SCHOLARSHIP CORNER

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SCHOLARSHIP SEASON 2023-2024

A LETTER FROM THE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR

By Judith Dellinger

As Scholarship Chair, I welcome you to read this newsletter and learn about the Community Foundation of the Verdugos involvement in scholarships available to high school students of this area. There is quite a variety of scholarships for which students may apply. Sometimes they apply for multiple ones with the same general format and only complete a few extra items to satisfy each application.

Many volunteer hours are donated to make the scholarship awards happen. Thanks to those who helped student applicants by writing letters of recommendation; parents and counselors who guided along the way; reviewers reading all the applications; CFV scholarship committee members who participated in the ZOOM interviews to satisfy the qualifications of one scholarship; presenters at several of the high schools' awards ceremonies; and to the CFV Director, Edna, and the Controller, Julie for gathering and coordinating all of the information needed. Countless hours are involved for this project.

The wonderful news is that of the 149 applications reviewed, 55 new awards were approved in the amount of $82,700! Each awardee also received a copy of the book, "What color is Your Parachute?" provided by a generous CFV board member, Adel Luzuriaga.

Four of this year's reviewers were former scholarship winners. Two of them have written their thoughts about this process. Perhaps after reading their thoughts, you will decide to volunteer your time to participate in the process for next year. If so contact the CFV office.

Thank you for your interest in scholarships. Is there a chance that you would even consider providing the funds to set up another one to assist more students? Any questions may be directed to the CFV office.

> "Thank you for helping to finance my dream of a four year college."
>
> Glendale Latino Association Scholarship recipient

> "I am so honored!! Thank you so much for this opportunity."
>
> Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship recipient

> "Congratulations to all of the students. Thanks to all of the donors and Community Foundation for recognizing so many students."
>
> CVHS Counselor

THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHANGE

> "Your generosity has lightened my financial load, allowing me to concentrate on my academic pursuits. I am commited to making the most out of this opportunity to achieve my goal."
>
> Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship recipient

By Spencer Carr

Every year the generous Dellinger Family provides one or more students the opportunity to receive a scholarship to assuage the financial cost of college. The scholarship was conceived after Mrs. Dellinger invited her last elementary school class of 1st and 2nd graders over to her house after they graduated from high school. She surprised all of them with $2,000 to put towards their post high school education.

The students wanted to show their appreciation and pay it forward. One of the student's, Alexa, and her mother Stacy, organized a meeting with other recipients in the class, and along with their parents, organized a scholarship committee. They also initiated fundraisers that would keep the tradition going for generations to come.

The review process begins with individual scholarship committee members reading over each student's application, and providing a private personal review of the application. In order to mitigate bias, the readers have no knowledge of the student's name, gender or ethnicity during the first read.

Because the primary focus of the application is community service, the student's contributions to the community and their response to the essay prompt are heavily weighted.

After each anonymous application has been scored the scholarship committee meets and narrows down the applicants. The committee then re-reads the applications, and afterwards meets to award the scholarship to the applicant or applicants that they feel represents the "Dellinger Spirit" of helping and supporting others in the community.

During my time on the Dellinger Scholarship Committee, I have had the pleasure of reviewing the future generation of students who want to give back to their communities. I have to say I am amazed at the caliber of the kids who submit their applications for consideration of this scholarship.

I personally attended a four year university and have been working as a software engineer for a little over four years, and it feels like these kids have achieved more than I have! They are academic juggernauts who have taken the time to give hundreds of hours back to their communities while participating in extracurricular activities, attending junior colleges to get ahead, creating and participating in clubs, all while maintaining a GPA higher than Kobe Bryant's assist per game.

Mr. and Mrs. Dellinger's kindness and generosity has inspired me. I feel like in some small way I am giving back to the community by being a part of this committee, that is helping students pay for the resources they need to go out into their communities and be the next generation of change.

