

Named Scholarships and Recipients

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. (*Mariana Cruz, Kennedy 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. (*Iliana Gamero, Pinole Valley 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. (*Alan Lopez Cervantes, Richmond 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. (*Ifeanyi Ashiedu, DeAnza 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. (*Selena Ayala Cruz, Richmond High School*)

James Prior is happily enjoying retirement. While teaching the rigor of geometry proofs and computer programs at Pinole Valley High School, he also gave his students an intuition for the underlying beauty of the subjects. These intuitions have lasted well into the adult lives of his former students, and this scholarship is in recognition and appreciation of Mr. Prior as an exceptional teacher. (*Ngoc Nguyen, Pinole Valley 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. (*Sandra Zavala Saravia, Kennedy High School*)

Sharon Sanger was a highly respected and popular leader. Under her supervision, the early intervention program greatly expanded services to the most vulnerable children in our community. After working in WCCUSD for 38 years, Sharon retired from Cameron School as a program specialist and then became a valued member of the WCCRESF Scholarship Board, serving as raffle chairperson. (*Dylan Tuazon, Hercules 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. (*Alaysia Jefferson, Sylvester Greenwood Academy*)

Tim Shaw has left a lasting legacy we all can use to maneuver life now and in the challenging times ahead. Tim's approach to life and problem solving was to take a positive attitude. As principal and director of the Adult School for more than 20 years, Tim always addressed a problem as an OPPORTUNITY. Tim's rallying cry became the mission of the Adult School which thrived and served thousands of adults and families in West Contra Costa community for many years. (*Jorge Zaragoza, Jr., Serra Adult 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. (*Nanthaya Verweij, Middle College High School*)

Bonnie H. Taylor was a vibrant Social Science educator at El Cerrito High School 1970-2009. Due to her passionate, animated teaching style, students recalled lessons and applied dedication and critical thinking skills to their community. Being an articulate advocate for students, teachers, and quality public education for all, Bonnie was a sought after spokesperson. In retirement, she continued to engage with young people by college advising graduating seniors and guiding K, 2, 5, and 8 graders to the Hearing and Vision vans. (*Ceray Seaton, El Cerrito High School*)

WEST CONTRA COSTA RETIRED EDUCATORS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

44th Annual

Scholarship Awards

2020



West Contra Costa
Division 58

Our scheduled awards luncheon had to be canceled, but despite the fact that the celebration of the current scholarship awardees takes place against the backdrop of the COVID-19 pandemic, the amazing achievements of our 2020 scholarship awardees cannot be dimmed.

The academic success and the leadership skills this group has demonstrated is an excellent predictor of the roles they will play in the future of our community, our country and the world.

We congratulate you!

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 in 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 35 awards of \$2,000 each.** To date, the Fund has granted a total of \$970,250 to 689 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.

WCCRE Scholarship Fund Board of Directors

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Thank you to all who donated to the WCCRE Scholarship Fund.

2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

DE ANZA HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Ifeanyi Ashiedu</i>	<i>Anthony Vazquez</i>
<i>Arielle Saechao</i>	<i>Nyla Williams</i>

EL CERRITO HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Valeria Gaona Jimenez</i>	<i>Ceray Seaton</i>
<i>Madeeha Kahn</i>	<i>Jaszwan Veal</i>
<i>Michelle Li</i>	

HERCULES HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Max Boston</i>	<i>Tiffany Lum</i>
<i>Isaac Lin</i>	<i>Dylan Tuazon</i>

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Mariana Cruz</i>	<i>Keren Alex Molina</i>
<i>Frida Gutierrez</i>	<i>Sandra Zavala Saravia</i>

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Aaron Esquivel Delgadillo</i>	<i>Justeis Mae Saephan</i>
<i>Yongjia Huang</i>	<i>Nanthaya Verweij</i>
<i>Kayla Munguia</i>	

PINOLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Kayla Collins</i>	<i>Lily Johnstone</i>
<i>Iliana Gamero</i>	<i>Ngoc Nguyen</i>
<i>Maha Ghafoor</i>	

RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

<i>Selena Ayala Cruz</i>	<i>Alan Yahir Lopez Cervantes</i>
<i>Manuel Delgado Verduzco</i>	<i>Miguelangel Moya</i>
<i>Jennifer Diaz Lopez</i>	

SERRA ADULT SCHOOL

Jorge Zaragoza, Jr.

SYLVESTER GREENWOOD ACADEMY

Alayzia Jefferson

VISTA HIGH SCHOOL

Jennifer Medina