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THE 30TH ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP
Awards Ceremony
2024



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Celebrate deserving students whose dreams
of a better future become closer
through scholarships



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Welcome to a very special occasion...our 30th Annual Miramar College Foundation Scholarship Program.

Many faculty, staff, industry partners and friends, through their generosity, have helped us open the doors to a world of opportunities for San Diego Miramar College students. This afternoon, we're celebrating deserving students who will benefit from scholarships sponsored by awards from several Foundations, organizations, individuals and external agencies. Congratulations to all recipients!

The Scholarship Awards Ceremony is one of the major events of the Miramar College Foundation. College, community and industry representatives have dedicated time, talent and resources throughout the year to ensure deserving students will be selected and awarded with various scholarships. On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, we would like to personally extend our most sincere appreciation to each of them for their extraordinary support.

As well, we would like to thank all the generous and caring donors who make this event possible. This afternoon's donors and Scholarship sponsors represent a commitment to the educational success of San Diego Miramar College students.

Enjoy this day of celebration!

Wes Lundburg

Dr. Wesley Lundburg, President
San Diego Miramar College

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Yang".

Sarah Yang, President
Miramar College Foundation

Program

AGENDA

1:30pm.....Check-in

2:30pm.....Scholarship Awards

Welcome Remarks

Steve Quis, Emcee

PIO, San Diego Miramar College

Dr. Judy Patacsil, Land Acknowledgement

Faculty Equity Coordinator, San Diego Miramar College

Dr. Wesley Lundburg

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Gregory A. Smith

Chancellor, San Diego Community College District

Donor Recognitions

Big Check Presentation

Student Testimonials

Awards

4:30pm.....Refreshments

Thanks to all Donors & Scholarship Sponsors

Thank You for sharing this day of student celebration with us!

Scholarships

ACADEMIC SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

The Academic Senate Scholarship is made possible by the faculty of San Diego Miramar College. To assist students, the Senate established this scholarship awarded each year.

Challenges

Evelyn Balbuena

Community Service Goals

Zachary Joseph

Ultimate Goal

Aylin Din Parast Saleh

AFT LARRY SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty members of American Federations of Teachers of the San Diego Community College District to honor the memory and contributions to education and the union to Larry Schwartz (1932-1995): history professor, labor organizer, a founder and long-time president of the AFT and political activist. It is awarded to members, former members, or children of members of a union who are pursuing their education.

Laura Sweeney

ANNETTE BENING PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Promise is an initiative that provides tuition-free education and other support for deserving students. The Annette Bening Promise Scholarship is named for an alumna of Mesa College who has had a successful career in film and theatre, and who supports the education of students at all campuses of the San Diego Community College District. This scholarship is awarded to a continuing student who has made a full-time commitment to his/her studies, excels academically, and is dedicated to service.

Victoria Miller

ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Miramar College Associated Student Government established this award to recognize club members who have made significant contributions to the college and/or surrounding community.

Academic Hurdle

Aiden Factor

Building a Home

Namod Pallek

Building Diversity

Akili Ploudre

Coalition

Danna Aguilar

Role Model

Kristina Lombard

Working Student

Akili Ploudre

BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Thanks to the generosity of The Bernard Osher Foundation and matching funds from other agencies, the following students received a Bernard Osher Scholarship this year as part of the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment. Mr. Osher's vision is to invest in community college students to "not only benefit the community college students of today but countless more for years to come."

Arianna Bonesteel

Michael Cate

Zainab Cinar

Somaya Fazel

Suman Haider

Justin Kim

Fatima Koteiche

Sarah Le

Jorrel Lincod

Juliette Markowitz

Kimberly Montes

Shima Nekoui

Elah Peralta

Dan Tran

Melanie Williams

James Ye

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by The Board of Directors of the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Charitable Foundation. The Christensen Foundation wish to provide funding for students in career/technical education programs. This scholarship supports students who have vocational and workforce goals and who can benefit from support that will enable them to pursue job opportunities in the San Diego Region.

