



Kennedy-King Connections  
**A DREAM FULFILLED**  
53rd Annual Celebration of Scholars

May 21, 2021

*From the Archives ...*

*Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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November 26, 1968

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship  
Fund Ltd.  
Walnut Creek, California 94596

Gentlemen,

I appreciate your letter of November 15, informing me of the establishment of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund. My children and I have been greatly comforted to learn that so many people have shared not only our sense of loss but also our sense of rededication to the concept of brotherhood for which my husband worked and gave his life.

My husband was always interested in the thoughts and actions of young people, and was deeply grateful for the large part they have always taken in the struggle for human rights. I feel sure he would be greatly pleased, as I am, to know that his life and deeds have served as partial inspiration for the scholarship fund which will bear his name and Senator Kennedy's. I think it is a remarkably appropriate and admirable memorial.

Thank you again for informing me of the scholarship, and for all that you have done to bring it about. Please extend my very best wishes to the students who are recipients, and also to all those involved in the establishment of the Kennedy-King Scholarship Fund.

Sincerely yours,

*Coretta Scott King*  
Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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# CELEBRATION PROGRAM

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**John McPeak**

*Board Member, Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund*

## WELCOME IN SPANISH

**Arthur Rangel**

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## COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

**Dr. Bryan Reece**

*Chancellor, Contra Costa Community College District*

## PRESENTATION OF 2021 SCHOLARS, PART 1

**Los Medanos College Scholars**

*Remarks by Jacqueline Villalobos*

**Diablo Valley College**

*Remarks by Genevieve Kaplan*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Arthur Rangel**

*President, Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund*

## PRESENTATION OF 2021 SCHOLARS, PART 1

**Contra Costa College Scholars**

*Remarks by Tyree Harris*

**Kennedy-King Graduate Scholars**

*Remarks by Janette Bustos Barocio, Dominican University*

## ALUMNI STORIES

*Robin Lopez  
Zilose Lyons  
Fernanda Lopez*

## KENNEDY-KING MENTORING

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## CLOSING REMARKS

**John McPeak**



# Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd.

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May 21, 2021

A Message to the Kennedy-King Scholarship Fund Community:

For fifty-three years, the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund has awarded scholarships to minority students attending one of the three community colleges in Contra Costa County. In 2021, we awarded another 41 scholarships, our largest class ever. These students have overcome social, economic, and educational challenges and are prepared to transfer a four-year university or are previous awardees entering graduate school. With your help, the goal of social equity through education can be realized.

The unprecedented coronavirus event challenges have changed the world, our nation, and the environment in which Kennedy-King scholars will continue their educational pursuits. Our scholars have moved their studies online and unfortunately, we will not be able to celebrate their success with them in person.

Nevertheless, our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner has moved to a virtual environment in which we still wholeheartedly celebrate their accomplishments and hope you will too! We are publishing our 53rd Annual Scholarship Program and a video featuring the Class of 2021 on our website. While it is not the event we hoped to have this year, it hopefully provides our scholars with the recognition and encouragement they so greatly deserve.

Again, thank you for your generosity, and for your investment in Kennedy-King and its scholars.

Sincerely,

Art Rangel, President  
Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd.

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# **Fifty-Third Annual Report to the Community**

## **2021**

### ***Kennedy-King: A Sound Investment in our Future***

#### **Goal**

To provide opportunity to our young people so they can use their own initiative to benefit themselves and their community

#### **History**

The late 1960's were a tumultuous time in America. Two men paid the ultimate price for their belief in equality of opportunity—Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were assassinated. Visionary residents of Contra Costa County moved by these events founded a living memorial to continue the fight for equal opportunity. Forty-nine years later the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund continues to seek opportunity in education for all.

#### **Scholars**

Scholarship recipients are drawn from the three Contra Costa community colleges—Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College. The Kennedy King Memorial Scholarship Fund, Ltd., has been awarding scholarships to socially, educationally, and economically disadvantaged students since 1969.

## Scholarship Awards

Kennedy-King awards two-year \$10,000 undergraduate scholarships, and one-year \$5,000 graduate scholarships. The fundamental requirement is that students are matriculating from one of the three County community colleges to a four-year degree granting university.

### Outcomes

Since 1968 Kennedy-King has awarded 921 scholarships totaling over \$5.8 million. Prior recipients are now contributing members of the local community as medical professionals, lawyers, teachers, engineers, scientists, business men and women, and government officials. Three former scholarship recipients now contribute as members of the Kennedy-King Board of Directors. As an all-volunteer organization Kennedy-King continues to use over 95% of contributed funds for scholarships.

### Summary

The Kennedy-King scholarship goes to students of proven need, ability, and desire to succeed. Kennedy-King's 53-year history of success ensures that your donation will provide the intended benefits—a college education for a worthy student, and community benefit for Contra Costa.

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**Commitment and dedication are common characteristics of a revered professor. Steve Schaefer embodied those traits.**

*Christina Schaefer, Steve's niece said, "He was always a giver, and was never one to take."*



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*On the occasion of its 53rd Anniversary,  
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Tim Lynch, Jr.



*Faith is taking the first step, even when  
you don't see the whole staircase.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



Our mission is to enhance the quality of life in Contra Costa County, California, through charitable giving in support of education, the arts, and children & families.

# Congratulations to the Recipients of this Year's Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Awards

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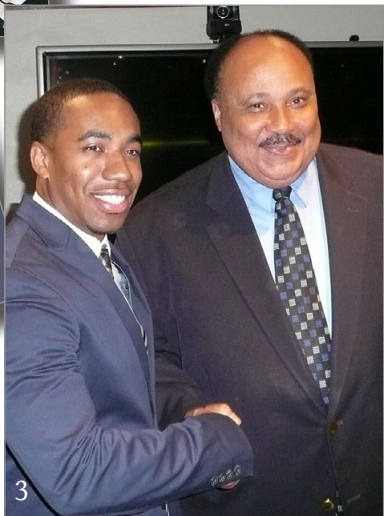
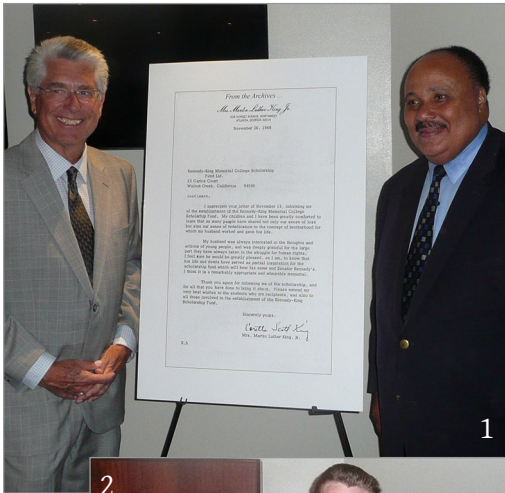
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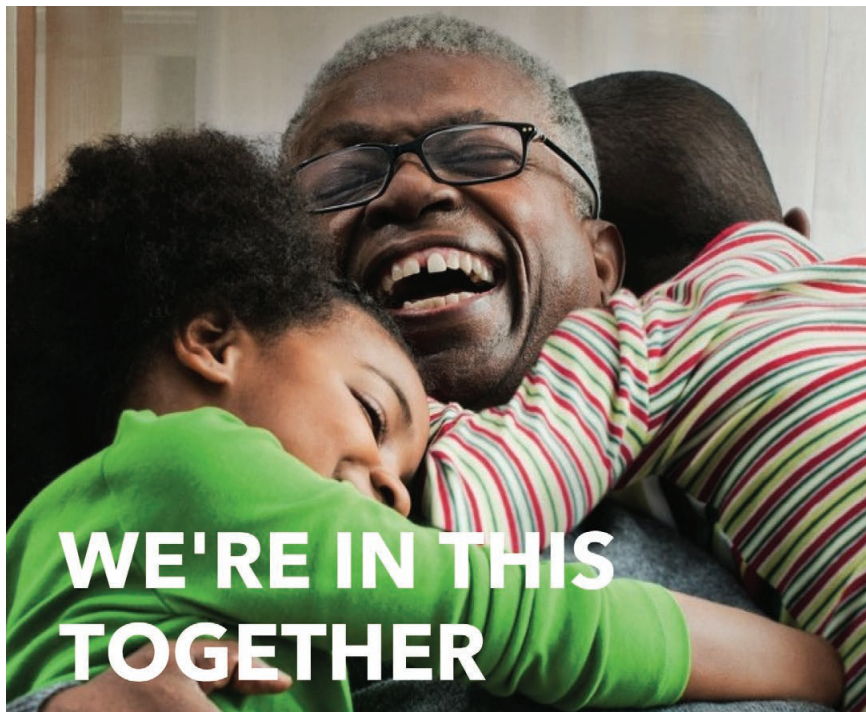
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# Martin Luther King III at Leshar Foundation Speaker Series

Recently the Newsmakers Series, sponsored by the Leshar Foundation, hosted an event with Martin Luther King III—civil rights advocate, global humanitarian, and political leader—as the speaker. The featured non-profit partner for the event was the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund. The Board of Directors of Kennedy-King wishes to thank the Dean & Margaret Leshar Foundation for this honor.



