



SCHOLARSHIP CORNER



SCHOLARSHIP SEASON 2022 - 2023

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR'S REPORT

Mary Bedrosian-Valencia



We seem to be hearing almost everyone say, "Time is flying by." Sure enough, I, too, am in alignment with that feeling as I look

back on the past three years as the Community Foundation of the Verdugo's (CFV) Scholarship Chair. This review comes with much appreciation and satisfaction. Appreciation for those who created scholarship funds that make a difference to someone's educational future; appreciation that our community is one that cares. Appreciation that I have had a chance to participate in a process of seeing students apply and

receive these special awards. I gain satisfaction in having been able to participate in my community in a way that is real. Satisfaction is also in my service with the CFV's Board of Directors where I continue to be a part of not only what the Scholarship Committee does, but what the Foundation does to connect donors with needs in the Verdugo Region. As I hand my role off to Judith Dellinger, I know that the good the CFV has been doing since 1956 will continue through grants and scholarships forever. For those reading this, and in a position to do so, please consider opening a fund with the CFV. It's a gift that keeps on giving. Many thanks to all who made the 2023 scholarship season another successful year! Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for 2024.

IN-COMING SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR 2024

JUDITH DELLINGER



The CFV thanks Mary Bedrosian-Valencia for her service and welcomes in-coming Scholarship Chair Judith Dellinger, retired educator, to continue this successful program. Along with being a member of the CFV's Board of Directors, she has served on the Scholarship Committee for several years participating in application reviews and award selections. Judy and her husband Ernest also maintain the Dellinger Scholarship Fund benefiting Burbank students.



Thank you for awarding me the
1st Christian Church Scholarship ...
I intend to make the most of my
education with the help of your
generous financial support."

– First Christian Church Scholarship Recipient

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR 2024

RECIPIENTS' REFLECTIONS

Judith Dellinger

The scholarship committee is always involved in the early stages of the scholarship awarding process with the reading of many applications, verifying language fluency for some, and making final decisions of winners. However, frequently the students receive the scholarships, express gratitude, attend their chosen school, and nothing further is known about the awardees.

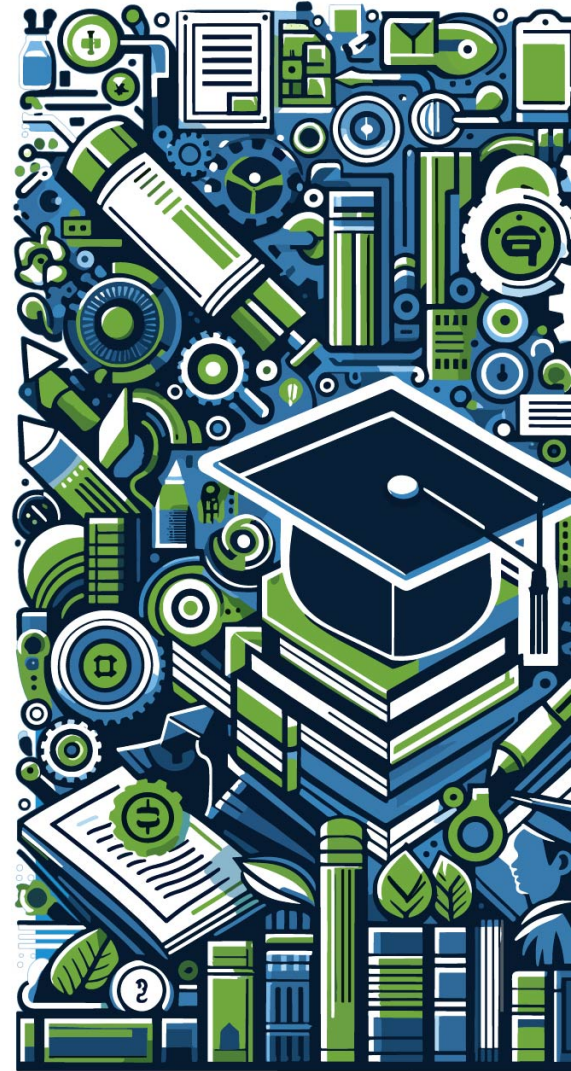
I am going to share three reflections I've had the privilege of learning.

At a recent City of Burbank reception honoring volunteer members of the various City Boards and Commissions, scholarships came up in a group discussion. A city employee shared that when he was a high school senior in Glendale, two businessmen invited him and another senior to dinner and presented each with a scholarship check for \$500. He shared how wonderful it was to add that to his bank account and know he had money to begin his college career with, especially knowing that he was going to need loans to provide for most of his education.

A second story is from a Grand Niece who was fortunate enough to have most college expenses paid through a scholarship via the relatives' 529 Account for her. The day of college graduation, she really expressed her gratitude. She had only realized, in that week, how fortunate she was when talking with classmates who shared concerns about repaying their huge loans. She was embarrassed to share with them that she had none to repay.

A third story comes from learning that two recipients of a CFV maintained scholarship were boyfriend and girlfriend. Just this past spring, they both graduated with honors and were still together. To the delight of the donors, the awardees sent a "Thank you video" expressing gratitude for their scholarships.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to know a few more of the reflections of the scholarship awardees? If you are a recipient reading this, perhaps you will also share.



“Thank you so much for the generous scholarship... I am expecting college to be as fun as it is challenging and this scholarship will help me to get my foot in the door.”

– Dellinger Scholarship Recipient

“There are not enough words to express my gratitude. I am honored to be able to represent the Latino's in our community through my future success thanks to you.”

