventura College Alum

Anne Paul King, Executive Director

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Kevin Martinez-Toledo, Ventura College Student and Scholarship Recipient

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Pete Parker, Director of Development, Ventura College Foundation

James Zavas, VP of Business and Admin Services,

Ventura College and Ventura College Board Member

Ariadna Romero, Ventura College Student and Scholarship Recipient

Gabriel Miramontes, Ventura College Student and Scholarship Recipient

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IN MEMORIAM

Jim Butterbaugh • Janet Dobson Leifur • Mike Montoya

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ABOUT THE VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

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 PROGRAMS

- VC Promise Tuition & Enrollment Fee Assistance Program for 1st & 2nd Year Students
- VC Basic Needs
- 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. We know 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 2024-25, the VC Foundation provided \$1,163,994 in support to serve over 10,000 students & facilitated another \$1.54 million for 56 Ventura College Programs from 14 Dept/ Divisions. Learn more and read our Impact Report: venturacollegefoundation.org/foundation-impact/



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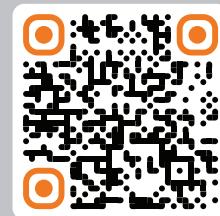


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- **Donate By Mail:** Make your check payable to the **Ventura College Foundation**, 4667 Telegraph Road, Ventura, CA 93003, Please note the program you wish to support.
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IN MEMORIAM

Today's Scholarship Awards are presented in memory of three long standing members of the Ventura College Foundation family. We honor their legacies that continue to make an impact on the lives of the students they cared about so passionately.

JIM BUTTERBAUGH

James Butterbaugh was born on the family farm in Leaf River, Illinois. At the age of 10, he moved with his family to Ojai, California, where he spent most of his life. Jim was a proud graduate of Ventura High School and considered Ojai and Ventura his lifelong homes.



Jim's legacy in Ventura County is forever tied to his entrepreneurial spirit. In 1963, he became the modern-day founder of The Wharf, a local retail landmark. Taking over the struggling business at that time, which primarily sold feed and pet supplies, Jim's vision and determination transformed the store into a thriving community institution. Over the years, The Wharf expanded and became a place that many in the community came to rely on. A proud Army reservist, Jim served his country with dedication. Beyond his business endeavors, he was an active supporter of many charitable organizations, including the Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors, membership in the Buenaventurans, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, the Community Memorial Hospital Benefactors, and the Downtown Ventura Lions Club. His contributions to these organizations and his leadership left a lasting impact on many lives.

Jim was not only a successful businessman and community leader, but also an adventurous soul. He loved to travel, hunt, fish, and enjoyed woodworking. Above all, he treasured spending time with his family and friends, always living life to the fullest. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.



IN MEMORIAM

JANET DOBSON LEIFUR

Janet Ann Dobson Leifur was born in Newport, RI on November 20, 1950, the fourth of six children. The family re-located to Ventura, CA when she was ten. During her junior year at Buena High School she met Gary Gene Leifur on a blind date. After dating for over four years, they married in 1972. They lived for the majority of their marriage in Camarillo. They had two wonderful children, Michael and Amy, of whom they both were so proud.



Janet followed in her mother and sister's footsteps by becoming a registered nurse. She graduated from Ventura College with an Associate Degree in Nursing and worked as a registered nurse at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Oxnard. After receiving her B.S. and M.S. degrees in nursing from CSU Dominguez Hills, Janet returned to Ventura College as a nursing professor where she taught for 10 years; she retired in 2007.

Janet's love of the nursing profession was demonstrated in many ways. Together with her sister, Joy Dobson Way, they established the Winifred Dobson Medal for Academic and Clinical Excellence in Nursing in 2002 at Ventura College in memory of their beloved mother. Janet also volunteered her time and energy with a number of organizations and fastidiously donated to many non-profits.

MIKE MONTOYA

Mike was a man who believed deeply in giving back to the community he lived and worked in. Mike carried great responsibility in his professional life as a Director at Southern California Edison, overseeing much of northern and southern California districts. But what truly defined him was not his title—it was his service. Mike devoted himself to organizations throughout Ventura County, including economic development groups, the Red Cross, United Way, Food Share, the Ventura College Foundation where he served on the Board of Directors from 2009-2022 and secretary of the board for several years. Yet with all this meaningful work as Secretary and Treasurer, what mattered most to him were people.