Tameron Davis — Automotive

Justin Gafford — Aviation

Daniel Guillems - Fire Academy

John Ingraham - Fire Academy

Jamison Nash - Fire Academy

Lorena Penaloza — Diesel

Manuel Santiago - Fire Academy

Tannen Soojian - Fire Academy

James Villanueva — Automotive

Cody Williams — Aviation

CAL COAST CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

California Coast Credit Union has been serving the educational community for over 90 years, including the San Diego Community College District. Through their generosity, four high achieving students at Miramar College are awarded this scholarship each year.

Spring 2024

Danna Aguilar

Haley Kosman

Victoria Miller

Fall 2024

Rio Dulucia

Claudio Nevells

Anna Rigby

Scholarships

CATERPILLAR/HAWTHORNE SCHOLARSHIP

Ten students have been awarded scholarships from the Caterpillar Dealer Excellence Fund. This fund is comprised of equal donations from the Hawthorne Machinery Company (the local Caterpillar dealer) and Caterpillar Foundation.

Rene Arroyo

Joshua Barrett

Alex Fierro Davila

Royce Gent

Chance Goodman

Santiago Gutierrez Martinez

Ahmadullah Mahmoodi

Anna Rigby

Adrian Rodriguez

Robby Sasser

CHANCELLOR'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of the San Diego Community College District Chancellor, Gregory A. Smith, this scholarship recognizes a student for academic excellence and leadership.

Fall 2024

James Ye

CHARLES W. PATRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of the first Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. Charles W. Patrick was a great leader who helped build the District, one building at a time. His efforts enabled the District to best serve the community's educational needs.

Anastasia Egoudine

James Nguyen

DANIEL SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was made possible by the Schmidt family in honor of their son, Daniel.

Jose Baez

Aylin Din Parast Saleh

Ayla Pirondan

Joao Reverdes

ERICA SELENE CORTEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Erica's happy pursuit of her Automotive Technology certificate. It is funded by the Mann/Cortez family to help deserving students in the Automotive Technology program pursue their career.

James Villanueva

FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Filipino Americans represent one of the largest Asian American ethnic groups in San Diego. Miramar College now offers a Certificate of Performance in Filipino Studies and a study abroad course in the Philippines is planned for the future. A scholarship is awarded to a student who demonstrates strong leadership experience and passion in promoting Filipino American cultural awareness.

Ian Gabriel Eusebio

GAYE DINGEMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was made possible by the contributions of Robert E. Dingeman and Gaye M. Dingeman Trust.

Manuel Santiago

HONORS SCHOLARSHIP

The generosity of the San Diego Miramar College President has made this scholarship possible. Scholarship winners are from both the Honors Program and Phi Theta Kappa for 2023- 2024.

Tyler Benoit

Matthew Bozoukov

Lulama Gamuchirai Matiringe

Michelle Milan

William Aidan Nocon

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE F. DOWD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is dedicated to George F. Dowd, who retired from the Navy having served in the U.S. Army during World War II (1942-1950) in the European front including Normandy, France. He was honorably discharged from the Army in order to enlist into the U.S. Navy, where he served until his discharge (honorable) from the Navy in 1970. While in the Navy he was an Aviation Machinist serving in the Pacific until his retirement in 1970 in San Diego. This contribution is made possible by Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd.

Alexis Olan Cartagena

JULIANNE EISER PARALEGAL SCHOLARSHIP

Through the contributions from the Eiser family, this scholarship is awarded each year to students pursuing a career in the paralegal profession.

Erika Motta

Fernando Lopez Saldana

Scholarships

LGBTQ+ STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a Miramar student in the LGBTQ+ community. It is sponsored by Miramar College's LGBTQ+ Alliance, a cross-campus organization of faculty, classified professionals, administrators, and students.

Claudio Nevells

MCKEE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Made possible by contributions from the McKee family, this scholarship is for a deserving foster youth student who displays time and talents by volunteering and helping others.

Haley Kosman

MIRAMAR BUSINESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Awarded for academic excellence in the study of business and demonstrating a personal commitment to community service. This scholarship is made possible Professor David Wilhelm.