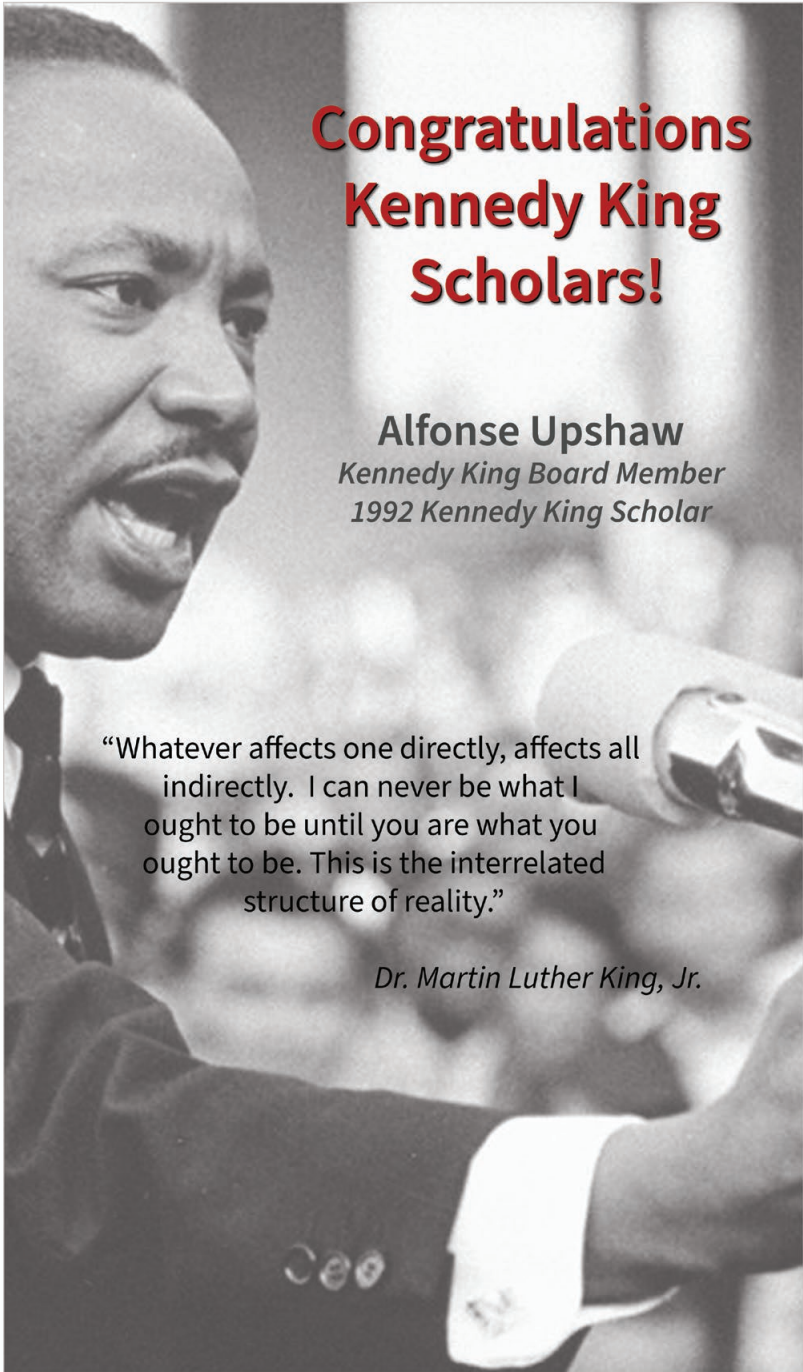
1. John McPeak with MLK III next to his mother's letter to Kennedy-King; 2. Nancy Hobert, Diane de Golia, Steve Leshar, Leshar Foundation, and Janet Kennedy; 3. Clarence Ford, former scholarship recipient, with MLK III; 4. Daniel Ponce, former scholarship recipient, with MLK III.



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# Congratulations Kennedy King Scholars!

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*Kennedy King Board Member*  
*1992 Kennedy King Scholar*

“Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality.”

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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ACHIEVEMENTS**  

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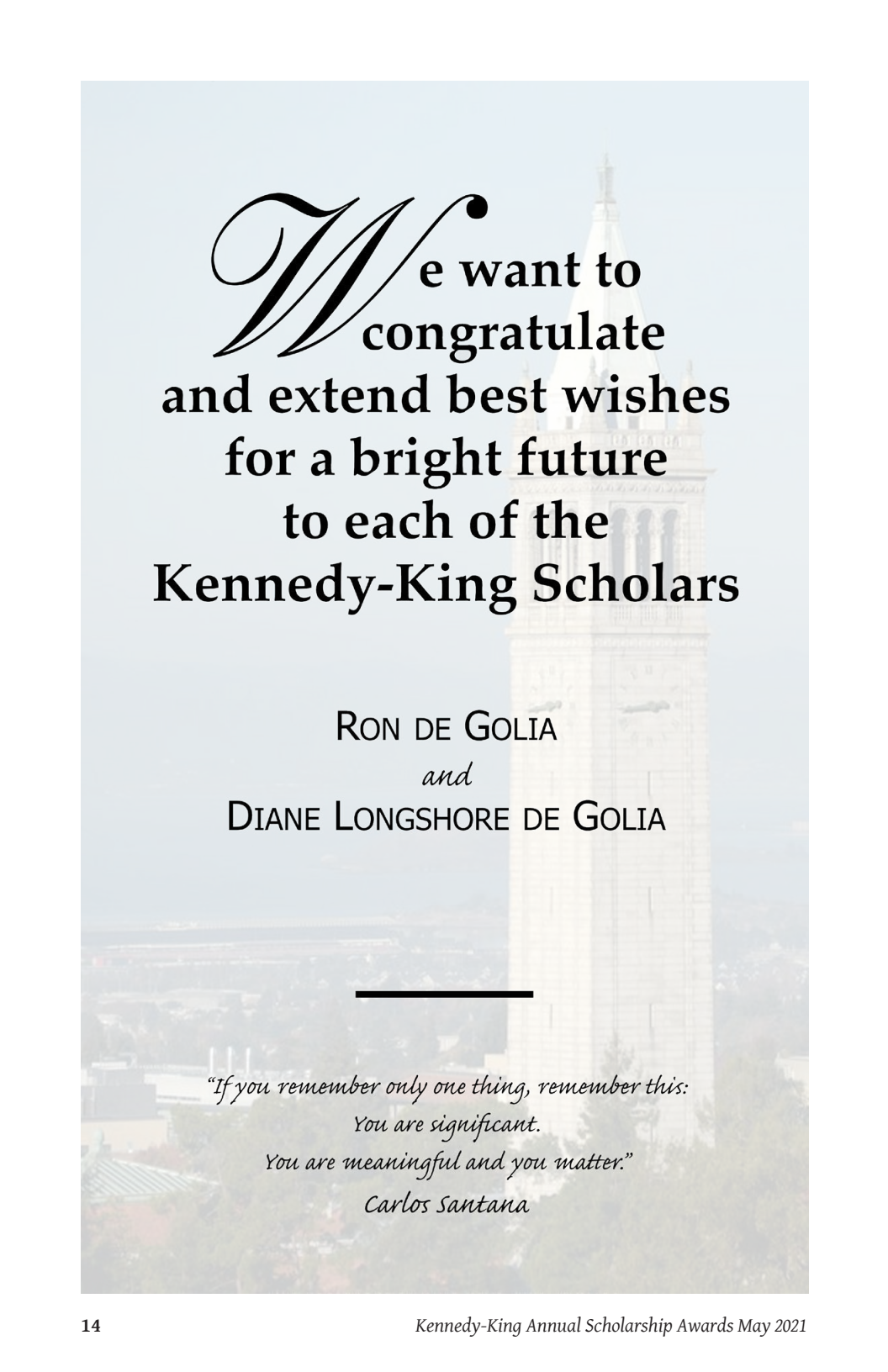
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and extend best wishes  
for a bright future  
to each of the  
Kennedy-King Scholars**

**RON DE GOLIA**  
*and*  
**DIANE LONGSHORE DE GOLIA**

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*“If you remember only one thing, remember this:  
You are significant.  
You are meaningful and you matter.”  
Carlos Santana*