Mike loved the children of the Boys & Girls Club and the students of Ventura College. As a past president of the Greater Oxnard and Port Hueneme Boys & Girls Club, he led the campaign that built the Martin V. Smith Club in Oxnard. He believed that when young people are given opportunity and encouragement, they don't just succeed, they soar.

Mike found his purpose in lifting others, often quietly and without fanfare. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the futures he invested in, and the community made stronger because of him.

PLANNED GIVING

INVEST IN THE FUTURE THROUGH A PLANNED GIFT

Consider establishing a legacy to:

- Invest into the students and programs of Ventura College through an enduring contribution
- Find peace of mind through a variety of tax benefits
- Partner with the Ventura College Foundation to grow our community's investment in student success through sustainable strategies

Join the Legacy for the Future Society today!

Established in memory of George McNeely, a distinguished leader and dedicated advocate of the Ventura College Foundation, the Legacy for the Future Society honors individuals who have made a lasting commitment to student success by including Ventura College Foundation in their estate plans.

Questions? Contact Pete Parker, Director of Development at pparker@vcccd.edu or vcfoundationlegacy.org



2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Western Ventura County - Employer Advisory Council - Avelina Villalobos Scholarship

Anden Aguailar

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Micheline and Albert Sakharoff Nursing Scholarship - OSHER
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John and Glenda Hammer Science Scholarship - OSHER
Jessica Prescott Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

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Tiffany Alvizo

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Patricia Sanchez Ehret Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

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Kevin Anigbogu

Lillian Dember Scholarship

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Associated Students of Ventura College Osher Scholarship

Diana Lillie Seely Memorial Scholarship

Jocelyn Aparicio

Edith H. French Scholarship

Alyssa Arellano

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Abraham Arenas

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Daisy Arevalo

David P. Bianco Family Scholarship - OSHER

Ella Argueta

Creative Arts Foundation Trust Scholarship

Cecelia Arias

Kenneth D. Helms Memorial Organ Scholarship

Kenneth D. Helms Memorial Choral Scholarship

Micheline & Albert Sakharoff Music Scholarship

Isaac Arquilevich

Outreach Alliance of Ventura County Re-Entry Scholarship

Kennedy Arreola

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

Eric Arriaga

Martin P. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

David Ascarrunz-Becerra

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Luis Avila

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Ximena Avila

Classified Senate Endowed Scholarship

Isabella Avila

Damián De La Peña Memorial Scholarship

Barbara Ann Mrvichin Memorial Endowed Scholarship

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Valery Bazan

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Talle Stanton Scholarship

Francisca Becerra

Lucia Tebbe Memorial Phoenix Scholarship

Barbara Meister Phoenix Scholarship

Sadrak Becerra

Bob Gowder Family Scholarship

Briana Becerra

Alfred Howe Davis Memorial Scholarship

Hemming Family Scholarship - OSHER

Ramsha Beg

Martin Hansen Family Scholarship

Lionel Belle

Mary and Tom Anthony Phoenix Scholarship

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Dulce Contreras

Courage to Dream Award

Alondra Contreras

Westside Scholarship

Joshua Cordova

Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Endowed Scholarship

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Addy Cornell

Martin Hansen Family Scholarship

Danna Coronel

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

Victoria Cortez

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Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

Jacob Dominguez

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Derek Donaldson

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Paramedic

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Talia Le Duff

Talle Stanton Scholarship

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Gordon Ross Medical Scholarship

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Santiago Gomez
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Elvia Gomez
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San Buenaventura Women's Club Osher Scholarship

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Talle Stanton Scholarship
Andy and Ellen Smith Nursing Assistant Scholarship

Emilie Huovinen

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

Jasmin Hurtado

Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund

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Allen Inda

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Dulce Jasso

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Francisco Jauregui Castaneda

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Manuel Jimenez

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Mario Jimenez

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Jaida Jones

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

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California Resources Corporation Veteran Students Scholarship

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Micheline Sakharoff Phoenix Scholarship

John Kellner

Joe Hernandez Memorial Art Scholarship - OSHER

Kamea Kellner

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McNeely Family Scholarship

Robert Kupfer

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Carlos Landeros

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Native American Scholarship

Benjamin Landeros

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Taylor Lane

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Noemy Lara Raya

Courage to Dream Award

Lileeana Lavau

Carl Stehle, Jr. Physical Science Scholarship

Sierra Lee

Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund
Ruth Hemming Foster Youth Scholarship

Tajrus Lipscomb Jr.

