

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Division #58 of the California Retired Teachers Association sponsors a scholarship for the highest ranked applicant of the 2012 awards with congratulations for a job well done and best wishes for a successful college experience. (*Jennifer Welden, ECHS*)

Patricia Rupley served the district for many years as a teacher, counselor, principal, and central office administrator. Her lasting legacy was her unyielding commitment to making the schools responsive to ever changing needs of the students. (*Claudia Campos, KHS*)

Richmond Association of School Administrators (RASA) is the local chapter of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA). One of the goals of the organization is to support scholarships for graduating seniors. (*Laura Hurtado, RHS*)

Atsuko (Sue) Yusa was born in Berkeley and studied at San Francisco State before being interned at Tanforan and then Poston. After World War II, she graduated from UCB and taught for over 29 years in the Richmond Unified School District. (*Thamar Collier, ECHS*)

James W. Kelly remembered the WCCRE Scholarship Fund with an annual contribution from his trust fund. (*Saira Shakeel, DAHS*)

George Grisct was a dedicated teacher in Richmond elementary schools and later became an excellent principal, as well as Director of Special Services. He was instrumental in insuring teacher's rights in the school district. (*Marjala Mims, KHS*)

John Monroe taught art at the junior high school level and then became a roving art teacher. He retired as Director of Art and Integration, having greatly improved the teaching, learning and creation of art during his career. (*Vanessa Diaz, MCHS*)

Pinole Valley Graduate and former WCCRESF scholarship recipient dedicates a scholarship in appreciation of the kindness of teachers and staff members through 20 years of public education. (*Aiyana Hadeen Garrett, PVHS*)

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Thank you to all who read scholarship applications.

WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

36th Annual Scholarship Awards

May 31, 2012



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PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions

Scholarship Awards

Closing Remarks

MISSION STATEMENT

The West Contra Costa Retired Educators Scholarship Fund (WCCRESF) exists to provide post-secondary scholarships to students who graduate from West Contra Costa Unified School District high schools.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

A special thank you to the participants of the following who contributed to the sources for the scholarships:

The Annual Benefit Drawing; Division 58 CalRTA Annual Budget Allocation; Memorial Gifts and In Honor Gifts; Boutique Sales; Little Red Schoolhouse Donations; and the Scholarship Quilt Drawing.

HISTORY

In 1977, the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA), Division #58, representing retired employees of the Richmond Unified School District, (now the WCCUSD), began awarding college scholarships to high school graduates.

The West Contra Costa Retired Educators Scholarship Fund was established in 1996 as an independent board. The Fund is governed by a board of fourteen directors. All board members are retired educators. The directors serve three-year terms, and are limited to two consecutive terms. They serve without compensation. Policy matters are decided by majority vote.

The first year, an award of \$100 was given—**this year there are 23 awards of \$1,500 each**. To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$491,950 to 428 students. We wish to thank the generosity of all of the retired and current employees and friends of education who help us continue this important program.

You may visit the website at wccrescholarship.org for information updates and a list of this year's donors.

2012 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Norma Thinger

Jin Seob Kim

Saira Shakeel

EL CERRITO—presented by Janet Smith

Sheila Bauzon

Imani Sanders

Lydia Breksa

Brian Seegers

Tamar Collier

Nathaniel Segal

Taylor Doty

Cindy Su

William Harrison

Jennifer Welden

HERCULES—presented by Christina McCoy

Lance Janssen Cadang

Terilyn Chen

KENNEDY—presented by Margaret Browne

Claudia Campos

Dilan Pedraza

Marjala Mims

MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Terry Sinclair

Rebekah Cha

Shawn Lee

Vanessa Diaz

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Terry Sinclair

Aiyana Hedeem-Garrett

Henry Pablo III

RICHMOND—presented by Mike Peritz

Laura Hurtado