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*“It is the shaping impulse of America that neither fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle that will determine our destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live.”*

— **Robert F. Kennedy**



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**CONGRATULATIONS  
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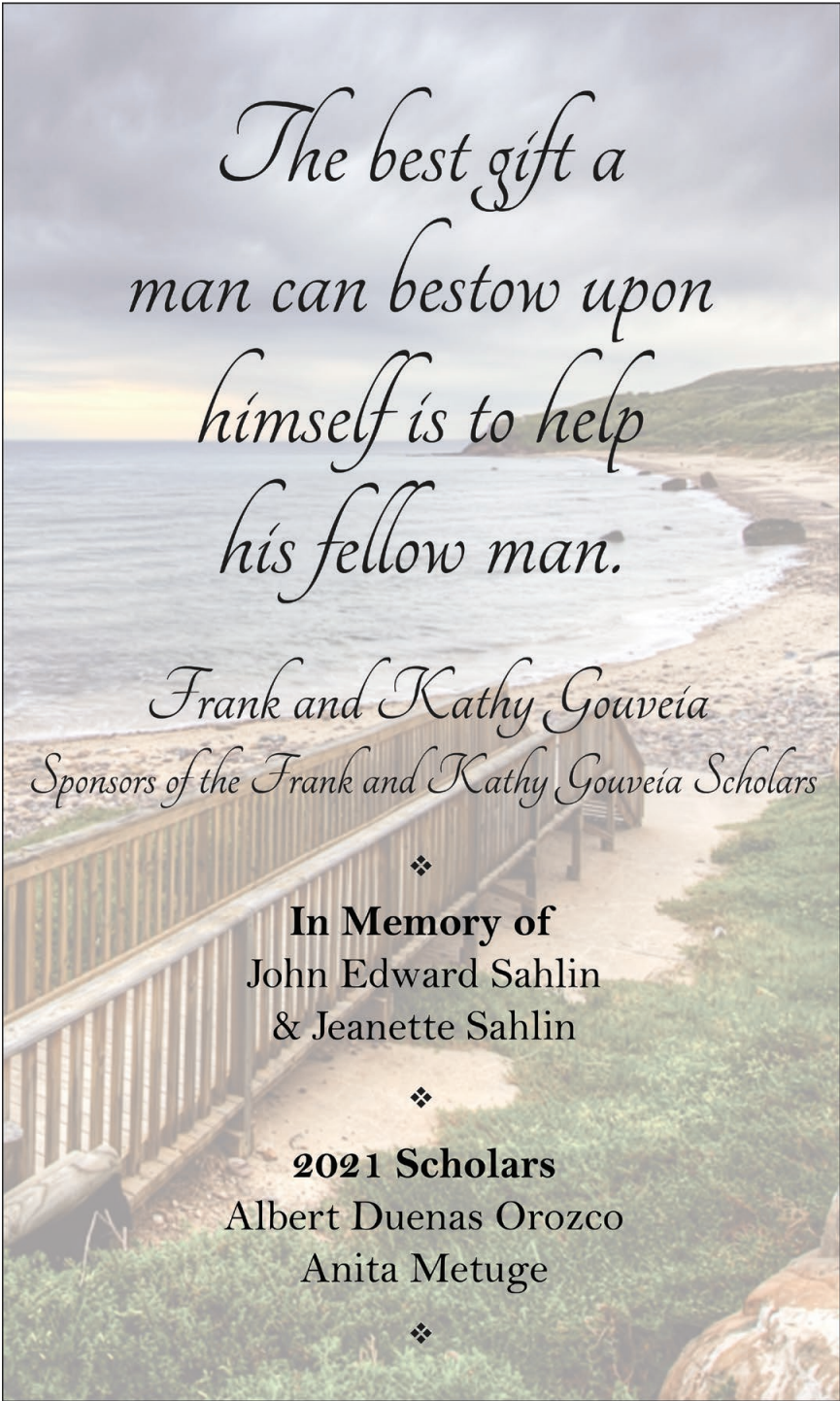
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# CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARARS!



**Keep Learning and  
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*From the McPeak Family*



*The best gift a  
man can bestow upon  
himself is to help  
his fellow man.*

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**In Memory of**  
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*In Memory of Ed Regalia*

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*“He was one of my heroes in life,  
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deeply humble.”*

Robert Birgeneau, former chancellor of UC Berkeley



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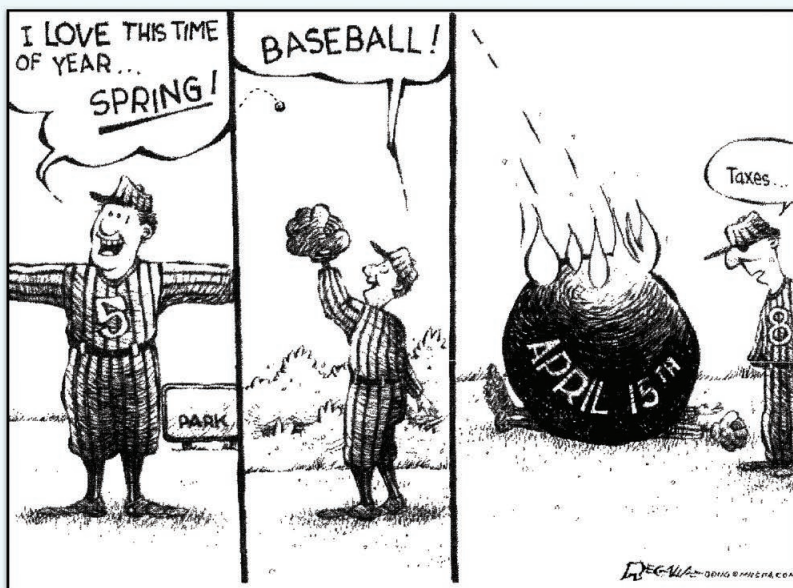
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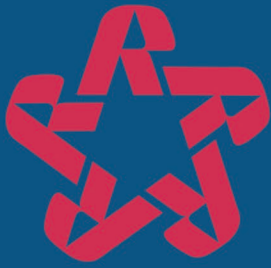




# Congratulations to all Kennedy-King Recipients!



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*Congratulations to the 2021  
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Congratulations  
to the  
2021 recipients  
of the  
Kennedy-King  
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Best wishes for  
success as you  
pursue your  
dreams.



***Karen Mitchoff***  
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*Congratulations!*



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**Congratulations to the  
Kennedy-King Scholars for your  
present and future accomplishments.**

## **Avalon Walnut Creek** *at Contra Costa Centre*



A close-up photograph of a bouquet of flowers. The bouquet features several large, bright pink roses with tightly packed petals. Interspersed among the roses are several round, green limes. The background is dark, making the colors of the flowers and limes stand out. The text is overlaid on the upper portion of the image.

# Congratulations!

**We wish the 2021 scholars much success as you connect the dots to a successful future!**

**In honor of our moms  
Martha Rangel & Jackie Kokemor**

**Art and Robin Rangel**

**“You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future.”**

**— Steve Jobs**

*The Foundations of the  
Contra Costa Community College District  
congratulate the*  
**Kennedy-King Memorial  
Scholarship Recipients!**



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*"The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better."*

ROBERT F. KENNEDY





*Congratulations to  
this year's Recipients  
and to the 921  
Scholarship  
Recipients  
from current and  
past years!*

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# ***Congratulations to the Scholars of 2021***



**“Our lives begin to end the day we become  
silent about things that matter. In the end, we will  
remember not the words of our enemies,  
but the silence of our friends.”**

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

***Jim & Janet Kennedy***

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*- Maya Angelou*

*Congratulations, Kennedy-King Scholars!*

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# Congratulations to the Kennedy-King Scholars of 2021



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**“Learning is not attained by chance, it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”**

– Abigail Adams

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**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

– Nelson Mandela

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**“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”**

– Marian Wright Edelman

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**“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”**