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Leilani Litada

Edith H. French Scholarship

Martin P. Knowlton Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

Blossom Loera

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Robert Logan

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Miguel Lopez

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Micheline and Albert Sakharoff Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Betsy Slover Phoenix, RN, Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

Jessica Lopez

Dr. Thomas B. O'Neill Nursing Scholarship

Nancy Steward Memorial Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Mary J. Gloisten Nursing Scholarship

Gustavo Lopez

Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College

Nathaniel Lopez

The Millard G. Reed ('59) Engineering Scholarship

Emilly Lozano

Alfred Howe Davis Memorial Scholarship

Dayla Luna

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Cassandra Luna

Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Endowed Scholarship

Dana Lutton

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Bao Luu

Pamela Oster Memorial Scholarship

Diego Macias

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Fernando Macias

Cavola Family Scholarship

Osher Foundation Scholarship

Kayla Madrid

Jessica Prescott Art Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Karina Magallon Porter

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship
Ruth Hemming Phoenix Scholarship

James Magana

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship
Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

David Magana

Jacqueline and Walter Walker Memorial Scholarship
Judith Leventhal Two-Dimensional Art Scholarship

Andres Magana

Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

Carla Magana

Mary Guthrie Teaching Scholarship
James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Jaime Magaña

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Alfonso Malagon

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Melissa Maldonado

Arlene Goldberg Memorial Scholarship

Daniel Manzo

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Osbaldo Marin

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

Jorge Marquez

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship
Heizer Family Phoenix Scholarship - OSHER

Tayler Martin

Ventura College Academic Senate Scholarship

Florentino Martinez

Talle Stanton Scholarship

James Martinez

Outreach Alliance of Ventura County Re-Entry Scholarship

Lorena Martinez

Arthur Sumliner Memorial Scholarship

Nayeli Martinez

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Daniela Martinez Chavez
Courage to Dream Award

Abraham Martinez Galicia
Courage to Dream Award

Kevin Martinez Toledo
League of Women Voters of Ventura County Scholarship

Giovanni Martirossian
Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College
Larry Meister Memorial Business Scholarship - OSHER
Don L. Carlton Family Scholarship - OSHER

America McArthur
Alfred Howe Davis Memorial Scholarship
Hemming Family Scholarship - OSHER

Dylan McBride
Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Camron McElroy
Ventura College Foundation Diesel Mechanics and Automotive Scholarship
Blalock Family Endowed Scholarship - OSHER

Rosalind McLean-Bordon
Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Charlotte McLean-Bordon
Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Ashley McMichael
Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Jocelyn Medel
Edith H. French Scholarship
Pier Angela Fiumerodo Memorial Scholarship
Barbara Meister Teaching Scholarship - OSHER

Sara Medina
James Doyle Memorial Scholarship

Anahi Medina
James Doyle Memorial Scholarship

Mireya Avila Mejia
Anika M. Veres Nursing Scholarship

Eric Mendez Alvarez
Gibbs Truck Centers Diesel Student Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Jacob Mendoza

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Daniel Meza

Terence P. O'Neill Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Joyce Mason Evans (VCCCD Retired) Annual Scholarship

Erick Meza

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth Mihatov

Sandra Hope Thomas Art Scholarship

Chris Mijares

John and Cherie Brant Ventura Boys & Girls Club Scholarship

Ranmyel Miles Sagisi

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Daniel Miramontes

Gibbs Truck Centers Diesel Student Scholarship
Cheuvront Family Scholarship - OSHER

Gabriel Miramontes

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Alexis Miranda

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Owen Mitchell

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship
Juan G. Johnny Barajas Memorial Scholarship

Charlie Moen

Nicholas Joel Haverland Memorial Scholarship
Viento Y Mar Environmental Scholarship