Elham Abbasi

MIRAMAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION— FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Miramar College Foundation has established scholarships for deserving students graduating from area high schools who intend to enroll at San Diego Miramar College in the fall. These scholarships are funded by donations from faculty, staff and administrators, as well as business and community members.

Canyon Hills High

Yaretzi Castaneda

Oscar Gonzalez-Gandara

Rosemary Monk

Mira Mesa High

Antonio "Samuel" Fortaleza

Andy Ordonez

Geovanni Paulsen

Scripps Ranch High

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Rafaela Kamenova

Faith Ligeralde

Zora Murry

University City High

Sally Alskaf

Dhan Mikheal Magpali

Brihatna Moreno Warner

MIRAMAR MANAGERS SCHOLARSHIP

Managers at Miramar College and the SDCCD have pledged funds to create this scholarship for one student who demonstrates commitment to academic success and to the betterment of their school/community.

Tyler Frieze

Mamiejo Majors

Yahir Salas

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIGENOUS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is made possible by Beta Iota Lambda, the Miramar College chapter of Phi Theta Kapa International Honor Society. It provides financial support to a Native American Indigenous student enrolled at San Diego Miramar College.

Ryan Paul

PEGGY GRAY SPANNINGA TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

Peggy Gray Transfer Scholarship is a contribution from the Spanninga Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation. The scholarship is intended for financially needy students who have demonstrated they want to help themselves by working while attending college. Eligible students must be transferring to a California public four-year institution and demonstrate financial need.

Jose Baez

Lorenzo Berona

Aylin Din Parast Saleh

Aiden Factor

Sydney Hang

Sepideh Khoshabi

Fernando Lopez Saldana

Syrine Mekni

Anh Huy Nguyen

Namod Pallek

Ayla Pirodan

Hovik Sinanyan

Kevin Yang

PHI THETA KAPPA PRESIDENT'S FEE WAIVER

This scholarship recognizes academic excellence and commitment to community service in 2023-2024.

Keilana Ascura

Aisha Cinar

Hailey Hua

Ilene Jahanpour

Hieu Vu Kim Le

Namod Pallek

Vance Peck

Martin Rudolph

Jose Tejada

Beckham Yeoh

Scholarships

POWAY VETERANS ORGANIZATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Poway Veterans Organization is a group of veterans that are committed to providing various types of assistance to veterans and their families that reside in Poway, Ramona, and surrounding areas. This scholarship will provide financial assistance to military veteran students attending San Diego Miramar College.

John Philip De Castro | **Julia Radewahn**

PRESIDENT'S AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of the San Diego Miramar College President, this scholarship assists students with financial need who demonstrates a strong commitment to achieving academic excellence with the assistance of student support services at San Diego Miramar College.

Lorenzo Berona | **Peter Ekong**

RETURN TO LEARN

This scholarship is made possible by San Diego Miramar President, Dr. Wesley Lundburg. President Lundburg's family wanted to create a scholarship to empower those who have overcome personal obstacles in their lives and yet are still able to stay focused in school. These funds welcome all individuals who are continuing with their life goals and are pursuing an education to assist them in developing skills to increase their future work opportunities to better support their families, despite the challenges that have endured.

Fall 2024

Juan Cubano
Kenneth Truong

RICHARD AND ELOISE JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP

Richard Johnston was a trustee of the San Diego Community College District from its inception in December 1973 through December 1998.

Milana Sims

SAM S. SHOOSHTARY CLASSIFIED SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

These scholarships are made possible by the classified professionals of San Diego Miramar College. Thesen scholarship honors the life and service of our colleague, Sam S. Shooshtary, who was committed to serving students and aiding in their success.

Employee

Evan Smith

Students

Mili Gajera | **Jasmin Martinez**

SAN DIEGO FIREFIGHTERS EMERALD SOCIETY/SGT/FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN DUNLAP USMC MEMORIAL

The Sergeant/Firefighter Brian Dunlap Scholarship is made possible through donations from the San Diego Firefighters Emerald Society. Brian was one of the founding members. This is to help Fire Technology students to assist in the expenses for their education. The scholarship honors the service of Brian Dunlap, a U.S. Federal Firefighter assigned to Camp Pendleton and a Reserve USMC Sergeant who made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Fall 2023

Peter Davis
Noah Fontes
Kobe Schmidt
Tannen Soojian

Spring 2024

Donald Blough
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SDCCD MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Community College District Management Association's main objectives and purposes are to advance the cost of education and to establish a mutually beneficial relationship for its members. Members of this association include present and retired managers of the District. The SDCCD Management Association contributes the funds for this scholarship in order to enable students to continue their education.

