

Named Scholarships and Recipients

Mary McVittie was born in Richmond, attended local schools, and was hired as a teacher by Walter T. Helms in 1942. After obtaining her administrative credential she became an instructional vice principal and opened two schools in that capacity, DeAnza and Adams, retiring from Adams as principal in 1982. She was known for setting high standards for both academic achievement and behavior for herself and for the entire faculty, staff, and student body. At her retirement tea, Mary announced that she wanted to enhance the Division #58, A.L. Bernes scholarship project. With this goal in mind, Mary helped lead the initiative to develop the Retired Educators Scholarship Fund as we know it today. Because of her tireless efforts on behalf of students, the California Retired Teachers Association Division #58 honors legendary Mary McVittie (1918-2018) with a named scholarship. CalRTA Division #58 is over 500 members strong and helps support the Retired Educators Scholarship Fund throughout the year.

(Evan Garrison, El Cerrito 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. *(Khiari Neal, DeAnza High School)*

James W. Kelly taught math for 40 years at Richmond High and has remembered the WCCRE Scholarship Fund with an annual contribution from his trust fund.

(Carina Cabriales, 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.

(Christina Ounniyom, 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. *(Joshua Baylasy, Middle College 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. *(Anna Chang 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.

(Jayshon Montgomery, Sylvester Greenwood Academy)

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. *(Alishba Sardar, 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.

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

WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

43rd Annual Scholarship Awards

May 23, 2019



West Contra Costa
Division 58

PROGRAM

Welcome and Introductions

Scholarship Awards

Closing Remarks

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the West Contra Costa Retired Educators Scholarship Fund is to raise funds to provide post-secondary scholarships to students graduating from the following schools of the West Contra Costa Unified School District: DeAnza High, El Cerrito High, Sylvester Greenwood Academy, Hercules High, Kennedy High, Middle College High, Pinole Valley High, Richmond High, Vista High, and the Adult School.

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 a fund to honor A.L. Bernes, a counselor for 30 years, by awarding 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 34 awards of \$2,000 each.** To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$900,250 to 654 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.

2019 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA—presented by Patty Halonen

Manahil Asghar

Khiari Neal

Jacqueline Salguera

Alishba Sardar

EL CERRITO—presented by Marilyn O'Brian

Naomi Furuya

Evan Garrison

Javaria Khan

GREENWOOD ACADEMY—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Adonajea Ford

Jayshon Montgomery

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MIDDLE COLLEGE—presented by Hattie Smith-Bynes

Joshua Baylasy

Eveyn Fong

Zalma Gallardo

Mary Julia Orozco

Ishika Prashar

Mariana Rodriguez Villegas

Ryan Shim

Mylani Sonico

PINOLE VALLEY—presented by Sue Kahn

Yassna Ahmadi

Pui Sze Chak

Anna Chang

Sebastian DeLeon

Rose Figueroa

Andrew Hua

Stephanie Jimenez Castillo

Annett Tamayo

Deavin Tendean

Alysia Thach

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