

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Division #58 of the California Retired Teachers Association is 550 members strong and supports scholarships with numerous fundraising activities throughout the year.

(Ivan Herrera Perez, Middle College 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 the ever-changing needs of the students.

(Stefan Flores, 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.

(Christopher Tan, Pinole Valley 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.

(Aimee Cortez, 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.

(Dante Angel Miguel, 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 the joy and love for learning directly into the classroom and continues her support with a scholarship. *(Sammar Iqbal, El Cerrito 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 as a student in public education. *(Song Nhi Tran, 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.

(Abigail Fonseca, 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.

(Lizet Gallardo, Middle College High School)

David Shank 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. *(Alison Ferrer, 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.

(Mary Mijares, DeAnza 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. *(Christine Chinwuba, Pinole Valley High School)*

WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

41st Annual

Scholarship Awards

May 18, 2017



West Contra Costa
Division 58

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

A very special thank you to Refugio Poblano of Crazy Copy.

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 \$762,450 to 585 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.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Patty Halonen

Mary Mijares

Hannah Vohra

Cindy Reyes

Yan (Sophia) Zhaung

EL CERRITO—presented by Marilyn O'Brian

Helena Gilbert-Snyder

Tamika Whitenack

Sammar Iqbal

Andrew Yamashita

Cali Luke

HERCULES—presented by Bev Morsony

Alison Ferrer

Maia Mallari

Komal Kumar

KENNEDY—presented by Margaret Browne

Stefan Flores

MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Nia Alexander

Ivan Herrera Perez

Alexandro Ayala

Stefhanie Munos Rivera

Miguel Barba-Hernandez

Kachi Onyeador

Kate Campos

Miguel Serrato-Ramirez

Marisol Contreras

Tsion Tmariam

Lizet Gallardo

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Sue Kahn

Christine Chinwuba

Ayra Rahman

Sumbal Ghafoor

Salvador Rodriguez

Heriberto Gutierrez

Christopher Tan

Song Nhi Tran

RICHMOND—presented by Pat Dornan

Aimee Cortez

Dante Angel Miguel

GREENWOOD ACADEMY—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Abigail Fonseca

VISTA—presented by Jo Scherich

Andrea Vasquez