> "We appreciate your continued support of our students and thank you so much!"
>
> La Canada High School counselor

CELEBRATING GIVING BACK

By Madison Heath

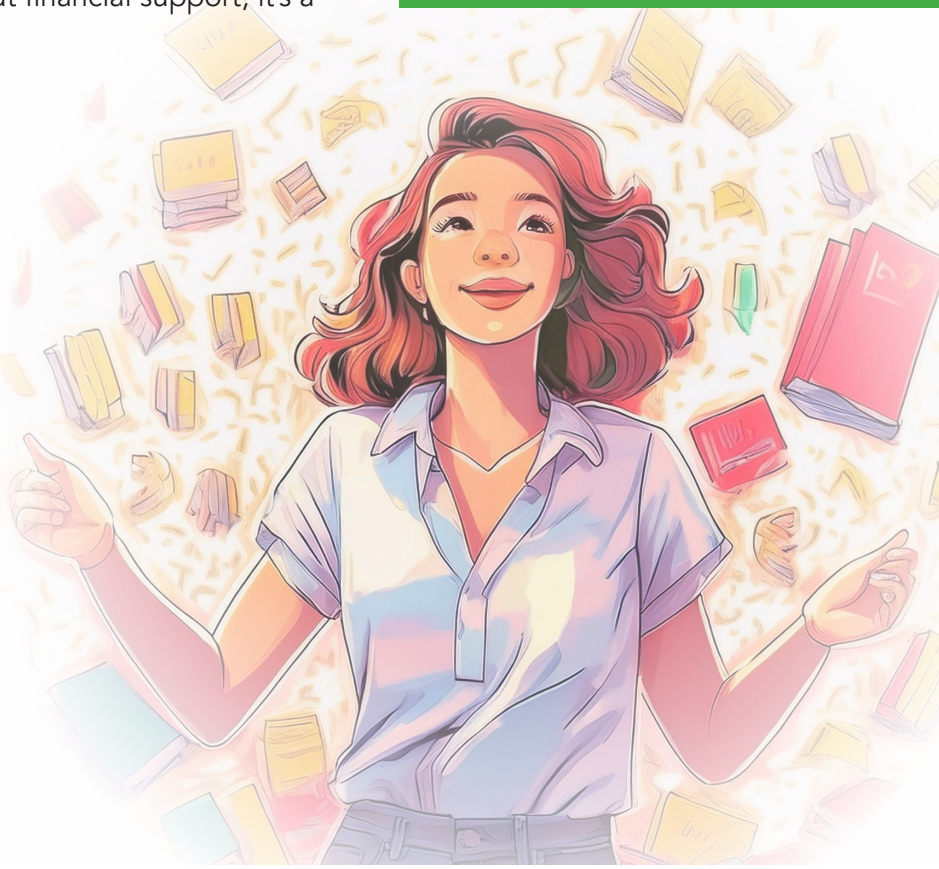
As one of the original Dellinger Scholarship recipients and now a member of the scholarship reviewing committee, I am thrilled to share my thoughts on this incredible process. It's been such a rewarding experience to witness the dedication and passion of the applicants and to play a small part in helping them achieve their educational goals.

Being a former student of Mrs. Dellinger and now a special education teacher, I can't help but feel a sense of joy and pride at seeing the incredible accomplishments of these students. Reviewing the applications has given me a deeper appreciation for the potential and determination of the next generation. Reading about each applicant's incredible academic and extracurricular accomplishments has been humbling and inspiring.

Many of these students have excelled academically and have completed countless hours of community service while demonstrating a genuine spirit of helping others. It reflects the values of inclusivity and community that I strive to instill in my own classroom and the community at large. The Dellinger Scholarship isn't just about financial support; it's a celebration of kindness, generosity, and the spirit of giving back. As Mrs. Dellinger's legacy continues to inspire and uplift, I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the scholarship committee and help move these students closer to their exceptional educational goals. I am honored to be a part of this process and look forward to seeing the next generation of leaders emerge from our community.

> "Bravo Team; How rewarding to recognize excelling students that shape our future."
>
> Member of the review committees

> "I would just like to say how grateful I am to have been given the opportunity to be one of your scholarship recipients. Your generosity is extremely appreciated."
>
> Sambar Scholarship Endowment recipient



RECOGNIZING OUR SCHOLARS & REVIEW COMMITTEEES

We are very pleased to share that in 2024 we were able to issue 94 awards totaling $212,600. This includes both new awards and renewals. Our recipients are attending a variety of colleges and universities across the country including UCLA, CSUN, University of Southern California, Boston College, Cornell 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 "What Color is Your Parachute?" 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!