Hasti Hassanshahi

SDG&E SAFE SD INITIATIVE

Fire Technology Scholarship

Made possible by the SDG&E SAFE San Diego Initiative. This scholarship is funded for Miramar College Fire Technology students to use to cover expenses for the Firefighter I Exam provided in the FIPT 381G course and S0tate Fire Training Fees for Certifications earned in the Fire Academy.

Fall 2023

Mark Alvarez
John Brown
Christian Conci
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Angel Gonzalez

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SDG&E VETS-2-JETS SCHOLARSHIP

Funded with generous donations from San Diego Gas & Electric, the San Diego Miramar College Vets-2-Jets project provides a supportive service to Veteran students with service-connected disabilities. Since its inception in 2013, SDG&E has contributed more than \$102,500 in support to the San Diego Miramar College Jets-2-Vets project.

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SHARRON BIDWELL-WARREN WOMEN IN SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is made possible through the donation of the Warren and Mojica families in loving memory of Sharron Bidwell-Warren. It is intended to support deserving female students at San Diego Miramar College, pursuing a degree in the field of Natural Science.

Aylin Din Parast Saleh | **Victoria Miller**

SI SE PUEDE, LA FAMILIA MENCHACA SCHOLARSHIP

La Familia Menchaca - Si Se Puede scholarship was provided by Dr. Sabrina Menchaca and her family have supported this scholarship as reminder to those that applied that our Cultural Identity, although at times can be experienced as an adversity in our lives, it can indeed become our strength, "Si Se Puede!"

Emelyn Balbuena | **Helen Hernandez**

THE CAVA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

As a former Miramar College graduate, Miramar College employee, Lily Cava, makes this scholarship possible to recognize students who have experienced obstacles as the first member of their family to pursue a college education. This scholarship is to recognize students who are determined to accomplish their college education and have an alternative plan if they are unsuccessful.

Emily Arnold | **Syrine Mekni**

THE CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SCOTT ALLAN YOUNG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of our dear friend Scott Young, who believed that furthering an education was an important step in one's journey. This scholarship was made possible by a group of his closest friends who wanted to make an impact on someone's future and at the same time honor their friend who deeply loved his family, friends and country. A special thanks to Bobby Paschall for a very generous donation.

Rio Delucia | **Anna Rigby**

THE JOE LIM AND QUON SHEE WONG SCHOLARSHIP

Fire Technology

Edward G. Wong establishes this scholarship in the names of Joe Lim and Quon Shee Wong because of his desire to help persons attain a college education with a financial boost and in gratitude for their long and supporting friendship.

Kendra Espinoza-Guerrero | **Tannen Soojian**

TOM MECCIA (AS IN NICE TO HAVE MET CHA) MIRAMAR COLLEGE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered in the memory of library staff member, Tom Meccia (as in nice to have Met Cha!). Tom cared deeply for his fellow staff members and the students he served. This scholarship is intended to support San Diego Miramar College students to further their academic adventures.

Samdrea Hsu

Scholarships

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The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a channel for financial and other contributions to directly benefit Miramar College students. The Foundation Board of Directors pursues

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Miramar College assembled a Land Acknowledgement Task Force in August. That group released the following campus Land Acknowledgement statement on Nov. 4, 2022:

“We recognize that San Diego Miramar College sits on the ancestral homeland of the Kumeyaay people who have lived in this area for over 10,000 years and honor the past, present, and future stewardship of this land by Kumeyaay peoples. We acknowledge our occupation of unratified treaty territory and the systemic injustices that occupation of this land has perpetuated for Native peoples of this region. We pay respect to the Indigenous people of San Diego County - past, present, and future - and their continuing presence in their homeland and throughout their historical diaspora.

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