



# SCHOLARSHIP CORNER



SCHOLARSHIP SEASON 2019 - 2020

## A Message from our Committee Chair



Toni Beck Espinoza

As our students dreamt of their high school graduation, we are sure this is not what they had in mind. They faced challenges and disappointments

and couldn't even imagine what this year would look like. Instead of spending their senior year celebrating with their classmates, teachers and families in various ways, they struggled to complete their studies online, cancelled prom plans, cancelled graduation parties, cancelled graduation trips, participated in zoom or drive by graduation ceremonies and even changed plans for college.

But they also rose above these challenges to find new and creative ways to complete their coursework, to celebrate their graduation milestone, to have social distancing or zoom celebrations and ultimately to stay connected. They had the opportunity to learn a significant life lesson about what and who is most important in their lives.

We are happy to report that the pandemic didn't stop the Community Foundation of the Verdugos from interviewing scholarship hopefuls - in a virtual way this year, of course! In fact, we gave out more scholarships this year and increased our funding, as did our other scholarship fund holders. Ninety-three scholarships were awarded this year (up

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## The Endearing Concept of Scholarships

– Edna Karinski, CEO

Fans of Benjamin Franklin know of his many quips and quotes. Among those most popularly attributed to him is this one: **“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”**

While we endured the Covid-19 pandemic in the spring, our schools, educators, and students (with parent support) maintained this investment of knowledge through online classes, testing, and virtual events. Although the Community Foundation of the Verdugos (CFV) missed its usual interaction with student awardees this year, we are none-the-less proud of their accomplishments.

This annual scholarship program is possible because of the collaborative generosity of donors who have established scholarship funds with the CFV, or those who have donated toward a CFV scholarship fund.

In the Verdugo Region, scholarships are popular. People verbally applaud them, it seems, at every social or community gathering. For most, a warm feeling occurs upon picturing a student with a key to knowledge, accessing future, priceless investments. For the smaller group that has actually stepped up to financially support a scholarship, the feeling is much more personal and real, knowing that such an award is actually providing the keys to life.

In the past 11 years alone, the CFV has issued over 1,200 scholarships with an approximate total of \$1.5 million through funds it manages for donors as well as those directly under its management.

If you are an individual, family, group, or business who loves the concept of scholarships, please consider contributing to one of our CFV managed scholarship funds, or, open your own fund. As a public 501(c)(3), the CFV's mission is to combine the power of donors with charitable needs.

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## The Endearing Concept of Scholarships

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A fund that can make a difference in a student's life is a gift that can never be taken away. Opening a fund can be done in about an hour with a minimum starting balance of \$25,000.

With many students going on to graduate school, we are in need of creative philanthropists who can offer scholarship opportunities for these students.

There is also a dire need for scholarships on behalf of students attending trade schools (culinary, auto mechanics, graphic design, dental hygiene, veterinary technology, cosmetology/makeup, etc.). Scholarships for vocational studies are a viable gift of knowledge for many with a return in interest that will be priceless.

Please call 818-241-8040 or email [Edna@cfverdugos.org](mailto:Edna@cfverdugos.org) for information. If you also share Benjamin Franklin's opinion about education and knowledge, I am interested in discussing this charitable goal with you. Helping students to reach for the stars through knowledge and betterment of themselves is an effort well worth investing in!



### Scholarship Application Dates

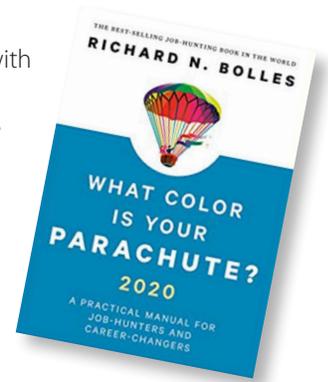
Please note that the Community Foundation of the Verdugos' scholarship application deadline for Academic Year 2021-22 is Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Check the Foundation's website at [www.cfverdugos.org](http://www.cfverdugos.org) after December 1, 2020 to apply online for scholarship awards.

## Recognizing our Scholars

The 2020 Scholarship Recognition Brunch was cancelled due to Coronavirus. We missed celebrating with our awardees and donors and thank the students for their patience as our award notices were delayed while we worked through the challenges of employees and review committees working from home.

We are very pleased to share that we were able to issue 93 awards totaling \$177,300. This includes both new awards and renewals. Our recipients are attending a variety of colleges and universities across the country including UCLA, CSUN, UC Berkeley, University of Hawaii, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Tulane University, and many more.

We would also like to thank our scholarship sponsor, Glendale Kiwanis Noon Foundation, for their generous gift. This allowed us to send our new scholarship awardees a copy of the book "What Color is Your Parachute." We hope you enjoy reading it and gain some insight into the career paths that are available to you. Please keep in touch with the Foundation. We love to hear how your studies are going!



