

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Division #58 of the California Retired Teachers Association is 600 members strong and supports scholarships with numerous fundraising activities throughout the year. The 2016 scholarship is dedicated to Bruce Harter, Superintendent, with appreciation for his ongoing support of the Scholarship Fund. (*Muang Chao, Kennedy High School*)

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. (*Kwanchai Douangswan, Kennedy High School*)

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. (*Hummd Ali Kahn, El Cerrito High School*)

James W. Kelly taught math for 40 years at Richmond High and remembered the WCCRE Scholarship Fund with an annual contribution from his trust fund. (*Luis Diaz Mendoza, Richmond High School*)

Linda Pereira was a life-long area resident and a member of the last class to graduate from Richmond Union High School before it was demolished and then rebuilt to the present structure. She dedicated her life to the students of WCCUSD through various jobs in the district. Her final position was maintaining athletic areas, making sure that RHS always had great fields. (*Arnold Dimas, Richmond High School*)

Joanna Sykes was a dedicated WCCUSD teacher for 40 years, mostly 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. (*Katherine Escobar, DeAnza High School*)

Scott Honey is a Pinole Valley graduate and former WCCRE scholarship recipient. He has provided a scholarship in appreciation of the kindness of teachers and staff members throughout his 20 years of public education. (*Julie Ho, 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. (*Sarai Juarez, Greenwood Academy*)

Dorothie 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. (*Justeen Hipolito, Middle College 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. (*Chiamaka Nwadike, Hercules High School*)

David Calfee/Richmond Rotary, Judge Calfee was raised in Richmond where he practiced law until he was elected Municipal Court judge in 1958. A 60-year member of the Richmond Rotary, his dedication to students is evidenced by his donation to the club with the request that it be used for scholarships. (*Adarius Cannon, Kennedy High School*)

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Thank you to all who donated to the WCCRE Scholarship Fund and to all who read scholarship applications.

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WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

40th Annual

Scholarship Awards

May 19, 2016



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 all scholarship donors as well as the participants of the following:

The Annual Benefit Drawing; Donations; 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 35 awards of \$2,000 each.** To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$692,450 to 550 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.

2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Norma Thinger

Katherine Escobar

EL CERRITO—presented by Marilyn O'Brian

Hummd Ali Kahn

Gabrielle Meacham

Sarah Camacho

Alexis Miller

Allyson Ko

HERCULES—presented by Bev Morsony

Garvey Buchongo

Chiamaka Nwadike

Joyce Lin

Brittany Warr

Alexander Lin

KENNEDY—presented by Margaret Browne

Adarius Cannon

Tsz Yan Ng

Muang Chao

Izabel Rodriguez

Kwanchai Douangswan

Rudy Suarez

MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Jasmeet Bhatia

Alejandro Hernandez

Luwalhati Brien

Justeen Hipolito

Leslie Castaneda

Kaitlyn Jeffus

Qianjun Chen

Elijah Toumoua

Richa Dahal

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Terry Sinclair

Rafael Alarcon

Julie Ho

Martha Chavez

Grecia Ortiz Flores

RICHMOND—presented by Pat Dornan

Luis Diaz Mendoza

Arnold Dimas

GREENWOOD ACADEMY—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Sarai Juarez

VISTA—presented by Jo Scherich

Romy Simpson

ADULT EDUCATION—presented by Pat Dornan

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