– William Butler Yeats

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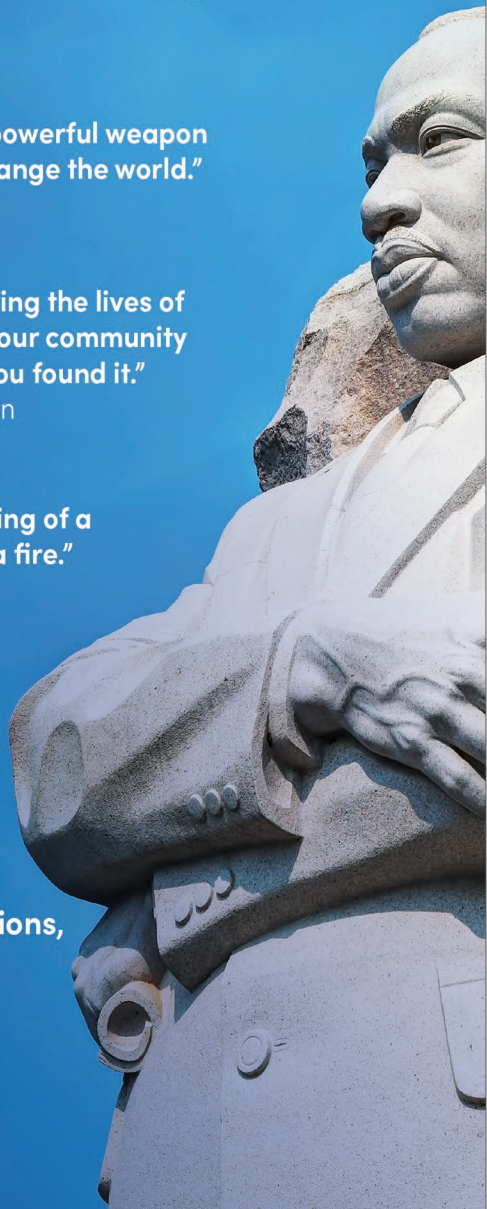
**“A good education is a foundation for a better future.”**

– Elizabeth Warren

**With our congratulations,**

Ralph Haskew  
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for improving  
the lives of others  
and for leaving  
your community better  
than you found it.”*

**- Marian Wright Edelman**

First African-American woman  
admitted to the Mississippi Bar.

**Congratulations to all the  
2021 Kennedy King Scholars!**

**LAURIE FOX**

**Chair, Scholarship Selection Committee**

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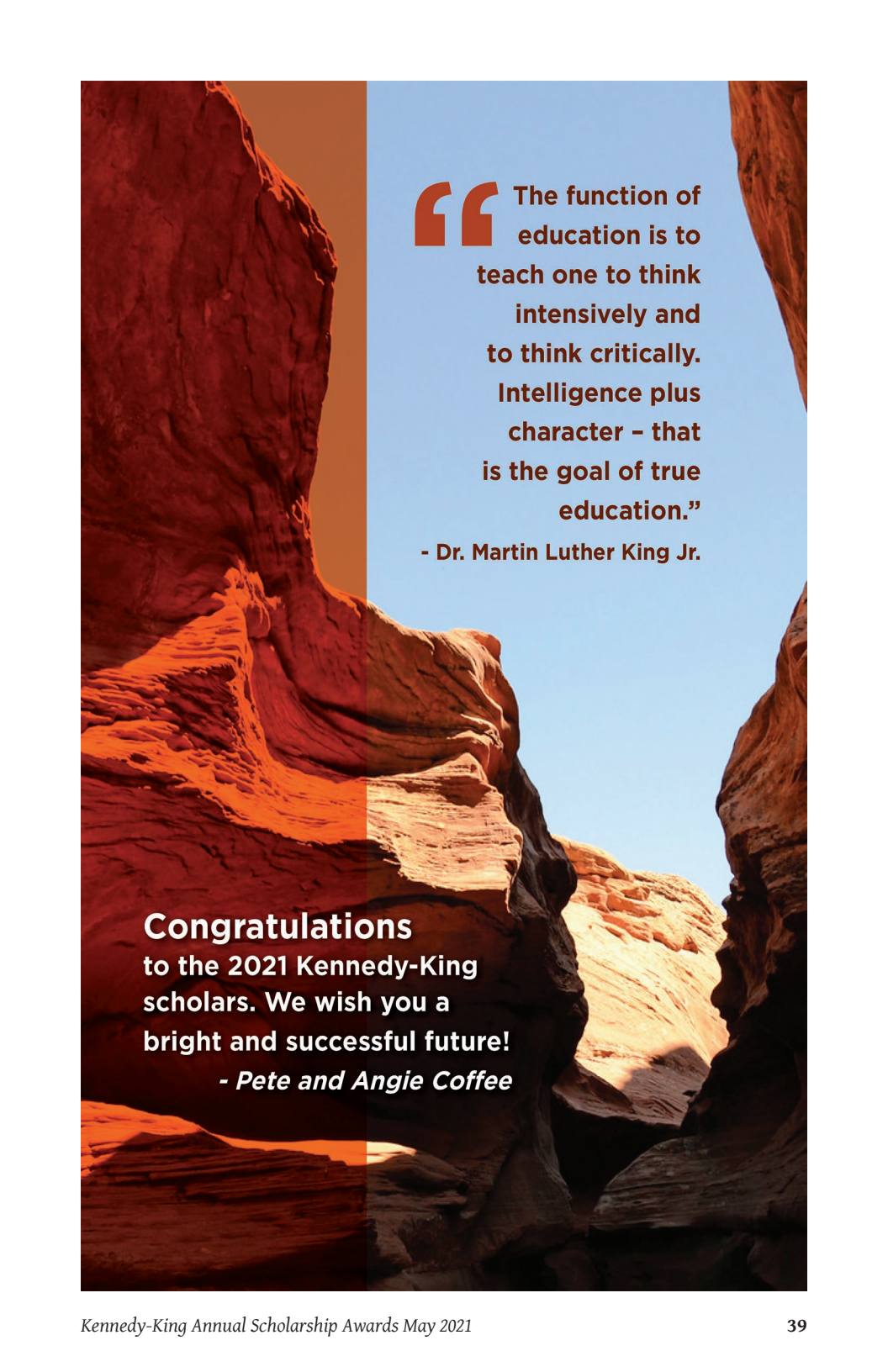
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*“Intelligence plus character — that is the  
goal of true education.”*

*Martin Luther King Jr.*





**“ The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.”**

**- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

**Congratulations to the 2021 Kennedy-King scholars. We wish you a bright and successful future!**

***- Pete and Angie Coffee***

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***- Steve Prefontaine***





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Congratulations to the  
**Kennedy-King  
Scholarship  
Recipients  
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*A special acknowledgement  
to the fourteen Comets from  
Contra Costa College.*

**Steve Purser**

Contra Costa College Alumnus

*In memory of Jamie Miller*



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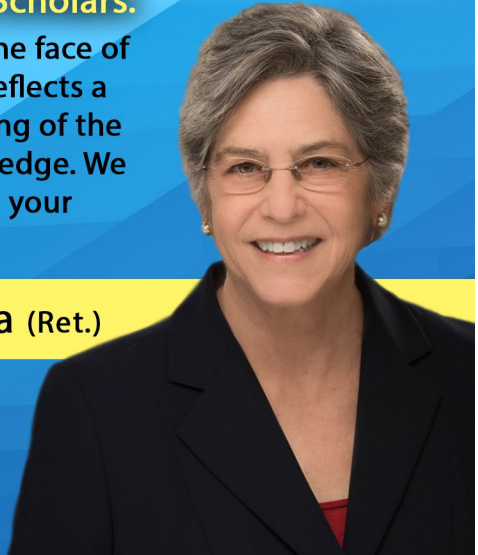
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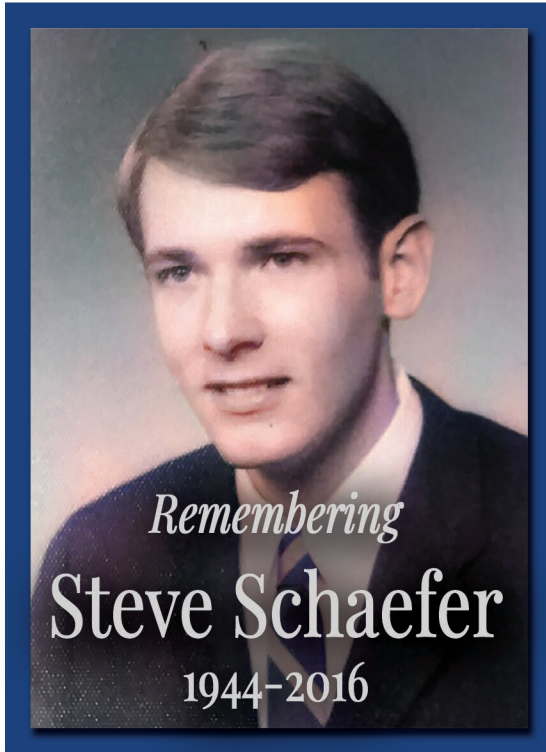


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# 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Undergraduate*



**VICTORIA ALEXANDER**  
*Los Medanos & Diablo Valley College*

*Uriel & Isabella Oseguera Scholar*

Victoria Alexander is a disabled and first-generation transfer student who has attended both Los Medanos College and Diablo Valley College. Victoria's intersectional identities have influenced my goals to complete the undergraduate work with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology, and to engage in graduate study of LGBTQIA+ issues and trauma in Psychology/Neuroscience. Victoria expects to transfer to UC Santa Cruz. "After serving as a clinical psychologist and researcher, I have goals of teaching at the university and community college level."



