

## Named Scholarships and Recipients

**Division #58** of the California Retired Teachers Association is 620 members strong and supports the scholarship fund with numerous fundraising activities throughout the year. (*Puja Danal, MCHS*)

**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. (*Yaneiri Ochoa Hernandez, 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. (*Jobel Kyle Vecino, HHS*)

**Atsuko (Sue) Yusa** 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. She continues to help students by providing a scholarship from her estate. (*Genevieve Simmons, ECHS*)

**James W. Kelly** remembered the WCCRE Scholarship Fund with an annual contribution from his trust fund. (*Jin-Won Kim, DAHS*)

**Mechanics Bank** is Richmond's hometown bank and continues its community support by providing a scholarship for a graduating senior through the WCCRE Scholarship Fund. (*Madeleine Leah Lipson, ECHS*)

**Pinole Valley Graduate** and former WCCRES Fund scholarship recipient has provided a scholarship in appreciation of the kindness of teachers and staff members through 20 years of public education. (*Julia Chang, PVHS*)

### WCCRE Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

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Thank you to all who read scholarship applications.

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## WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

# 37th Annual Scholarship Awards

May 30, 2013



West Contra Costa

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## 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 and Honorarium 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 30 awards of \$1,500 each.** To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$536,950 to 458 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](http://wccrescholarship.org) for informational updates and a list of this year's donors.

## 2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**DE ANZA**—presented by Norma Thinger  
*Jin-Won Kim*

**EL CERRITO**—presented by Janet Smith  
*Raymond Chu*                      *Nathaniel Miller*  
*Clara Lengacher*                *Madelaine Pine*  
*Madeleine Leah Lipson*        *Adrienne Ramsey*  
*Lucas Lochner Bravo*         *Genevieve Simmons*  
*Herbert Su*

**HERCULES**—presented by Tim Shaw  
*Valeria Avila*                      *Gurinder Rai*  
*Ashley Jane Castromero*        *Rachael Redlo*  
*Cherise Cenon*                    *Micaela Stone*  
*Aurora Lee*                         *Jobel Kyle Vecino*  
*Eric Wang*

**KENNEDY**—presented by Margaret Browne  
*Yaneiri Ochoa Hernandez*      *Sonia Perez*

**MIDDLE COLLEGE**—presented by Terry Sinclair  
*Asma Ayyad*                        *Aurora Ford*  
*Puja Dahal*                         *Itzel Gomez*  
*Ricardo Iglesias III*

**PINOLE VALLEY**—presented by Terry Sinclair  
*Julia Chang*                        *Amarachi Nnodim*  
*Morvarid Mehdizadeh*         *Jada Wyatt*