Francis Molina

Professor Ismael Mayo De La Rocha Memorial Scholarship

Luis Montalvo

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Diego Montelongo

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Nevaeh Morales

Ventura College Foundation Achievement Scholarship

Allison Morales

Alfred Howe Davis Memorial Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Evelyn Moyado

Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College
Frank S. and Ardella J. Watts Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

Sean Mulligan

Lucia Tebbe Memorial Phoenix Scholarship
George and Jean Woolley Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

Brenden Munoz

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Caleb Murawski

Bob Gowder Family Scholarship
Osher Foundation Scholarship

Matthew Murray

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Daven Newhouse

Dr. Joyce Mason Evans (VCCCD Retired) Annual Scholarship

Emily Nguyen

Dorothy and Al Stacey Scholarship

Andrew Nguyen

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Lizbeth Nolasco

Talle Stanton Scholarship
Gordon Ross Medical Scholarship
Rebecca Singer-Beilin Memorial Scholarship
Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Irvin Nunez

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship
Venoco, Inc. Phoenix Osher Scholarship - OSHER
California Resources Corporation Endowed Scholarship

Helen Ocotecatl

Harry J. and Lucille E. Earl Scholarship

Elizabeth Okubo

McNeely Family Scholarship

Claudia Olivera

Courage to Dream Award

Alvaro Olivo

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Carlos Olvera

Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Shingo Ono

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Heather Ornelas

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Santa Clara Valley Healthcare Scholarship

Taimi Chauveau Nursing Memorial Scholarship

Javier Ortega

American Legion Post 339 (Ventura) Scholarship

Mavel Ortiz

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Joshua Ortiz

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Michael Otineru

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Maddison Owens

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Elena Ozuna

Andy & Sarah Reynolds Scholarship

Isabella Padilla

Harry J. and Lucille E. Earl Scholarship

Valeria Paez

Edith H. French Scholarship

Zuri Partido

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Diana Patron

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship

Reese Patten

Dr. Thomas B. O'Neill Nursing Scholarship

Nancy Steward Memorial Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Micheline Sakharoff Nursing Scholarship

Jennifer Paulsen

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

Ruth Hemming Phoenix Scholarship

Stella Pederson

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Julianne Penzel

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship
California Environmental Education Scholarship

Raul Perales

Gene Haas Scholarship
Rotary Club of Oxnard Sunrise Scholarship - OSHER

Julissa Perez

Gene Haas Scholarship
The Orozco Family Scholarship (La Beca De La Familia Orozco)

Jasmine Perez

Gene Haas Scholarship
American Association of University Women Ventura County Branch Bevans/Klein Scholarship - OSHER
Osher Foundation Scholarship

Diana Perez

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Luis Perez

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Eowyn Pettit

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Sophia Phillips

Exuberant English Major Scholarship

Andrea Posadas

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER
Noah Charles Kriese Memorial Scholarship - OSHER
Osher Foundation Scholarship

Maricela Prado

Talle Stanton Scholarship
Osher Foundation Scholarship

Hannah Prater

Damián De La Peña Memorial Scholarship

Megan Pratt

Eleanor Tillquist Phoenix Scholarship - OSHER
Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Jake Preciado

Benjamin Tanner Memorial Scholarship

Dowson Puga

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BY THE NUMBERS

A powerful story of impact—growth of scholarship funds, expanded opportunities, and increased volunteer participation. These numbers reflect our commitment to and investment in education and the next generation.