**AMBER BELL**  
*Contra Costa College*

*Gwen Regalia Scholar*

Amber Bell is a 29-year-old mother of two and a full-time college student at Contra Costa College. She expects to pursue a Political Science degree at Dominican University of California. One of her references said "Investing in Amber is investing in positive social change." Amber plans "to be part of the transformative change our country needs to see." Transformative activity begins at home as she has been a volunteer for the Alameda County Food Bank, and its healthy food program. She also active in the Birth Church.



**BLANCA CASTILLO**  
*Contra Costa College*

*Steve Schaefer Scholar I*

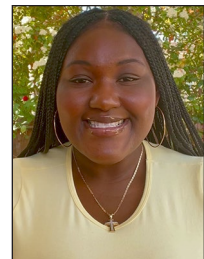
As a first generation college student, Blanca Castillo and her family faced extenuating financial obstacles. Her solution was to apply to Contra Costa College. She was very successful and will be graduating from community college with a 4.0 grade point average. While at Contra Costa she was Executive Vice-President of the Associated Student Union, on the Budget Committee, and interned with the City of San Pablo. Her intention is to pursue a Business Administration degree at the University of California or San Francisco State University.



**THYRA COBBS**  
*Contra Costa College & Los Medanos College*

*Jan Zaitlin Scholar*

A first-generation, low-income student, Thyra Cobbs has been studying psychology at Los Medanos College and African American studies at Contra Costa College. She is a part of Umoja, Honors, and EOPS at Los Medanos and has served as the president of the Los Medanos College Associated Students. Thyra plans to transfer to Stanford University or UCLA and pursue a double major in Psychology and African American Studies. Her aspiration is to obtain a doctoral degree in psychology.





## 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### *Undergraduate*



**DAVID DE LA CRUZ**  
*Contra Costa College*

*Steve Schaefer Scholar II*

David De La Cruz, a first-generation college student, was raised in a single-parent household. He recognized in his younger siblings the struggles they had in the academic setting in large part because the community lacked the resources necessary for them to succeed. This became the motivation for his educational aspirations—majoring in business administration/economics. He intends to pursue his education at the University of California. He plans to enter the non-profit sector to serve as a leader in his community as a public interest lawyer battling discrimination in marginalized areas.



**ALBERT DUENAS OROZCO** *Frank & Kathy Gouveia Scholar I*  
*Contra Costa College*

Albert Orozco is a first-generation Chicano college student graduating from Contra Costa College as a Molecular Biology transferring to the University of California. He is an active student on campus being a part of the student government body and advocating for LGBTQ+ students in the Rainbow club. Albert has been giving back to the homeless community in Richmond by volunteering at the Bay Area Rescue Mission. His dream is to graduate from Berkeley, pursue a Master's degree, and do research work in medicine.



**CHISOMAGA EKWUEME**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*The Treehouse Fund Scholar*

Chisomaga Ekwueme is a pre-med Biology major at Diablo Valley College who expects to transfer to UCLA. One of Chisomaga's references indicated that her 3.86 GPA was only. Fear of losing educational opportunities due to a recession led her family to emigrate from Nigeria four years ago. At DVC she served as Vice-President and Public Relations Officer for Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society, and is the current Student Trustee for Northern California. Chisomaga's goal is to pursue a career in research and, eventually, in public service and advocacy for disenfranchised populations.



**BRIDGETTE GARCIA ALVARADO**  
*Diablo Valley College & Los Medanos College*

*Swarts Scholarship  
Endowment Fund Scholar*

Bridgette is a first generation Latinx woman who is determined and strong willed. She aspires to work with low-income, minority individuals and families in her professional career. One of her references says "Bridgette has tremendous potential for success; the key is that she's aware of that potential. I can easily say that her overall work ethic is one of the strongest I've seen." This is exhibited by her excellent GPA at DVC and LMC. Her immediate goal is to pursue a Sociology degree at the University of Nevada Reno.

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## *Undergraduate*



**MARIO GARCIA**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*Park Regency Partners Scholar*

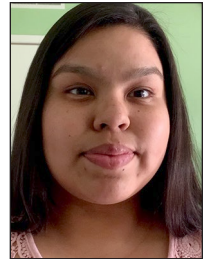
A first-generation Latino student, Mario intends to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Psychological Science at UC Irvine. Once he graduates he intends to pursue one of two paths—as a police officer or a private investigator; or returning to school so he could become a teacher or a counselor. Mario has worked and volunteered at the Northern California Family Center for foster youth. He goes out of his way to make sure they know he cares and is an advocate for them. The youth trust him because they know he genuinely cares.



**BLANCA GONZALEZ**  
*Contra Costa College & Diablo Valley College*

*Gagen McCoy Law Firm Scholar*

A first-generation college student, Blanca Gonzalez attended both Contra Costa College and Diablo Valley College. Even in the face of significant challenges Blanca, as a young Latinx mother, invested time into herself to pursue an education and to build a foundation for her son. Her aspiration is to be federal agent for the FBI. Blanca intends to pursue a degree in Political Science, Legal Studies, or Administration of Justice at Sacramento State. Her volunteer activities have paralleled her career aspirations with work for the Alcoholic Beverage Control and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.



**RAFAEL GRANDE**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*Steve Schaefer Scholar III*

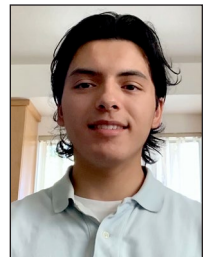
Rafael Grande is a Diablo Valley College student who expects to transfer to the University of California Haas School of Business to obtain his degree in Business Administration and Finance. He has been the Controller for the Associated Students of DVC. He was admitted to the Harvard Virtual Venture in Management Program. He has developed a mentorship program to prepare students for college. Rafael has also connected with a Rotary Club in Honduras to raise over \$1,000 to address hunger issues.



**AIDEN GUZMAN**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*Concord Feed & Fuel Scholar*

Aiden Guzman was described by one of his Diablo Valley College teachers as “one of the most thoughtful, intellectually curious, and articulate students I have had the pleasure of teaching.” His 4.0 GPA attests to this. Aiden expects to transfer to the University of California-Santa Barbara where he will major in Philosophy. His goal is to become a lawyer. His work in the community tutoring children at the Monument Crisis Center and leading a De La Salle retreat to teach his fellow students what it means to grow up and self-actualize underscores this ethos.





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## *Undergraduate*



**VERONICA GUZMAN**

*Greg & Michele McCoy Scholar*

*Diablo Valley College & Los Medanos College*

As a first-generation college student and first-generation immigrant Veronica Guzman has encountered many educational and personal barriers. Born in Peru, she immigrated alone to the United States at the age of 15. Being part of a minority group she noticed the lack of minority STEM professionals in the country. This influenced her desire to become a role model in the medical field. Veronica intends to transfer to the University of California and major in Integrative Biology and Spanish.



**TYREE HARRIS**

*Barbara Louie Fund Scholar*

*Contra Costa College*

Tyree Harris is an African American who was raised by his mother and grandmother. They always told him that his greatest assets are his work ethic and dedication to prosper in life. At Contra Costa College he majored in Philosophy. Tyree was a student-athlete at Contra Costa College competing on the baseball team. His work ethic paid off when he received a student-athlete award for combining his excellence on the field with excellence in the classroom. He expects to enroll at Fresno State University, Southern University, or San Jose State University to pursue a degree in Philosophy.



**MONICA HICKS**

*Chevron Scholar I*

*Diablo Valley College*

Monica Hicks read about the field of Computer Science in a newspaper, and it inspired her to return to her education. The difference was returning after addressing addiction issues through a 12-Step Program. These actions ultimately led her to Diablo Valley College where she excelled with a major in Computer Science. She expects to transfer to Cal Poly—San Luis Obispo. Her long-term goal is to be a project manager at a tech company where she can couple her soft-skills with technical prowess as a team lead.



**GENEVIEVE KAPLAN**

*Ron & Diane de Golia Scholar*

*Diablo Valley College*

Genevieve Kaplan is an indigenous person proud to be part of the Apache, Creek, and Yaqui Nations. While she was raised by non-indigenous parents, she did not lose her tribal heritage. Genevieve's adoptive family is Jewish, so she has a unique background and perspective on life. The principal of Tikkun Olam—repair the world—became the governing principal for her interests. Her success at DVC, where she had a 4.0 GPA, has given her the opportunity to pursue a Political Science/Public Policy degree at the University of California.

