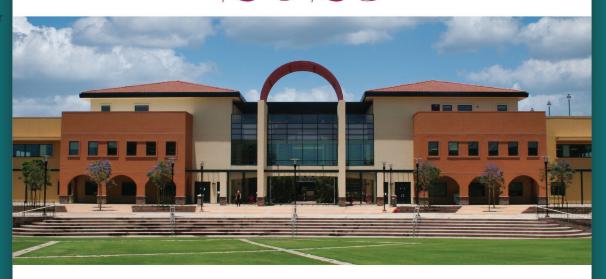
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# Monday, April 28, 2025

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



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Welcome to a very special occasion...our 31st 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 our volunteers 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 and future successes of San Diego Miramar College students.

**Enjoy this day of celebration!** 

Dr. Wesley Lundburg, President San Diego Miramar College René McKee, President Miramar College Foundation



### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS CELEBRATION

Monday, April 28, 2025 | 2:30 - 4:30pm

2:00pm......Check-in

2:30pm......Scholarship Awards Ceremony

#### **Opening Remarks**

Steve Quis, Master of Ceremonies, Public Information Officer San Diego Miramar College

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

Dr. Judy Patacsil, Faculty Equity Coordinator San Diego Miramar College

#### **College Welcome**

Adrian Gonzales, Vice President of Student Services San Diego Miramar College

#### **District Message**

Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, Board of Trustees San Diego Community College District

#### **Chancellor's Address**

Gregory A. Smith, Chancellor San Diego Community College District

#### **Foundation Greeting**

René McKee, President Miramar College Foundation

#### **Student Reflections**

Lance Bidinger and Bridget Cunningham San Diego Miramar College

#### **Presentation of Scholarships**

#### In Tribute to Lonnie Pham

Honoring the life and legacy of Lonnie Pham, a dedicated member of the Miramar College community since 1999

4:30pm...... Refreshments and Prize Drawing For Recipients

# 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 Yovanni Fabian Bernardino Gema Hernandez Ultimate Goal Danna Aguilar Daniel Wicker

Community Service Goals Ehsanullah Fazel Anchal Verma

# 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.

Carina Dumitrascu Ruth Duran Xtopher Ruiz Angela Vorise Danika Young

#### **ALLIES FOR QUEERS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Ally for Queers Scholarship supports Miramar College Queer-Ally students towards achieving their academic, career, and personal goals. This scholarship recognizes and supports individuals who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to advocating for and uplifting the LGBTQ+ community. Applicants must demonstrate a clear passion for promoting equality, understanding, and positive change, with a focus on fostering solidarity and respect for LGBTQ+ identities. This scholarship aims to encourage continued efforts to bridge gaps, amplify queer voices, and create a more inclusive and supportive society for all.

Taha Hilal Phu Pham Cao Minh Tri Tran

#### 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.

Frank Tellez

#### ASG LIFE AND WELLNESS SCHOLARSHIP

The Associated Student Government (ASG) of San Diego Miramar College established these scholarships to acknowledge and celebrate the remarkable achievements of students who have made significant and positive contributions to both the college and the local community.

Transfer-Based Scholarship Merit-Based Scholarship
John Paul Benedict Antonio Rayyan Ahmed

# 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."

Julietta Sashienka Aguilar Avalon Collette Berian Jody Lee Blume Luz Esperanza Calvillo Samuel Vladimir Dergunov Lilia Kozik

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Kevin Andres Robles
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#### 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 2025Fall 2025Sebastian BuriticaDaniel HerreraBridget CunninghamCody Williams



# 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.

Javier Arce Alexander Koermer
Jarrod Bice Emanuel Ortega
Da Shaun Buckner Nick Pope
Casey Duty Gavin Ravalli
Jesus Fraga Edgar Reyes
Christian Fuentes Jose Rosas
Emanuel Green Shaedren Werner

#### 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 plans.

Danna Aguilar Razi Elhusseini

#### 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.

**Dalton Norvell** 

# 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.

Vladyslav Fedoryshyn David Smith

# DANIEL SCHMIDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, established by the Schmidt Family to honor the memory of Daniel M. Schmidt, will be awarded to three students who embody Daniel's legacy of service. Giving back was important to Daniel, who spent his free time volunteering with the San Diego Jewish Family Service's food bank and at UC San Diego Medical Center. Recipients will be selected based on their community service commitment to date and/or their plans to give back upon graduation.

Yingying Chen Yahir Salas Merino

Trisha Holloway

# 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.

Camila Perez

#### **GAYE DINGEMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

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

Collin Gazdziak

#### **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 2024–2025.

John Paul Benedict Antonio Razi El Husseini Malana Enclade David Smith Deeanna George

# IN MEMORY OF GEORGE F. DOWD SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors George F. Dowd, a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army (1942-1950) in Europe, including Normandy, France before enlisting in the U.S. Navy, where he served as an Aviation Machinist in the Pacific until his retirement in 1970. The scholarship is made possible by Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd, retired Executive Vice Chancellor for Business and Technology Services at the SDCCD.

**Charles Hammerling** 

# Scholarships

#### LOLENI TALO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Loleni Talo Memorial Scholarship honors the dedication and service of Loleni Talo, who served with distinction in the United States Navy for 24 years, retiring as a Senior Chief. Throughout his career, Senior Chief Talo exemplified leadership, discipline, and commitment to excellence. This scholarship seeks to support individuals who embody the same values of perseverance, integrity, and service, and who are dedicated to making a positive impact in their communities and beyond, just as Senior Chief Talo did throughout his life.