**I am honored that an organization as important as Tuesday Afternoon Club has chosen to help me achieve my dreams. Your kindness has inspired me to be more involved in my community . . . I've decided to learn how to play bridge in honor of the eight TAC founders!"**

— Annika Park

*Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship , Crescenta Valley High School*

## Scholarship Funds

Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship  
"Big Man Fritsche" Scholarship  
Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship  
Everett & Fern Campbell Scholarship  
Dellinger Scholarship Fund  
First Christian Scholarship  
Margaret and Leonard Kaufman Medical Scholarship  
Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship  
Glendale Latino Association Scholarship  
Gonzales Harris Bilingual Scholarship  
John & Elsie Krikorian / Women Achievers Journalism Scholarship  
Oakmont Country Club Scholarship  
Reinhart Family Scholarship  
Sambar Scholarship Endowment  
Tuesday Afternoon Club  
Youngquist Nursing Scholarship

# 2020 Student Awards

## Awards for GCC Students

**Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship (GCC)**  
Sahakyan, Anahit

**Reinhart Family Scholarship (GCC)**  
Safuto, Molly

**Tuesday Afternoon Club (GCC)**  
Hill, Katrina

**Youngquist Nursing Scholarship (GCC)**  
Balina, Sarah  
Yousefian, Adela

## Career-Focused Awards

**Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship**  
Yengibaryan, Lusin

**John & Elsie Krikorian / Women Achievers Journalism Scholarship**  
Hernandez, Alexa  
Majinian, Stephanie

## Academic-Focused Awards

**Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship**  
Roh, Jiyoun  
Sandoval, Nicholas  
Schmit, Keegan  
Wang, Annie  
Wilbur, Dylan

**Everett & Fern Campbell Scholarship Renewal**  
Diaz-Mancio, Melissa

**Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship**  
Doronila, Bernice

**Glendale Latino Association Scholarship**  
Avila, Robert  
Benitez, Sarah  
Bitetti, Natalie  
Canada Rodriguez, Joshua  
Cortes, Emmy  
Duarte, Taylor  
Gomez, Ivanna  
Gonzalez, Jocelyn  
Hernandez, Alexa  
Herrera, Nicole  
Huerta, Ricardo  
Lechner, Sebastian  
Osorio-Flores, Isabel  
Ramirez, Gerardo  
Ramos, Melanie  
Sanchez Rua, Guillermo  
Sandoval, Nicholas  
Tijerino, Brandon  
Torres, Angela  
Valle, Diego  
Venier, Nathan  
Zaldana, Naomi

**"Big Man Fritsche" Scholarship Renewals**  
Kubela, Jennifer  
Laulette, Kristen

## Awards from the Heart

**First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship**  
Gang, Lauren  
Lee, Steven  
Molina, Diego  
**Renewals**  
Blood, Joanne  
DeRose, James  
Francisco, Anthony  
Grande, Paige  
Karn, Kiana  
Kubela, Jennifer



Noubarentz, Mrrik  
Oshiro, Therese  
Traber, Andrew  
Webster, Mark

**Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship**  
Kim, Hannah  
Ligons, Akili  
Park, Annika

**Dellinger Scholarship**  
Kretz, Ariana  
Mahoney, Dylan  
Shah, Riya

**Sambar Scholarship Endowment (GSE)**  
Arzmanians, Erika  
Roh, Jiyoun  
Siasat, Theodore Jerome  
Sung, Isaac  
Viray, Sophie

**Gonzales Harris Bilingual Scholarship**  
Barrios, Cole  
Herrera, Nicole  
Huerta, Ricardo  
Mahoney, Dylan

**Renewals**  
Acosta, Sofia  
Bohman, Maddie  
Burke, Analisa  
Corral Phun, Julieta  
Coba Clementel, Ariana  
Hasan, Abdullah  
Langford, Ty  
Sarkissian, Arvin  
Tlapa, Jeanette  
Villasenor, David

**Oakmont Country Club Scholarship**  
Ashjian, Sevag  
Boyadzhyan, Thomas  
Campbell, Richard  
Dong, Austin  
Dong, Justin  
Fielding, Kelsey  
Finney, Emma  
Galvez, Marco  
Hartoonian, Nicholas  
Heinstedt, Nils  
Howard, Alex  
Howard, Dillon  
Le, Sharon  
Luna, Melina  
Patatanyan, Andrey  
Vargas, Michelle



## 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](mailto: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.**

### CFV Scholarship Committee

Betty Porto  
Honorary Chair

Toni Beck Espinoza  
Chair

Michael Cusumano  
Michael Seaton



I am so grateful for your support, and even more thankful to be an awardee. Please know that your generosity is helping me very much . . . And with my family's financial burden slightly lifted, I will be able to focus more on my goals: to serve others, to make a positive impact."

— Jiyoun Roh,  
Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship & Sambar Scholarship Endowment,  
Crescenta Valley High School

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from 86 last year) totaling \$177,300 (up from \$148,450)!

As students continue to plan for their new college experience, they know things have changed - at least for now. Many classes will be happening online with some in person or perhaps a hybrid model. Dorm living and typical social interactions may be delayed. We can only imagine what these disappointments might feel like! But we know that our students will rise above these disappointments and make the best of this situation as they begin adulthood, further their education and take the necessary steps to fulfill their career choices and dreams.

Students, we salute you for the courage, creativity and perseverance you have shown during this difficult time and cheer you on to whatever the future brings! We hope you know how proud we are of all your accomplishments. We hope you know how much we believe in you. We hope you know you can and will get through this and will be stronger as a result. We know you are up to the challenge!

And how can we forget the teachers, the parents, the administrators and the caretakers that have helped support and propel these students forward while at the same time dealing with their own anxieties, disappointments, technical challenges, zoom meetings and family needs. We admire and respect all you have done!

To the students and their families, on behalf of all of us here at the Community Foundation of the Verdugos, congratulations on your achievements. We wish you health, peace, prosperity and success!

Yours truly,  
Toni Beck Espinoza, CFV Scholarship Committee Chair



I wanted to thank the entire CFV scholarship committee for the significant contribution you made in my education . . . I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and I will begin Law School in the fall . . . I will pay it forward!"

— John David Blood  
First Christian Church of Glendale & Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship (2014-2019)