– Glendale Latino Association Scholarship Recipient

RECOGNIZING OUR SCHOLARS & REVIEW COMMITTEES

We are very pleased to share that we were able to issue 89 awards totaling \$175,000. 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, Yale University, Loyola Marymount University, Tulane University, and many more.

We would also like to thank our scholarship sponsor Adel Luzuriaga and her fund, the Adel-NextBlock.com Endowment Fund, for their generous gift. This allowed us to send our new scholarship awardees a copy of the book "The Power of Your Subconscious Mind." We hope they enjoyed reading it and gained some insight into themselves.

A special thank you is extended to all the members of our review committees who took time out of their busy schedules to read the applications from all of our amazing students. We couldn't do this work without their help and support.

We encourage our scholars to keep in touch with the Foundation. We love to hear how your studies are going!

REVIEWERS

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2023 STUDENT AWARDS

AWARDS FOR GCC STUDENTS

Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship
Maya Glenn

Reinhart Family Scholarship
Yesenia Alejandra Cortes

Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship
Tian Dai

Youngquist Nursing Scholarship
Inioluwa Junaid
Ani Margaryan

CAREER-FOCUSED AWARDS

Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship
Anooshik Tahmasian

The Emilie Cacho Memorial Scholarship
Angelina Kaityn Clavijo
Lindsay N. Ramos

John and Elsie Krikorian Journalism Scholarship
Kristina Kugaevskaya
Emily Mardirousi
Siena Gabriela Urquiza

ACADEMIC-FOCUSED AWARDS

Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship
Katelyn J Hung
Jessica Kim
Mia Jade Kronson
Daylen Larsen
Kai Anton Larsen
Julia Linney

Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship
Kristina Kugaevskaya

Glendale Latino Association Scholarship
Camila Amanda Acosta
Shirley Argueta

Glendale Latino Association Scholarship cont'd:

Juliana Atikian Aviles
Itzel Soledad Cano
Oliver Carlton
Angelina Kaityn Clavijo
Yesenia Alejandra Cortes
Adrian Diaz-Infante
Trinity Elizabeth Garcia Ramirez
Adrian Grigorian
Jimena Ibarra
Vanessa Lopez
Arlette Lopez-Torres
Milan Sidoni Nadjarians
Faith Osborne
Christian Ovilla
Lindsay N Ramos
Aurora Gabrielle Reedy-Solano
Kaityn Rodriguez-Marquez
Miles Edwin Vallejo
Gloria Vignali

AWARDS FROM THE HEART

Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship
Ashlyn Burton
Trinity Elizabeth Garcia Ramirez

First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship

Lilia Hacoupian
Daylen Larsen
Kai Anton Larsen
Siena Gabriela Urquiza
Jonah Adam Yi

Renewals
Celine Avedian
Andrew Bielek
Kimberly Blood
Lauren Gang
Leo Issaghouljian
Steven Lee
Diego Molina
Whitney Noh
Zachary Roh
Leif-Ansell Shomali

Gonzales-Harris Bilingual Scholarship

Camila Amanda Acosta
Juliana Atikian Aviles
Christopher Jun Huh
Isabella Ruby Nofte
Siena Gabriela Urquiza

Renewals

Cole Barrios
Alejandro Concepcion
Isabella Garcia
Nicole Herrera
Ricardo Huerta
Dylan Mahoney
Joshua Martinez
Elise Sanchez
Nicholas Simonian
Samantha Villaseñor

Sambar Scholarship Endowment

Eliana Chong
Lilia Hacoupian
Winnie Ann Alviar Masaoy
Jeseung Park
Gabriel L Venezia

The Dellinger Scholarship

Isabel Nargizian
Yogini Vazirani
Sungjoo Yoon

The Oakmont Country Club Employee Education Scholarship

Jack Bradley
Austin Dong
Justin Dong
Devon Fernandez
Trevor Hall
Melina Luna
Alondra Pineda
Christopher Ramponi
Kaylin Schroeder
Conner Steele

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE A COMMUNITY AFFAIR

The Community Foundation of the Verdugos (CFV) is ever thankful to be able to issue scholarships on behalf of donors to help further the education of others. However, the CFV continues to see more need from more students than we have awards available. To help keep our awards a community endeavor, here are some key areas we need help with:

DONATE to any of the scholarship funds managed by the CFV. This helps to grow the funds, enabling more students to benefit.

CREATE A FUND

There is need for awards benefiting students going in to a Master's Program. **Would you like to be among the first to establish a scholarship fund for graduate students?** Let us tell you how you can get started!

CAREER & TECHNICAL AWARDS

Trending now are trade-related studies that range from dental hygienist or LVN nursing programs to veterinarian tech., culinary arts, and auto mechanics to name just a few. Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs are at most of the high schools in the Verdugo Region and graduating high school students who have taken part in these programs can benefit from awards as they pursue their career paths. Supporting the CFV's Fritzsche Scholarship Fund with a donation, or establishing your own fund to benefit students following a CTE path, is a timely, and impactful, way to help. Many of these "vocational" studies can be completed in two or three years, enabling a student to have a job skill that can be readily applied in today's market.

If you desire more information, want to discuss scholarship funds, or wish to make a donation, please reach out to Edna Karinski, CEO, at edna@cfverdugos.org. Thank you for helping students attain their educational dreams!

CFV SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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2021-2023 CHAIR

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Michael Seaton

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES

The Community Foundation of the Verdugos' scholarship application deadline for Academic Year 2024-25 is Monday, March 4, 2024.

Check the Foundation's website at www.cfverdugos.org after December 1, 2023 to apply online for scholarship awards.