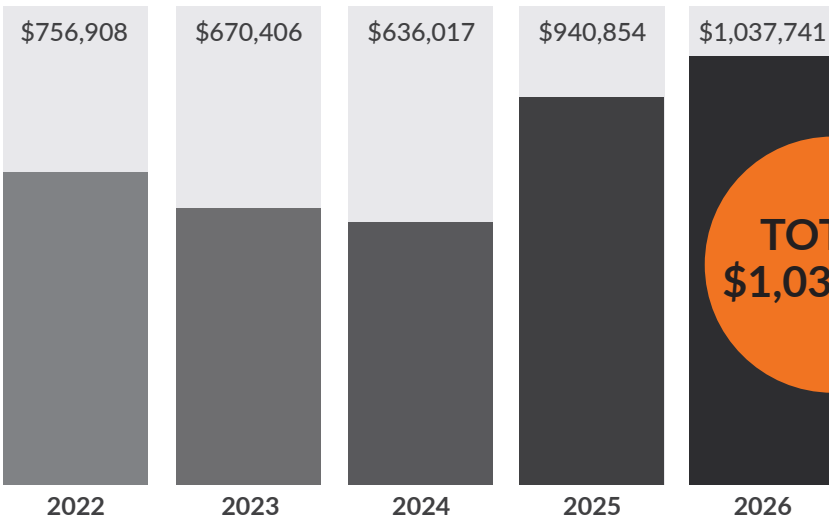


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AWARDS



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STUDENTS

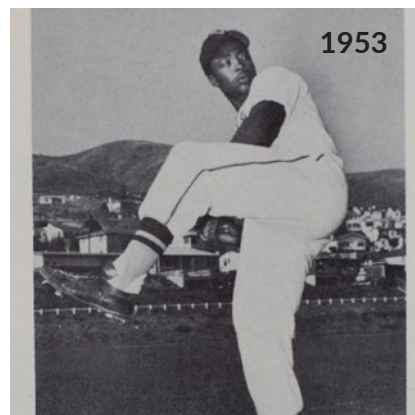
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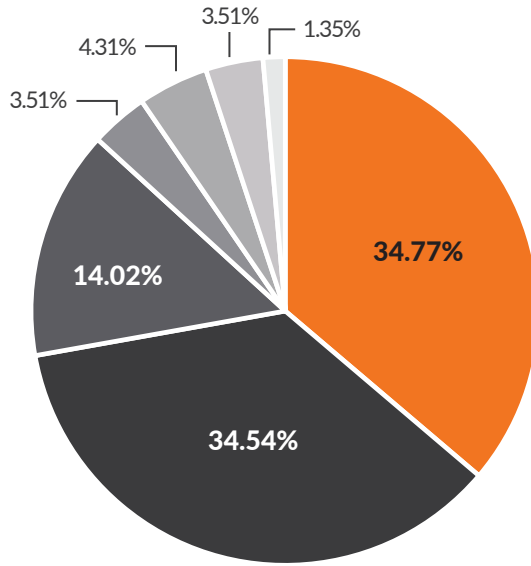
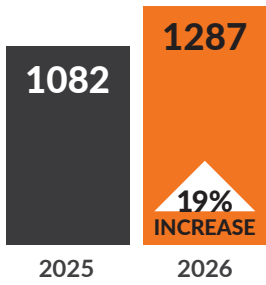
2026 Scholarship Programs (5)

General Scholarship	\$934,044.82
Career Education	\$42,313
Paramedics	\$10,068
Courage to Dream Award	\$10,000
Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award	\$42,500

CELEBRATING 100



Scholarship Applicants



Recipient Location Demographics

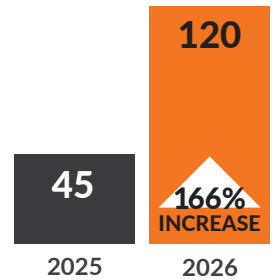
● Oxnard	34.77%
● Ventura	34.54%
● Santa Clara River Valley	14.02%
● Camarillo	3.51%
● Ojai	4.31%
● Other	3.51%
● Simi Valley/Moorpark	1.35%



Applicants - 60 Majors Represented

■ Engineering	18.38%
■ Nursing	10.81%
■ Psychology	7.03%
■ Business Administration	6.76%
■ Automotive Career Education	6.22%

Scholarship Application Readers



YEARS OF SUCCESS



2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dulce Quezada

Bess Pinkstaff Scholarship
Terence P. O'Neill Memorial Scholarship
Dr. Joyce Mason Evans (VCCCD Retired) Annual Scholarship

