

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Marie Avila Pike was an elementary school teacher in the Richmond and West Contra Costa Unified School District for over forty years and a valued friend and co-worker to the many who knew her. Marie played an important role in a number of organizations which continued during her retirement, including a term as Scholarship Board treasurer. This year, the California Retired Teachers Association Division 58 scholarship honors Marie (1930-2017) for her dedicated service to this organization and her work in the community with a named scholarship. CalRTA Division 58 is 550 members strong and supports scholarships for WCCUSD students with numerous fundraising activities throughout the year.

(Katherine Young, 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.

(Dajahnae Darden, Kennedy 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.

(Christine Fung, Hercules 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.

(Cristian Mejia, 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. *(Jesse Hernandez, Jr., Richmond 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. Currently living in Hong Kong, this scholarship helps him stay connected to his hometown roots. *(Shuxin Zhou, 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.

(Lindsay Long, 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. *(Nathan Gay, DeAnza 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.

(Kimberly Fox, DeAnza High School)

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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.**

WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

42nd Annual

Scholarship Awards

May 17, 2018



West Contra Costa
Division 58

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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 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 \$832,450 to 620 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 informational updates and a list of this year's donors.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Patty Halonen

Kimberly Fox

Jada Saechao-Lo

Nathan Gay

Lynn Tu

Sabrina Germen

EL CERRITO—presented by Marilyn O'Brian

Chandani A. Battle

Alyssa Cho

Kaylyn Ta

GREENWOOD ACADEMY—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Destiny Jefferson-McDonald

HERCULES—presented by Bev Morsony

Sergio Aldana

Ernestina Hsieh

Shavdeep Dosanjh

Brandon McDonald

Christine Fung

KENNEDY—presented by Marilyn O'Brian

Daijahnae Darden

MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Kyra Abrams

Samuel Solis

Joanah Ajayi

Lynda Solis Chavez

Chinasa Eze

Dylan Soungpanya

Ashanea Green-Compton

Bemister Tessema

Lindsay Long

Esmeralda Topete

Fernanda Mayorga

Katherine Young

Joceline Perez Hernandez

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Sue Kahn

Kimberly Arias

Juliana Williams

Jennifer Chinwuba

Shuxin Zhou

RICHMOND—presented by Pat Dornan

Jesse Hernandez, Jr.

Ruben Rodriguez Ramirez

Cristian Mejia