

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Division #58 of the California Retired Teachers Association is 600 members strong and supports the scholarship fund with numerous fundraising activities throughout the year. (*Nancy Gutierrez, Middle College*)

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. (*Joan Binalingbing, Kennedy High School*)

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. (*Ejhane' Lyons, Middle College*)

Atsuko (Sue) Yusa studied at San Francisco State before being interned at Tanforan and then Poston. After World War II, she graduated from UC Berkeley and taught for over 29 years in the Richmond Unified School District. She continues to help students by providing a scholarship from her estate. (*Maggie Li, El Cerrito High School*)

James W. Kelly remembered the WCCRE Scholarship Fund with an annual contribution from his trust fund. (*Andrea Hernandez, Richmond High School*)

Joanna Sykes was a dedicated WCCUSD teacher for 40 years, most of it at Sheldon Elementary School where she happily taught kindergarten. An inspiring teacher beloved by students and parents, Joanna brought joy and love for learning directly into the classroom and continues her support with a scholarship. (*Tamajiea Videau, DeAnza High School*)

Scott Honey, Pinole Valley graduate and former WCCRES Fund scholarship recipient has provided a scholarship in appreciation of the kindness of teachers and staff members through his 20 years of public education. (*Luis Castro, Pinole Valley High School*)

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. (*Mani Subhiksha, Hercules High School*)

Dorothe Stillwell was a special education teacher and artist. Her husband, Russell Stillwell, an area educator and professor at Contra Costa College, has left a scholarship in her name. (*Rudy Moran, Vista High School*)

David Shank was a dedicated district teacher. He spent his entire career at Helms Middle School where he was a well-liked Industrial Arts and Math teacher. His support of students lives on with a generous donation to the WCCRE scholarship fund. (*Crystal Viramontes Tse, DeAnza High School*)

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39th Annual

Scholarship Awards

May 28, 2015



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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 Raffle.

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 28 awards of \$1,500 each.** To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$622,450 to 515 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 wccscholarship.org for informational updates and a list of this year's donors.

2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Norma Thinger

Tamajiea Videau

Crystal Viramontes Tse

Frederica Webster

EL CERRITO—presented by Terry Sinclair

Harbour Harrison

Charlotte Pine

Maggie Li

Melany Puente

Kevin Mahoney

Julia Shebek

Margaret Spencer

HERCULES—presented by Bev Morsony

Subhiksha Mani

KENNEDY—presented by Margaret Browne

Joan Binalinbing

Paola Gutierrez

MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Alondra Cabrera Ruiz

Ejhane' Lyons

Nancy Gutierrez

Joseph Garbarini

Sarah Cha

David Padilla

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Terry Sinclair

Kevin Arias

Thomas Johnston

Carl Castro

Wendy Laurean

Luis Castro

Michelle Phung

RICHMOND—presented by Mike Peritz

Alejandro Guerrero

Andrea Hernandez

VISTA—presented by Jo Scherich

Rudy Moran