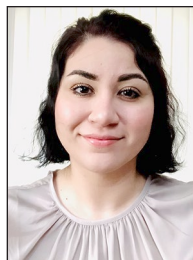
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## *Undergraduate*



### **STEPHANIE MARTINEZ CONTRERAS** *Chevron Scholar II* *Contra Costa College & Diablo Valley College*

Stephanie attends Contra Costa College and intends to transfer UC Berkeley or San Jose State University to obtain her B.S. in Chemical Engineering. She also intends to pursue a M.S. in Petroleum Engineering. “As a woman in STEM, I’m proud that I made this movement which helps students from under-represented backgrounds receive educational support. I find joy in tutoring and do my best to pass on my understanding and encouragement in all areas of my life and will continue to do so.”



### **MARCO MENDEZ** *John & Sunne McPeak Scholar* *Diablo Valley College & Los Medanos College*

Marco is a first-generation college student. By rigorously working in the classroom, and by joining various clubs and organizations, including membership in the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) learning community, he developed the confidence needed to excel. Following a trip to Washington D.C., he was inspired to both develop his own personal skills and to share his expertise with other community college students. Marco intends to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UCLA.



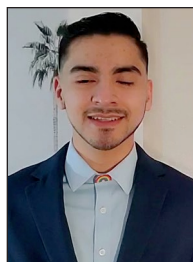
### **GLORIA MENJIVAR BELTRAN** *Laurie Fox Scholar* *Contra Costa College*

Gloria Menjivar Beltran is a single mother of two who was born and raised in El Salvador and immigrated to the U.S. in 2011. She currently works as a Family Support Worker for Contra Costa County Behavioral Health. Her bilingual abilities have been important in her career opportunities. At Contra Costa College, Gloria did very well, with a 3.9 GPA. She intends to pursue a Psychology degree at Sacramento State University. The long-term goal is to pursue a Master’s in Social Work and work in mental health services.



### **MIGUEL MONTALVO HERNANDEZ** *Chevron Scholar III* *Diablo Valley College*

Miguel Hernandez is a first-generation college student who emigrated from El Salvador just four years ago. He began his college career in El Salvador but had to drop out to help with family finances. After immigrating he arrived at Diablo Valley College to continue his studies. Despite working full-time, he has been very successful academically and is unwavering in his pursuit of a Ph.D. in Physics. He intends to transfer to the University of California. He wishes to return to his homeland to promote physical sciences via scholarship programs designed to inspire middle and high school students.





## 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### *Undergraduate*



**DANIELA MORANDO NERI**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*Perfecto Villarreal Scholar*

A first-generation college student, Daniela has begun to discover her potential in her two years at Diablo Valley College. Her goal is to obtain a teaching certificate and become a High School Government or Ethnic studies teacher. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in order to become a college professor at a community college. Transferring to UC Santa Cruz is something few expected from her while in high school, where she experienced challenges related to anxiety and homelessness.



**PAULA ORE DOMINGUEZ**  
*Diablo Valley College*

*Steve Schaefer Scholar IV*

Raised by a single-mom, Paula immigrated to the United States from Peru. Paula is an Economics major at Diablo Valley College who will be transferring to UC Davis or UC Berkeley this upcoming fall 2021. She intends to specialize in Data Science and Development Economics. Paula has used a heavy dose of community service to develop skills that will aid her in achieving academic excellence. One reference characterized her as a “reliable, hard-working, and genuine, and operates with the highest level of integrity.”



**JOANA OROZCO**  
*Contra Costa College*

*Gretchen Peterson/Leverett Smith Scholar*

Joana Orozco is a first-generation college student at Contra Costa College where she earned a 3.9 GPA. She plans to attend UC Davis or San Francisco State University in the fall. She intends to study child and human development since her ultimate goal is to become a child therapist. She is determined to change her community outlook by helping minorities accept that mental health is as important as one’s physical health. Joana is the eldest daughter in the Orozco family and as such was the translator, bill payer, tax preparer, and job consultant for her mother.



**YAZMIN ROCHA DELGADILLO**  
*Contra Costa College*

*Harriet Garelis Scholar*

Having been born in Mexico, Yazmin is a first-generation undocumented college student at Contra Costa College. She is transferring with an Associate Degree in Psychology to either UC Davis or San Francisco State University. She will major in Psychology and plans to become a therapist to help break the stigma around mental illness, especially in the Latino community. Yazmin has been actively involved in the family business during her college years. She developed a marketing strategy to increase the services of her Father’s janitorial services business.

# 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## *Undergraduate*



**IRVING ROSALES GONZALEZ** *Contra Costa Courts Scholarship*  
*Los Medanos College Fund Scholar*

After overcoming immigration struggles, family troubles, addiction, and repercussions from a life of crime, Irving was able to rebuild his life with a central goal: to use his preference for science to improve as many lives as possible. After his early struggles Irving found it difficult to obtain meaningful employment, so he used his entrepreneurial skills and started his own business—New Glory Painting. He is now pursuing a biochemical engineering degree. He expects to transfer to UC Davis. His aspirational goal is a Ph.D.



**JULIANA RUBALCAVA** *Ellen Williams/Brad Macy Scholar*  
*Diablo Valley College*

Juliana is a first-generation college student, at Diablo Valley College. In addition to pursuing associate degrees in sociology and Social Justice, she's a student ambassador at the campus. With a 3.7 GPA, she intends to transfer to the University of California, Riverside to receive a bachelor's degree in sociology. She later plans to further her education and seek a License in Clinical Social Work. Overall, her volunteer and personal life experiences have made her passionate about advocating for and assisting underprivileged individuals.



**ANDREA SANCHEZ** *Marian Magid Scholar*  
*Diablo Valley College*

Andrea Sanchez is currently attending Diablo Valley College. She is majoring in Psychology and intends to transfer to UCLA. Andrea hopes to be a good role model to her 3 younger brothers by being the first to attend college in her family. She plans to earn her Bachelor's degree and then pursue a law degree with the goal of becoming a medical malpractice attorney. Andrea has been active on projects of the Oakland Education Foundation and has interned with the Best Foundation running their website and social media platforms.



**RICARDO SANCHEZ** *Hanson Bridgett Scholar*  
*Contra Costa College*

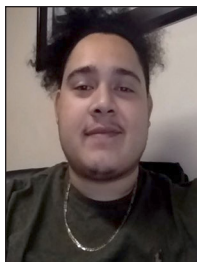
Ricardo grew up in Mexico and knew that education was a privilege that he shouldn't take for granted. Employing a strong work ethic instilled by his parents. Ricardo's ultimate goal is to work as an engineer in a company that holds the values of the community it serves. Ricardo intends to transfer to San Francisco State University after graduating from Contra Costa College. On campus he became a club member of La Raza, then as the Vice President of Club Affairs for the Associated Student Union (ASU), and finally as ASU President for 2020-2021, arguably the most challenging year for an ASU President.





## 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### *Undergraduate*



**JONATHAN TORRES SAMAYOA**

*Phillips 66 Scholar*

*Contra Costa College*

Jonathan Torres Samayoa is a first-generation college student attending Contra Costa College and majoring in Electrical Engineering. Jonathan grew up in Richmond. He has lost friends due to gun violence always known what he has wanted to do and understood what an education could do for him. Jonathan's first choices for matriculating are San Jose State University and San Francisco State University. With the help of his village, the whole community that supported him, he will make it.



**DANIEL VIDRIO**

*Steve Schaefer Scholar V*

*Contra Costa College*

Daniel Vidrio is a first-generation Chicano student who has come to understand the difficulty of navigating through an educational system that reflects the inequality of society. Through his scholarship he intends to pursue economic inequality research. Daniel intends to major in Economics at the University of California-Davis. His aspirations are to pursue a Master's degree, undertake research, and run for local political office. Daniel's founded an organization – Dreamers to Innovation – that provided high school students training in personal finance, economics, and entrepreneurship.



**JACQUELINE VILLALOBOS**

*Lesber Foundation Scholar*

*Los Medanos College*

Jacqueline is a first-generation Latina student from Los Medanos College who expects to be transferring to UC Davis to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Neurobiology and Behavior. She was named NASA Community College Aerospace, John Hopkins Neuroscience and Los Medanos College STEM scholar. Jacqueline wants to provide psychiatric care for at risk youth in her community as a future Physician-Scientist and ensure that every undocumented patient receives dignified care.



**BRIAN WANENE**

*Arthur & Robin Rangel Scholar*

*Contra Costa College & Diablo Valley College*

Brian is a 34 year-old family man with a wife and three children. He intends to transfer to San Francisco State University to major in Cinema. His goal is to become a screenwriter/director, and to one day own a production company. A larger goal is to help diversify the film industry. His volunteer activities include running and organizing the activities of his daughter's Girl Scout Troop. A reference described him as "The Dad who always shows up." He also volunteers with AA where he sponsors and mentors individuals in the program.



