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Chevron has been both a major contributor to Kennedy-King and a mentor to our scholars through internships and training programs. In August Chevron held its second mentoring session virtually. Six current Kennedy-King Scholars participated. Nubia Donikian, a 2019 Kennedy-King Graduate Scholar, and a summer 2019 Chevron intern (2nd from right) joined Chevron's Somos Employee Network at the 2019 event (see page 3).

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund 2020 Update

The Scholarship Fund is a living memorial to the social equity dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We are entering our 53rd year of pursuing our mission of providing scholarships to scholars belong to a minority group under-represented in the California College and University system, principally those that identify as socially, economically, or educationally disadvantaged. We draw our scholars from the three Contra Costa community colleges so they can transfer to a four-year institution and complete their education. The exceptional vision of the Founding Members has been recognized by the greater Contra Costa community through their sustaining and increasing support of Kennedy-King.

We Thank You!

In May 2020 Kennedy-King awarded an additional **28 scholarships** to scholars from Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College, who join the ranks of 880 scholarship recipients Kennedy-King has helped in our 52 years. The value of scholarships awarded to-date is now **over \$5.4 million**. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generosity and continuing support of our donors.

The **2020**
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Meet our Kennedy-King Scholars

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OHEMAA AMA ASARE



Growing up in a multi-cultural neighborhood in suburban Antioch showed Ohemaa the value of diversity. Only as a teen did she begin to sense that her social standing as a human being was being compromised because of the way she looked.

Ohemaa Ama Asare was a Diablo Valley College student who has transferred to UCLA to pursue her degree in English. Her long-term goal is to obtain a Ph.D in English, and to become a literature professor. She would also like to own and operate an editing business one day.

ELEAZAR BARAJAS

On "September 5, 2017 nausea overtook my body as my heart pounded in my ears" as the news of a rescission of the DACA Program broke on TV. This decision could harm Eleazar's dream of an education, including medical school, which then hung on a very thin wire that was ultimately decided by a Supreme Court decision this past year.



Eleazar Barajas attended both Diablo Valley College and Los Medanos College. He has aspirations to become an orthopedic surgeon. He has transferred to UC-Davis where his major of Human Biology/Nutrition will help him achieve his goal. Eleazar says, "I envision helping to make health care available to everyone, especially the most marginalized in our communities. Without our health we do not live, let alone live with dignity."

JOAKIN EJIE



As an immigrant from Ethiopia during his high school years, Joakin struggled to fit in with the culture in his new home. Music became his form of expression and gave him an opportunity for leadership. The main pianist at his church, he has also developed a keen interest in biomedical engineering.

Joakin Ejie is an aspiring engineer who wants to apply his skills in developing countries by providing access to technological health devices. The catalyst for his interest in engineering was an internship at Chevron's Richmond Technology Center. He conducted research while learning the value of communication and collaboration. He has transferred from Contra Costa College to UC-Davis to pursue his Biomedical Engineering degree.

SASHA GRAHAM

A re-entry student, Sasha has been accepted into the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California. Her goal is to earn a judicial clerkship, possibly work as a prosecutor, and eventually become a judge.



Sasha Graham was a 2017 Kennedy-King Scholar from Contra Costa College. She transferred to the University of California where she was a Regents Scholar. She received a Bachelor's degree in Ethnic Studies. She characterizes herself as "one of those people who has lots of aspirations."

Meet More Current Scholars

Meet more Kennedy-King Scholars at www.kennedyking.org.

GILARY CARRASCO FREIRE

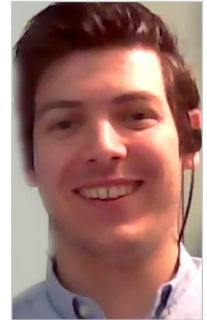
Immigrating to America as an undocumented family led to a struggle as they constantly moved following a narrow path of available jobs. The 2012 passage of DACA changed Gilary's life and provided a pathway to an education. Nonetheless Gilary observed, "I would be lying to you if I said that the fear doesn't loom large every time I see DACA in the news."



Gilary Carrasco Freire is a Los Medanos College graduate who has transferred to UC-Santa Cruz to pursue her degree in Sociology. She aspires to become a college counselor. Gilary has exhibited leadership skills as President of the Latinx Club of Los Medanos College and by being elected in 2019 to the Latina Leadership Network of the California Community Colleges.

ARTURO RAMIREZ

After beginning his college career at the University of California Arturo determined that he did not have a passion for his major at the time—Chemistry—and that the class sizes were too large and impersonal. He found the stability and openness that made him feel comfortable with himself—a gay Mexican man—at Contra Costa College.



Arturo Ramirez was a Contra Costa College student who will be transferring to San Jose State University to pursue his Computer Engineering degree. He has enjoyed his work as a volunteer tutor, and may pursue teaching in addition to computer programming.

A Day at Chevron: Look Before You Leap!

Chevron, across all of its locations worldwide, desires to both promote and to benefit from diversity and inclusivity in its workforce. With their corporate headquarters in San Ramon Chevron is a natural partner for Kennedy-King. In August 2020 Chevron's San Ramon Somos Employee Network—a group of dedicated Latin American and Hispanic employees at Chevron—hosted a second networking program for Kennedy-King Scholars. This year's was in a virtual setting. The training included a Diversity & Inclusion Moment, an Unleashing Possibilities with Technology and Innovation unit, and an Interviewing Skills unit. Six Kennedy-King Scholars from the Classes of 2019 and 2020 participated in the virtual training. It was a big success!

