What an exciting time of year!
Many students have or are now making their way to their college or university of choice to embark on a journey that will change them forever. And the fact that this is even possible is thanks to donors like you…past, present and future!

Every year, those of us on the Board, on the Scholarship Committee, and the Community Foundation of the Verdugos staff are so impressed by the caliber of students who apply for one of our scholarships. These students have shown an incredibly hard work ethic, determination, and resilience. They have studied hard to earn good grades, to overcome challenges life has thrown their way as well as to find the time to help their families, their friends and worthy organizations through their volunteer efforts. We are inspired by their individual stories and circumstances. And now, we celebrate them…all they have achieved and all they will achieve in the future!

As many of us know, the costs of a post-secondary education are increasing at a rate faster than inflation and student debt is at an all-time high. According to The Center for American Progress, about 43 million adult Americans—roughly one-sixth of the U.S. population older than age 18—currently carry student debt.

Donations of any size toward any of our already existing scholarship funds are always needed and welcome for those wishing to help.

Please contact me at 818-241-8040 or email Edna@cfverdugos.org for information. I am always interested in discussing your charitable wishes to help make our world a better place!
Awards for GCC Students
Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship (GCC)
Sahakyan, Marian

Reinhart Family Scholarship (GCC)
Panikyan, Mariam

Tuesday Afternoon Club (GCC)
Apana, Claire

Youngquist Nursing Scholarship (GCC)
Larson, Alyssa
Rivera, Michaela

“Big Man Fritsche” Scholarship Renewals
Aboolian, Elin
Duffy, Caroline
Kubela, Jennifer
Laulette, Kristen

Career-Focused Awards
Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship
Hunsaker, Brooklyn

John & Elsie Krikorian / Women Achievers Journalism Scholarship
Bochniak, Victoria
Borræz, Gabriela

Awards from the Heart
First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship Renewals
Blood, Joanne
Blood, John
Cuateco, Daniel
De Castro, Amikka
DeRose, James
Francisco, Anthony
Frink, Rebecca
Grande, Paige
Ho, Justin
Holmquist, Mackenzie
Karn, Kiana
Kim, Eleanor
Kubela, Jennifer
Landaverde, Johan
Matheu, Mark
Matthews, Jacob
Noubarentz, Mirik
Oshiro, Therese
Orlando, Giancarlo
Sy, Hannah
Traber, Andrew
Webster, Mark

Academic-Focused Awards
Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship
Lee, Kyle
Mitchell, Nicholas

Everett & Fern Campbell Scholarship
Diaz-Mancio, Melissa

Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship
Nubla, Trishley

Glendale Latino Association Scholarship
Barillas, Carla
Barraza, Michelle

Dellinger Scholarship
Flynn, Claire
Weerts, Jack

Sambar Scholarship Endowment (GSE)
Faggioli IV, Anthony
Guiladin, Crystal
Melkonyan, Lusine
Ramazyan, Arsen
Roberts, Noah

Gonzales Harris Bilingual Scholarship
Böhman, Maddie
Coba Clementel, Ariana
Hasan, Abdullah
Villasenor, David

Renewals
Acosta, Sofia
Aleman, Andrea
Burke, Analisa
Corral Phun, Julieta
Cuateco, Daniel
Langford, Ty
Rojas, Jessica
Sarkissian, Arvin
Tlapa, Jeanette

Oakmont Country Club Scholarship
Alsamman, Frank
Ashjian, Sevag
Campbell, Richard
Fielding, Kelsey
Howard, Alexandra
Howard, Dillon
Howard, Ethan
Luna, Melina
Patatanyan, Andrey
Perez, Michelle

Margaret and Leonard Kaufman Medical Scholarship
Chevinsky, Jennifer
Cuevas, Christen

Scholarship Application Dates
Please note that the Community Foundation of the Verdugos’ scholarship application deadline for Academic Year 2020-21 is Monday, March 2, 2020. Check the Foundation’s website at www.cfverdugos.org after December 1, 2019 to apply online for scholarship awards.

2019 Student Awards

A Message from our Committee Chair
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a federal student loan and owe $1.5 trillion in federal student loan debt, plus an estimated $119 billion in student loans from private sources that are not backed by the government. We at the Community Foundation of the Verdugos are so appreciative that generous individuals and families understood the financial burden that these costs could have on young people just starting out and realized what an impact their giving could provide. Some of the funds are used to pay for the cost of tuition or fees, while for others the needed dollars pay for books, supplies, and materials for class.

We have found that every scholarship is a vote of confidence for each student – many who will say “Thanks for believing in me!” In the end, it is the students who will be forever changed, but also the communities they return to (hopefully, ours!) that will ultimately be the benefactors of these students’ success - their desire to educate themselves, to be critical thinkers, to solve problems and to become contributing members of our society.

Students, we salute you! Donors and volunteers, we are so grateful for your time and support!
Scholarship Recognition Brunch

The 2019 Scholarship Recognition Brunch on May 20 greeted students and families at the beautifully renovated Downtown Central Library in Glendale. Approximately 100 people came to celebrate our 76 awardees who received scholarships totalling $119,000.

Keynote speaker Michael Cusumano, Managing Director of Cusumano Real Estate Group and Community Foundation Board Member, provided words of wisdom for students as they embarked on their post-secondary education journey.

Betty Porto, VP Community Relations for Porto’s Bakery & Café, once again led the event as its Honorary Scholarship Chair backed by MC Edna Karinski, CFV Chief Executive Officer. Awardees and their guests were treated to a delicious selection of pastries courtesy of Porto’s Bakery & Café. Congratulations to the 2019 Awardees and many thanks again to Ms. Porto and Porto’s Bakery & Café for their support of education in our community!

All photos from the event can be viewed and downloaded from https://cfverdugos.org/gallery/. A video of the event’s Keynote Speaker Michael Cusumano can also be found at the same site.

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“Scholarships like the Dellinger are what keep students driven to be our best and allow us to make our dreams of college a reality. I cannot fully express my appreciation but please know that I am so grateful for this amazing gift and will do my best to pay it forward.”

— Jack Weerts
Dellinger Scholarship, John Burroughs High School
A Message for Students

Congratulations again on your award! Our scholarship donors who made your award possible, and the staff and Board of Directors at the Community Foundation of the Verdugos take great pleasure in witnessing so many worthy student recipients who are embarking on their higher education journeys.

Whether you are the recipient of a single-year award, or a renewal award, please keep in mind that the Community Foundation of the Verdugos’ Controller Julie Burg is your contact person for any questions. Please email Julie at Julie@cfverdugos.org with questions at any time or you may call the office at (818) 241-8040 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A special “thank you” is extended to all of our scholarship fund holders (donors) for making the difference in these young adult lives by helping to motivate them on their higher education adventure.

Thank you so much for supporting me on my educational journey... I plan to make the most of what I have been given and I appreciate the Community Foundation of the Verdugos for supporting my success.”

— Anthony Stanis
Glendale Latino Association, Glendale Community College