# 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

## Graduate



### JANETTE BUSTOS BAROCIO

*Nikki Maziasz Scholar*

*Los Medanos College, 2016 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Janette received her Bachelor degree in Integrative Biology from the University of California. She aspires to become a Physician Assistant (PA) because of the value PAs provide as essential members of interdisciplinary healthcare teams and leaders in the healthcare community. To that end she has been accepted to the Master of Physician Assistant Studies at Dominican University of California.



### SASHA GRAHAM

*Sharon Simpson Scholar*

*Contra Costa College, 2017 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Sasha attended Contra Costa College. After being awarded the Kennedy-King Scholarship in 2017 she attended U.C. Berkeley where she became a Regents' Scholar. She earned her B.A. in Ethnic Studies in 2020. Sasha just completed her first year at the University of California Law School. She hopes to earn a judicial clerkship, possibly work as a prosecutor and eventually become a judge.

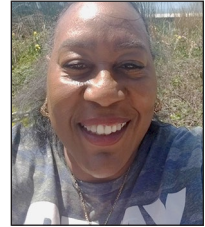


### LAVANTA GREEN

*Steve Purser/Jamie Miller Scholar*

*Los Medanos College, 2013 Kennedy-King Scholar*

LaVanta received a Bachelor Degree in Psychology from CSU East Bay in 2020. LaVanta is committed and determined to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She has been accepted into the Master's Program in Community Mental Health at Cal State East Bay. LaVanta says, "I take no opportunity for granted. My community needs me to help shift the underserved into overcomers like myself."

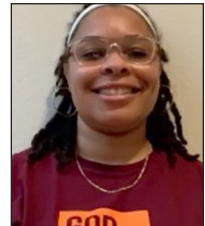


### DANNESHA LEWIS

*John & Julie Brown Scholar*

*Diablo Valley College, 2016 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Dannesha is a re-entry student who returned to the classroom in 2016. She transferred to CSU Sacramento where she received a Bachelor degree in Criminal Justice. She started working for a firm that produces software for organizations conducting clinical trials. Following the birth of a son, she is now prepared to pursue her Master of Cybersecurity at the University of San Diego.



### MIGUEL MAURICIO

*Miller Starr Regalia Scholar*

*Los Medanos College, 2014 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Miguel received a BA in Political Science with Honors from the University of California in 2016. Miguel spent three years working as a Legislative Aide to Senator Steve Glazer learning the value of constituent services. Miguel will be entering his third year as a JD candidate at the Yale Law School where his work focuses on constitutional law, election, and political law. Miguel intends to establish a private practice and to enter electoral politics in the near future.





## 2021 KENNEDY-KING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### *Graduate*



**ANITA METUGE**

*Frank & Kathy Gouveia Scholar  
Los Medanos College, 2015 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Anita graduated from Los Medanos College in 2015, and transferred to CSU Los Angeles, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health. She then went on to pursue a BS in Nursing from Roseman University of Health Science in Las Vegas, NV. She is currently working as a Neuro Medical Surgery Registered Nurse at Mountain View Hospital in Las Vegas. Her goal of securing a Master of Science in Nursing degree in order to become a Nurse Practitioner.



**TOI MICKLE**

*Jim & Janet Kennedy Scholar  
Los Medanos College, 2011 & 2018 (G) Kennedy-King Scholar*

Following her graduation from Los Medanos College in 2011, Toi transferred to SF State University where she received a BA in English: Creative Writing. Toi recently served as a Gilman Ambassador with the Department of State for International Education. Toi will be attending Arizona State University in the Fall 2021 where she will be pursuing her Masters of Science in Family and Human Development so she can study the family structure.



**TAMARA (BRANDA) SCHROEDER**

*Gifted by Kaiser  
Permanent  
Contra Costa College, 2009 Kennedy-King Scholar*

Upon graduating from Contra Costa College Tamara transferred to the UC Davis where she received a BS in biotechnology. Upon graduation she affiliated with Children's Hospital in Oakland working with an infectious disease physician. Her role led to studies of infectious diseases in rural communities in Kenya. She went on to work for a biotech firm where she conducted research studies in immunology. In 2020 she enrolled at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. She expects to receive her MD in 2024.



**BRENDAN SULLIVAN**

*Alfonse Upshaw Scholar  
Diablo Valley College, 2018 Kennedy-King Scholar*

A 2018 graduate of Diablo Valley College, Brendan transferred to Santa Clara University where he obtained his BA in Communication *Cum Laude*. He intends to pursue a Master of Communication Management at the University of Southern California in the fall. Brendan excelled in his coursework at both DVC and Santa Clara due to the support and mentoring he received from the Puente Project.

# Edwin Regalia Scholarship Fund

## *Recipients April 2021*

Created in 2019 to honor the memory of a Founding Board Member, the Edmund Regalia Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to current community college students who conform to Kennedy-King goals. These students are at-risk for being unable to complete their community college education due to financial stress in meeting educational and life expenses. The Fund provides financial assistance in order for the student to be able to stay in community college and hopefully be able to compete for a Kennedy-King Scholarship when they are ready to matriculate. To-date 100 community college students have been assisted. Here are some of their stories.

### Contra Costa College

#### **BRYAN AYALA**

*Major: Biology*

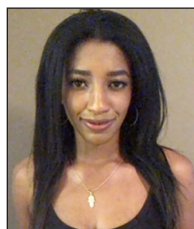
Brian Ayala is a second-year biology major who is a student athlete on the Contra Costa College men's soccer team. Growing up in an immigrant family in an impoverished community was not the most nurturing environment for Brian. However, he made the most of the situation he was in by pursuing higher education. The Regalia Scholarship will help Brian with the costs of textbooks he will need for his high credited major and will allow him to have money for financial obstacles he may face in the future.



#### **BAIAN ELIYAN**

*Major: Psychology*

Baian Eliyan is a returning student studying psychology at Contra Costa College. Since high school, she's taken classes on and off but decided to attend CCC to focus on completing her education. This fall, she's transferring to a four-year institution. So far she's been accepted to San Francisco State, Sacramento State, and UC Davis. She told us, "As a young mom, my finances are tight. The Regalia scholarship will help me reach my educational goals by helping me with my finances and with the costs of transferring."



#### **OLA ODUS-OWEN**

*Major: Psychology*

Ola is a psychology major at Contra Costa College hoping to transfer to UC Berkeley next year. He used to work with high school kids with autism, and wanted to further his career and continue giving back to his community so came to Contra Costa College. "I'm a full-time student," he said, "and I'm not working so I can focus on school. The Regalia scholarship will help fund my tuition, transportation, school materials, and other things I'll need as I keep my education moving forward."



#### **CHRISTINA ELLIOTT**

*Major: Early Childhood Education*

Christina is a single mother raising three kids. She took a chance on herself by going back to school at Contra Costa College and earning a degree. She was barely surviving and didn't have the confidence in her abilities to succeed in college. Thankfully, she met some wonderful professors who noticed her potential and encouraged her. She plans to earn a degree in early childhood education and possibly go into the field of social work. She told us: "I hope that I can be an inspiration to my children, too, and let them know it's never too late to achieve a goal."



# Edwin Regalia Scholarship Fund

## *Recipients April 2021*

### Diablo Valley College

#### **MIGUEL MONTALVO**

*Major: Astrophysics*

*Transfer School: UC Santa Cruz*

This scholarship has helped me to cover expenses towards my academic achievement. I am an immigrant from El Salvador who grew up in a low-income family. None of my parents went to college but they motivated me to fulfill that dream. I've had to work full-time while being considered a full-time student. It has been hard to manage my time between school and work, but I've been able to succeed, and this scholarship has helped me to do so. I used the award to get a new laptop with a touchscreen that helped me in my duties as a physics tutor.

"Being awarded this scholarship motivated me to apply to more scholarships. I applied for the Kennedy King Scholarship and I was selected as a recipient!"

#### **JESSICA**

*Major: International Relations*

*Transfer School: UC Berkeley*

"I am a Japanese-American who has lived almost all of my life in Japan and received all of my early education in Japanese. As I aspire to challenge myself whenever I can, I decided to return to the U.S. to pursue higher education. This decision came with the need to work even harder than ever before as I now faced a language barrier. To compensate for this setback, I needed to be a little bit more prepared when I entered the classroom, a little bit more attentive during the lecture, and spend a little bit more time on assignments compared to my fellow students. Being awarded the Regalia Scholarship was a huge help for me as it allowed me to devote more time to academics and less to work. The 'little bit more' spirit made possible by this generous scholarship led me to achieve a 4.0 GPA in an environment that was completely foreign to me."