Oscar Quintero

Port of Hueneme Workforce Development Award

Stacey Ramirez

Hon. Colleen Toy White Memorial Scholarship

Alexa Ramirez

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Anthony Ramirez

Gerald R. Curtis Engineering Scholarship

Rene Ramirez

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Crystal Ramirez

Ventura College Foundation Achievement Scholarship

Emilio Ramirez

Cavola Family Scholarship

Julia Randall

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Josephine Rausch

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Andres Ray

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Sophia Razo

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship
Judith Leventhal Two-Dimensional Art Scholarship

Joey Reed

Quinn Company Diesel Student Scholarship

Goldie Reeve

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Vanessa Renteria

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship
Rebecca Singer-Beilin Memorial Scholarship

Elianna Richards

Kada Family Scholarship - OSHER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Brianna Richards

Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

Ilias Rios

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Alessandra Rivas

Joyce Ogawa Yoshioka Memorial Scholarship

Ma Blanca Rivera

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Ruby Rodriguez

Kada Family Scholarship - OSHER

David Rodriguez

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Valeria Rodriguez Quezada

Wendy Dunn Memorial Scholarship of Ventura College

Osher Foundation Scholarship

Dylan Rogenmoser

Lucia Tebbe Memorial Phoenix Scholarship

Kelley Rogers

Judith Leventhal Two-Dimensional Art Scholarship

Micheline & Albert Sakharoff Theatre Arts Scholarship - OSHER

Osher Foundation Scholarship

Ariadna Romero Ayala

Outreach Alliance of Ventura County Re-Entry Scholarship

Ventura College Holistic Studies Scholarship - OSHER

Sean Romp

Cavola Family Scholarship

Jacqueline and Walter Walker Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Morris and Judith Leventhal Art Scholarship - OSHER

Miguel Rosas Mendiola

Courage to Dream Award

Jessica Ruiz

Prison Hospital Action Committee Scholarship - OSHER

Leonel Saenz

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship Career

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Maria Salas

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Taylor Family Scholarship - OSHER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Diego Salazar

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Sulema Saldivar

Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund

Alessia Saliby

Talle Stanton Scholarship

George & Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship

Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Edelia Salvatierra

Julie Taylor & Patrick Murray Fund

Carmen Sanchez Caravantes

Courage to Dream Award

Jorge Santana

Harry J. and Lucille E. Earl Scholarship

Osher Foundation Scholarship

Ramiro Santos

Native American Scholarship

Raechel Sarzaba

Gordon Ross Medical Scholarship

Janet and Mark L. Goldenson Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Lupe and Robert Piros Nursing Scholarship

Kellie Schauer

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Taylor Family Scholarship - OSHER

Laura Schmidt Szavo

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Wyatt Schmitz-Flores

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Piper Selig

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Thomas Seth-Hunter

Gene Haas Scholarship

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Bella Shipman

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Gordon and Dorothy King Memorial Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Julia Shumakova

Tommy Anthony Paramedic Scholarship

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Kendric Smith

Ventura College Foundation Achievement Scholarship

Aneli Solano

Lupton Child Development Textbook Scholarship

Carole Olsen-Bryan Memorial Scholarship

Vanessa Solis

Carolyn Villines Memorial Scholarship

Armando Solorio

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Aracely Soriano-Perez

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Abigail Sucsy

Edmund Andreas Arredondo Memorial Scholarship

Allene Swan

Noah Charles Kriese Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

Ethan Tam

Gary Daniel Newcomb Memorial Scholarship

Rosa Tapia

Ventura College Foundation Phoenix Scholarship

Bill and Elise Kearney Phoenix Scholarship - OSHER

Vivian Tejada

Lucia Tebbe Memorial Phoenix Scholarship

Bernice Beilin Memorial Phoenix Scholarship

Christine Thomas

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Christina Torres

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Fattarelli Family Trust Scholarship - OSHER

Breann Trotter

Helms Family Scholarship

Steven Tsing

Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship

Evelynn Tubbs

Talle Stanton Scholarship

Rebecca Singer-Beilin Memorial Scholarship

Micheline and Albert Sakharoff Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Maude A. Broughton Memorial Scholarship - OSHER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Austin Urias