Ose Oseguera (2nd from the left), a 1988 Kennedy-King Scholarship recipient and a current member of the Kennedy-King Board of Directors, and General Manager of Chevron's Shared Services



organization, provided the Chevron overview. Other Chevron participants were Maria Boles, Diana Carlos, Sam Chang, & Rodrigo Guillen.

If your firm is interested in establishing a mentorship relationship with Kennedy-King scholarship recipients we encourage you to do so by contacting info@kennedyking.org.

Kennedy King Alumni: A History of Great Outcomes

Studies have shown that persistence, energy, discipline and focus correlate to success. The Kennedy-King alumni featured are testament to these characteristics and also have a strong commitment to community.

CLARENCE FORD



"I used to regret all the mistakes that I have made in the past, but I don't anymore because they have made me into the person I am today. I am passionate about helping others who have had obstacles in life similar to mine. I am a formerly incarcerated individual, but my past doesn't define me."
— Clarence Ford

- A 2014 Kennedy-King scholarship recipient from Contra Costa College (Barclay & Sharon Simpson Scholar).
- Clarence worked to help previously incarcerated individuals reintegrate into the community. Through the Safe Return Project he helped pass legislation to establish fairness-in-hiring programs in California, and to support reintegration programs. His team was featured in the *Wall Street Journal*.
- At UC Berkely he became a policy advocate for the Berkeley Underground Scholars, a student-led organization of formerly incarcerated and system-impacted students working to expand the prison to school pipeline.
- Graduated from the University of California in 2016 with a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies.
- Attended the Goldman School of Public Policy at Cal from 2016-18, where he earned his Master's in Public Policy.
- Completed a Graduate Research Assistant program at the California Department of Justice.
- Clarence is a member of the Social Justice and Well-being team with the W. Haywood Burns Institute.
- His aspirational goal is to earn his Juris Doctorate in law.

ANITA METUGE



- A Kennedy-King 2015 Kaiser Permanente Scholar from Los Medanos College.
- Received her Bachelor of Science degree from California State University-Los Angeles in 2017.
- Received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Roseman University in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2019.
- Currently working as a neuro Medical-Surgical nurse at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas.
- Her near term aspirational goal is to pursue a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, and intends to apply at Duke University. (A DNP utilizes a technology-enriched approach to develop nursing experts that provide patient-centered care based on best evidence available.)

More Alumni: A History of Great Outcomes

(MS.) JULES MEANS



- A Kennedy-King 2017 Wells Fargo Bank Scholar from Los Medanos College.
- A re-entry student. Jules is a 67-year old graduate of UC Berkeley in 2020 with a degree in Sociology—she excelled in the classroom with all A's and one B+.
- Jules became a mentor to many of her classmates at Berkeley. "I felt like a mother and a grandmother in a lot of classes," she recalled. One piece of advice given to a fellow student was "Boyfriends are nice, but good grades can lead you to a better place."
- The moniker of Ms. Jules was coined at Cal when one of her fellow students recalled her stating during attendance, "I want everyone to call me Ms. Jules, in recognition of my role with younger students on campus."
- Ms. Jules is now pursuing a Master's in Social Welfare and will become a mentor to a new generation of young people.

MIGUEL MAURICIO



"As a legislative aide, I worked to protect accessible healthcare for low income residents in West County and on legislation that expanded CalWORKS benefits for low income residents of West County and college students."

— Miguel Mauricio

- A 2014 Kennedy-King Gagen McCoy Law Firm Scholar from Los Medanos College.
- Attended the University of California where he majored in Political Science and graduated with Honors in 2016.
- Served in an internship capacity on Congressman Jerry McNerney's reelection campaign in 2012.
- Was awarded the prestigious Public Policy Fellowship in the California State Senate for the 2016-2017 legislative sessions.
- Served as a Legislative Aide in the Office of Senator Steve Glazer in 2018 & 2019 where he learned the value of constituent services.
- Appointed to President-Elect Biden's Student Leadership Council, and help found a Yale Law for Biden group to support the transition.
- Currently a 2nd year J.D. Candidate at Yale Law School where his work has focused on constitutional law, election and political law, as well as state and local law.
- Miguel's goal is to establish a private practice and to enter electoral politics in the near future. Keep track of local ballots!



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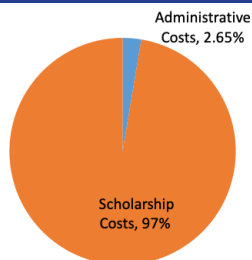
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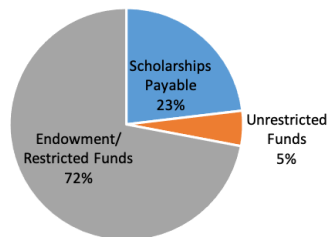


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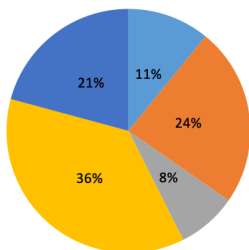
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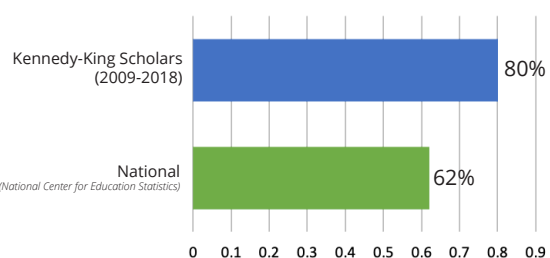
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Kennedy-King Scholars succeed in the classroom.

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From the Board of the
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a safe and healthy 2021!**