**Timothy Williams** 

#### MARCUS SAMUEL MCMORRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship, made possible by Marcus' parents, Claudia Boga and Larry McMorris, is administered by the Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP, honors the memory of Miramar College student and Men's Basketball Player, Marcus Samuel McMorris. Marcus was an All-Pacific Coast Conference starting point guard on the Men's Basketball team for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 seasons. He was a natural leader, whose enthusiasm for basketball and life, knowledge, and attention to detail were infectious. Marcus was an incredible young man who touched the lives of many. He will be remembered as someone who always had a smile on his face and would brighten anyone's day.

**Bol Chuol** 

#### 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.

Lynnda Rader-Villicana

#### 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.

Kristina Nguyen

#### 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 Gabriela Cruz Lauren Savage Ethan Fune

Mira Mesa High Hodan Abdullahi Sheila Rangel Jordyn Walker

Scripps Ranch High Trey Pavlick Jack Payne Jeanie Vu Twain High Jalen Crawford Melanie Felix Montejo Armin Shariff

University City High Artin Khoshnavaz Lloyd Lazaro Taiyo Nakamura

# MIRAMAR COLLEGE FOUNDATION MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship aimed at high-achieving full time students with a 4.0 GPA should reflect the excellent and hard work required to maintain such a grade point average.

John Paul Benedict Antonio Angelina Mikhaiel Razi Elhusseini Alison Uranga-Corrales Kimora Hamilton Mong Vu

#### MIRAMAR LGBTQ+ STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Miramar LGBTQ+ Student Scholarship supports Miramar College 2SLGBTQIA+ students towards achieving their academic, career, and personal goals. This \$1000 scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate advocacy, community development, and a dedication to creating safe spaces both on and off campus. Whether through advocacy, activism, or simply living authentically, recipients of this scholarship embody the spirit of pride and empowerment. The scholarship seeks to provide financial support to help LGBTQ+ students achieve their educational goals and continue making positive impacts in both their personal and professional lives.

Razi ElHusseini Daniel Herrera William Aidan Nocon Michelle Nguyen Cody Williams Mikey Yanam



#### 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.

Danna Aguilar Claudio Nevells

#### PEGGY GRAY SPANNINGA TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Peggy Gray Spanninga Transfer Scholarship is intended to provide financial support for community college students who have gained consistent work experience while attending college and demonstrate a commitment to continuing their education at a four-year university/ college or being admitted/ enrolled into a California Community College bachelorette program.

Lance Bidinge Yiyao Li Sebastian Buritica Michelle Nguyen **Courtney Capps** William Aidan Nocon **Gregory Doss** Giancarlos Sarabia Peter Ekong Rayssa Smoyer Suman Halder Adam Snyder Seyed Kheyrandish **Kenneth Truong** Kristina Kamani **Alison Uranga-Corrales** 

# 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.

Lance Bidinger Louis Heredia

#### 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.

Dinh Co Nathan Obermiller

#### RETURN TO LEARN SCHOLARSHIP

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.

David Barrios-Diaz Zayna Hijazi

# SAM S. SHOOSHTARY CLASSIFIED SENATE SCHOLARSHIP

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

**Destiny Parilla** 

#### 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.

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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.

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The San Diego Community College District Management Association (SDCCDMA) is dedicated to supporting student success and fostering a collaborative environment among its members, who include both current and retired managers of the District. This scholarship is funded by the SDCCD Management Association to help students pursue and continue their educational goals.

**Anchal Verma** 

#### **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 State Fire Training Fees for Certifications earned in the Fire Academy.

Amin Alipour Jesus Garcia Collin Gazdziak Hannah Haag

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#### SDG&E VETS-2-JETS SCHOLARSHIP

The San Diego Miramar College Vets-2- Jets project, supported by the generous contributions of San Diego Gas & Electric, offers essential services to student veterans. Since its establishment in 2013, SDG&E has donated over \$102,500 to further the mission and impact of the Vets-2-Jets initiative at San Diego Miramar College.

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Min Zhu

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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.

Gema Hernandezr

#### 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!"

**Yahir Salas Merino** 

#### 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.

**Phong Tran** 

#### **VASQUEZ-GONZALES FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Made possible by the family of Adrian and Cynthia Gonzales, the Vasquez-Gonzales Family Scholarship recognizes the unique challenges and considerable determination required of students who transfer from the College of Continuing Education to Miramar College, who attend part time due to work and/or family obligations, and who return to school after years away from the classroom. This scholarship seeks to empower students by providing the resources necessary to succeed academically while balancing personal and professional responsibilities.

Rvan Arucan

Suman Halder

#### LONNIE PHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the life and legacy of Lonnie Pham. A dedicated member of the Miramar College team, Lonnie served the students of the college since 1999. Her passion for helping students was evident in everything she did, making a lasting impact on countless students.

Sandra Lee



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The Miramar College Foundation collaborates with San Diego Miramar College to empower students to overcome barriers to achieve their educational goals and to thrive in their future lives. For more information on the Miramar College Foundation or on ways you can help future students reach their educational goals through charitable contributions and college partnerships, please

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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.