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Evan Vaillancourt

Mary Guthrie Teaching Scholarship

Cynthia Vallecillo

Frank Nolan Memorial Scholarship

Gianluca Van Wanseele

Scholarship Reader Merit Award

Quinlan Vasquez

George & Harriet Arita - Tai Boy Biology Scholarship

Olga Vazquez

Stanley Prescott Business Scholarship
Courage to Dream Award

Gabriel Vega

Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

Adrian Vega

Ellyn & Jim Dembowski Scholarship - OSHER

Sofia Vega

Denise Baylor Scholarship

Diego Vega

Donna Santo Family Scholarship - OSHER

Esmeralda Vences

John and Glenda Hammer Education Scholarship

Christopher Vergara

Stan Weisel Phoenix Scholarship
Guadalupe Lopez Nursing Scholarship - OSHER

Tomas Vergil

Southern California Edison STEM Scholarship

Zachary Villicana

Eric William Borchard Memorial Scholarship

Nazaret Viramontes

Hickerson Family Scholarship
Osher Foundation Scholarship

Angel Virgen-Jimenez

Amy Cherot Foster Our Future Scholarship - OSHER

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Joaquin Vital

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Sheri Ward

Jacqueline and Walter Walker Memorial Scholarship
Theodora Art Scholarship

Makayla Ward

Southern California Edison Community College Scholarship - OSHER

Ana Wedeking

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship

Penelope Weingart

Edith H. French Scholarship

William Wentworth

Goldman Metalworking Scholarship

Joshua White

Ventura College Foundation Scholarship

Nathan Williams

Bank of the Sierra Scholarship

Hadleigh Wooff

Don and Sandy Greenberg Scholarship - OSHER

Alejandra Zaragoza

Cavola Family Scholarship

Diego Zayas

American Legion Post 339 (Ventura) Scholarship

Iman Zuhric

James V. and Idah W. Iliff Memorial Scholarship



THANK YOU SCHOLARSHIP DONORS!

Due to the generosity of our scholarship donors, the Ventura College Foundation is awarding 537 scholarships today to 393 students totaling **\$1,037,741** for the 2025-26 academic year!

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ALEXIS DEMBER SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established to benefit Physical Sciences or Mathematics majors.

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 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.

ANDY AND SARAH REYNOLDS SCHOLARSHIP

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

ANIKA M. VERES NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created by Anika Stickers-Veres, former VC Nursing student, to support students pursuing careers in nursing.

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.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP INDEX

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 actively involved in ASVC and student government.

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.

BANK OF THE SIERRA SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by a grant from the Bank of the Sierras, Bank of the Sierra's promise is to help make every community they're in better.

BARBARA ANN MRVICHIN MEMORIAL 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 PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

Barbara Meister, a retired educator and renowned community philanthropist, established this scholarship to benefit a re-entry student who has overcome hardships and is seeking an education to pursue their dreams.

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.

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.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP INDEX

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.

BILL AND ELISE KEARNEY PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

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

BILL AND ELISE KEARNEY PARAMEDIC SCHOLARSHIP

Ventura County philanthropists Bill and Elise Kearney established this scholarship to benefit an outstanding student pursuing a degree in Paramedic Studies.

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.

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.

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CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIP

The California Resources Corporation 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.

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 will help an outstanding nursing student at Ventura College.

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.

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.

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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 Peña 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. For academic year 2026-2027, Denise is honoring a VC Nursing Student.

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.

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.

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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.

DOROTHY AND AL STACEY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship will be awarded to students achieving in STEM, particularly engineering and science. Nursing students are also eligible.

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.

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.

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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.

EXUBERANT ENGLISH MAJOR SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was funded by her colleagues, friends, and family to honor Ventura College English Professor Deborah Pollack's teaching career and her retirement.

FATTARELLI FAMILY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

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

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 travelled 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.

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.

GORDON ROSS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship benefits a student pursuing a career in Nursing.

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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.

GUADALUPE LOPEZ NURSING 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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

JUAN G. "JOHNNY" BARAJAS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of my father, who was a WWII Veteran and who returned to school to earn his AA degree from Ventura College. He was a life-long learner, who gave me my love of reading and who encouraged me to become whatever I wanted to be. He and my mother, Josephine, gave me the confidence to follow my dreams in becoming a college professor and professional actress. This scholarship is awarded to a returning veteran student or continuing veteran student in any discipline at Ventura College.

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.