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2024 STUDENT AWARDS

AWARDS FOR GCC STUDENTS

Chuck Benedict Memorial Scholarship
Brittany Klintworth

Reinhart Family Scholarship
Hannah Reantaso

Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship
Anthony Babayan

Youngquist Nursing Scholarship
Adelina Bandarian
Devon Fitzgerald

CAREER-FOCUSED AWARDS

Dr. John and Mae Benjamin Scholarship
Tara Arouchian

The Emilie Cacho Memorial Scholarship
Natalie Heraclio

John and Elsie Krikorian Journalism Scholarship
Rena Jeoung
Nicole Nargizian

ACADEMIC-FOCUSED AWARDS

Christopher A. Burrows Memorial Scholarship
William Boyd
Kadyn Day
Choyoung Kim
Chowon Kim

Frank & Ann Leone Scholarship
Diya Singh

Glendale Latino Association Scholarship
Jayden Alday
Madison Bojorquez
Isabel Casem
Nathan Castillo
Cameron Cheney
Elizabeth Corrigan
Lauren Cruz
Natalie Heraclio
Paula Hirano
Alberto Huerta
Javier Irigoyen
Daniella Irwin
Matthew Kubela
Sophia Lavanchy
Eliana Mesa
Valentina Monzon
Lukas Newman
Gabriela Perez
Josias Perez
Judith Perez
Isabella Torres
Julia Villalovos
Kaylee Yoxsimer

AWARDS FROM THE HEART

Tuesday Afternoon Club Scholarship
Andre Ambarchyan
Nicolas Donoghue
John Nguyen

First Christian Church of Glendale Scholarship
Celine Avedian
Lorenz Bayug
Matthew Kubela
Valentina Monzon
Renewals
Celine Avedian
Andrew Bielek
Kimberly Blood
Lilia Hacoupian
Leo Issaghoulian
Daylen Larsen
Kai Anton Larsen
Whitney Noh
Zachary Roh
Leif-Ansell Shomali
Siena Gabriela Urquiza
Jonah Adam Yi

Gonzales-Harris Bilingual Scholarship
Madeline Fernandez
Eliana Mesa
Josias Perez
Renewals
Camila Amanda Acosta
Juliana Atikian Aviles
Alejandro Concepcion
Isabella Garcia
Christopher Jun Huh
Joshua Martinez
Isabella Ruby Nolte
Elise Sanchez
Nicholas Simonian
Siena Gabriela Urquiza
Samantha Villasenor

Sambar Scholarship Endowment
Madison Bojorquez
Elizabeth Corrigan
Bhavneet Mudhar
Hannah Ng
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The Dellinger Scholarship Fund
Amanda French
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Vielka Lopez
Josephine Perkins
Amanda Petersen
Alondra Pineda
Alejandra Pineda
Kaylin Schroeder
Conner Steele
Michelle Vargas

SCHOLARSHIPS BRING HAPPINESS!

The Community Foundation of the Verdugos (CFV) is always thankful to be able to issue scholarships on behalf of donors wishing to further the education of others. Many scholarship donors support such awards because of what they, as students years ago, felt and experienced upon receiving an award for their studies. "Paying it forward" is a common fuel behind the energy of scholarship funds! However, the CFV continues to see more need from more students than we have awards available to give out. To help keep scholarships a community endeavor, here are some areas we need help with:

DONATE

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 create a Fund!

CAREER & TECHNICAL AWARDS

Trending now are trade-related studies ranging 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 students who have taken part in these programs can benefit from awards to pursue their career paths. Supporting the CFV's Fritsche 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, arming a student with a skill that is readily applied in today's job market.

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If you would like more information on starting a fund, or wish to donate, please reach out to Edna Karinski, CEO, at edna@cfverdugos.org. Thank you for helping students attain their educational dreams!

2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DATES

The Community Foundation of the Verdugos' scholarship application deadline for Academic Year 2025-26 is Monday, March 3, 2025. Check the Foundation's website at www.cfverdugos.org after December 1, 2024 to apply online for scholarship awards.