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 commitment to and advocacy of 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.

MARY AND TOM ANTHONY PHOENIX SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary & Tom Anthony Phoenix Scholarship empowers resilient re-entry students facing financial barriers to pursue education and achieve lasting personal and professional growth. The award is presented in memory of Donna Tompkins, a devoted mother of seven whose compassion, faith, and selfless commitment to serving others inspired those who knew her.

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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.

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.

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.

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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 \$15 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.

NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIP

Chuck and Susan Holmes established this scholarship to benefit Native American students or advocates pursuing their educational goals at Ventura College.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

PORT OF HUENEME WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

This award supports a partnership between the Port of Hueneme and the Ventura County Community College District designed to expand access to education, workforce development, and career pathways in Clean Green, Climate Sustainability, Environmental, Global Trade, and related industries. Through initiatives such as the PACED Project and the OC and VC Promise programs, this partnership provides students with educational opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, mentorship, and financial support to encourage success in college and beyond.

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.

ROTARY CLUB OF OXNARD SUNRISE SCHOLARSHIP*

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

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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.

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.

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.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Southern California Edison established these scholarships to serve students studying science, including physics, chemistry, geology, mathematics and chemical or mechanical engineering.

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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 MILLARD G. REED ('59) ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Engineering was the stepping stone to Millard Reed's career. He's established this scholarship to support VC students studying technology and science with a preference for those pursuing careers in engineering so they can have the same opportunity as he did.

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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!

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 ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is funded through the generous donations of individuals and the Ventura College Foundation Board of Directors to benefit students majoring in business, social science, and public & social services.

VENTURA COLLEGE FOUNDATION DIESEL MECHANICS AND AUTOMOTIVE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is generously funded by an anonymous donor in support of VC students currently enrolled in the diesel mechanics or automotive programs.

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.

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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 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 OSHER SCHOLARSHIP*

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

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.

WENDY MCGEE MEMORIAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

In loving memory of his wife, Wendy McGee, Jim McGee established this scholarship to benefit students pursuing a career in nursing.

WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

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

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

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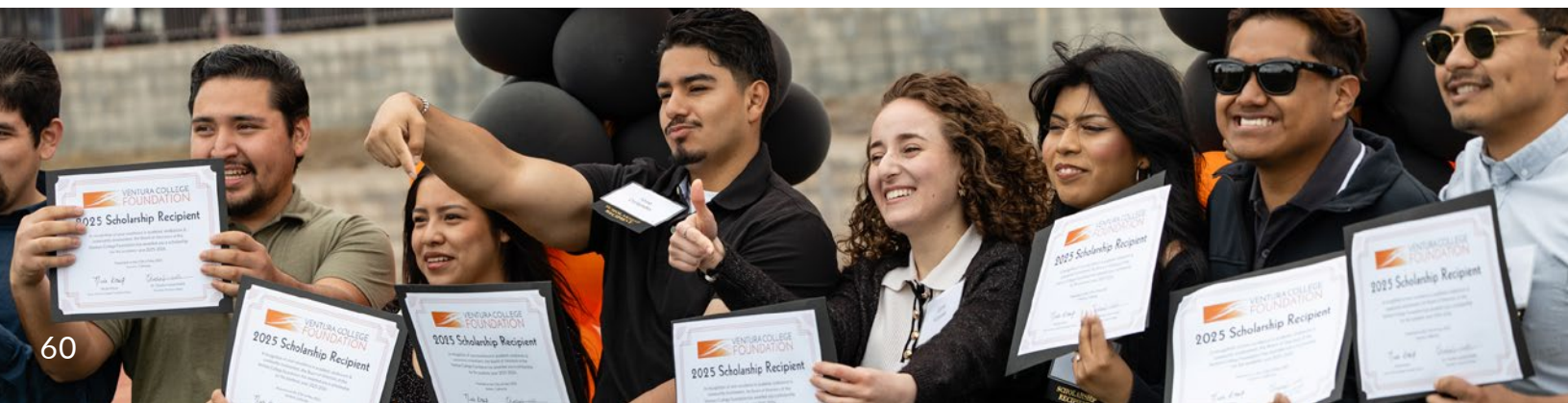
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