#### **SUSANA VAZQUEZ**

*Major: Psychology*

*Transfer School: Cal State East Bay or Sacramento State*

I am a first-generation Mexican American in my family to be able to attend college. I am the oldest out of two; I set the example for my

younger brother and make sure that he sees that if I can do it, he can too.

The Regalia Scholarship has helped achieve my education goal by allowing me to be able to afford my classes, my books, school supplies, and small other necessities that I need throughout my education for classes. Without the Regalia Scholarship I don't think I would have been able to afford my classes or books and thanks to the Regalia Scholarship I was able to continue my education.

### Los Medanos College

#### **MERAJ**

*Major: Computer Science*

*Transfer School: Long Beach State University*

"I struggled to speak until the age of seven. As a college student in my freshman year, I was afraid to ask for help due to my social fears. However, I made a promise to myself; a promise to work hard by stepping out of my comfort zone and becoming my own advocate. I surpassed all of my fears these past few years and wouldn't be here without the support of family and professors. This scholarship will not only enable me to succeed, but will continue to inspire me to work hard and never give up. I want to thank the donors and scholarship committee for believing in me and my aspirations, I will forever be thankful!"

#### **GABRIELA MORTON**

*Major: Molecular and Cell Biology*

*Transfer School: UC Berkeley*

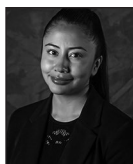
I received the Regalia Scholarship before becoming a transfer student, and it still has a lasting impact. The financial aspect of college has always worried me. I've known since I graduated high school that I will be paying my own way. Being a full-time student means I don't have much time to work, so scholarships like this one mean so much to me. Last summer I was able to use the funds provided to upgrade my laptop, buy textbooks, and pay tuition. When I transfer to UC Berkeley in the fall I will be majoring in Molecular and Cell Biology. With this degree I plan to get both an MD and PhD, in turn becoming a physician scientist. This scholarship is very much appreciated. Thank you so much to the donors!



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M. Ivonne Aguirre, 1994  
Jose Alarcon, 2008  
Jose Albarracin, 2008  
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Brenda Alexis, 1971  
Vanessa Alfaro, 1999  
Esteban Alfaro-Gamero, 2008  
Elizabeth Ali, 2006  
Juanita Allison, 2008  
Christina Al-Maalk, 1979  
Anthony Alonzo, 1989, 1991, 1992(G)  
Gloria Alvarado-Cardenas, 2016  
Robert Alvarado, 1995  
Asha Alvarez, 2019  
Jose Alvarez, 2014  
Ohemaa Ama Asare, 2020  
Adriana Amador, 2016  
Albert Ambris, 2012  
Larry Amerson, 1972  
Montserrat Amezcua, 2005  
Malik Amos, 2018  
Regina Amos, 2001  
Roxana Amparo-Ventura, 2018  
Alejandro Anaya, 2000  
Nario Lamon Andrews, 1979  
Elbert Aquino, 1993  
Patricia (Aquirre) Leon, 1970  
Irene Araneta, 2002  
John Archimede, 1975  
Gustavo Arguello  
Michael Armijo, 1974  
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Angel Asante, 2011  
Gabriel Avalos, 1986  
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Philip Barruel, 1995  
Chanel Barton, 2015  
Quwana Bashir, 2012  
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Arnoldo Becerra, 1993  
Annie Bell, 2006  
Harold Bell II, 2006  
Sharon Bingham, 2009  
Sarah Birdwell, 2001  
Shanice Blake, 2019  
Adeline Blasingame, 1975  
Donte Blue, 2006  
Sikia Blue, 2009  
Ronald Blodgett, 1986  
Errie Bohanon, 1988  
Victor Bolan, 2007  
Tina Bolden, 1991  
Leonardo Bojorquez, 2016  
Lesli Bojorquez, 2019  
Maria Bojorquez, 2020  
Versonica Booker, 1979  
Sabrina Borja, 2020  
Griffin Boyd, 1987  
Jonathan Bradshaw, 2006  
Sheldon Bradshaw, 2006  
Melanie Brewton, 1993  
Veronica Briggs, 1983  
Jesus Briseno, 2017  
Ralyn Britton, 2018



*Adriana Amador*



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*Leonardo Bojorquez*



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Marlon Brown, 2006  
Porschea Brown, 2008  
Edmund Bruenger, 1983  
Troy Bupton, 1984  
Michael Burks, 2017  
Ranell Burnett, 2002  
Omar Burruel, 1997  
Rochanda Burton, 2009  
Josielyn Bustamente, 2018  
Janette Bustos Boracio, 2016  
Sonia Bustos Barocio, 2018  
Shanette Byrd, 2013  
Ronald M. Butler, 1988  
Maria Cabada, 2005  
Laura Caballero, 1985  
Rigoberto Caballero, 1985  
Lisa Cabello, 2009  
Samuel Cabre, 2003  
Netzahualcoyotl Cabrera, 1999  
Alejandra Camacho, 2016  
Iracema Camargo Garcia, 2018  
Janet Camberos, 1987  
Bruce Candia, 2005  
Christina Cannon, 2010  
Gwendolyn F. Captain, 1990  
Andres Carillo, 1977  
Lisa Carlisle, 1993, 1995, 1996(G)  
Marguerita Carlos, 1971  
Gilary Carrasco Freire, 2020  
Martha Carter, 2019  
Maureisha Carter, 2010  
Jose Castellanoz, 1976  
Rosemary Castellanoz, 2002  
Elsy Castellon, 2003  
Arturo Castillo, 2001 & 2007(G)  
Cindy Lopez Ceja, 2019  
Nereida Cerna, 2004  
Glenda K. Chambers, 1991  
Alexander Chavez, 2018  
Candelaria Valencia Chavez, 2019  
Ming Cheng, 2020  
Erick Chivichon, 2013  
Eberchukwu Chukwueke, 2005  
Brandon Cipriano, 2015  
Erika Cisneros, 2018  
Jessica Cisneros, 2018  
Miranda Claggette, 2014  
Marcelo Clark, 2017  
Rosanna Clark, 2018  
Danielle Cobbs, 2008  
Carlos Coker, 2008  
Alicia Collins, 1997  
Jared Collins, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008(G)  
Jessica Collins, 2003  
John Collins, 1999  
Trevor Condon, 2009  
Dagna O. Constenla, 1991 & 1993(G)  
Michelle Contreras, 1990  
Jacqueline Cook, 1983  
Theodore Cooper, 1982  
Daija Cornelious, 2013  
Alfredo Coronel, 2012  
Adrian Cortes, 2011  
Luis Cortes, 2019  
Carmen Cortez, 1986  
Miguel Cortez Valdez, 2015  
Aimee Covarrubias, 2019  
Miranda Cox, 1982  
Tim Cromartie, 1985  
Jocelyn Crowell, 2017  
Alexander Cruz, 2006  
Adlai Cummings-Abrams, 1994, 1997(G)  
Daisy Curiel, 2011  
Domingo Da Rosa, 2016  
Craig Dandridge, 1988  
Jodie Daniels, 1999  
Debra Darden-Butler, 1990  
Oscar Davila, 2007  
Jacqueline Davis, 1995  
Veronica De Santos Quezada, 2020  
Carlos A. Delao, 2010



Christina Cannon



Maureisha Carter



Jared Collins



Adrian Cortes



Aimee Covarrubias



Domingo Da Rosa



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Mike DeLuna, 1973  
Samuel Demissie, 2020  
Kaitlin Dey, 2020  
Javier Diaz, 1994  
Yolanda Diaz, 2000  
Christian Diaz-Galarza, 2017  
Margarita Dixon, 1997  
Nubia (Azua) Donikian, 2015, 2018(G),  
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Francisco Dorado, 1994, 2003(G)  
Monica Dorris, 2004  
Eric Dozier, 1978  
Gloria Duarte, 2014  
Jan Dugger, 1996  
Malcolm Dunbar, 1990  
Doltina Dyer, 1990  
James Edwards, 2002  
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Blanca Estrada, 1994  
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Stephanie Fallas, 2004  
Mary Fears, 1988  
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Alicia Fernandez, 1998  
Alfonso Ferrer, 1971  
Ashleigh Findley, 2011  
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Constance Florendo, 2001

Marta L. Flores, 2004, 2007, 2008(G)  
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Clarence Ford, 2014, 2016(G)  
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Irma Huizar, 2006  
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Al-Ameen Ishola, 2017  
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Diahann James, 1996  
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Maika Jimenez, 2018  
Sandra Jimenez, 1995  
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LaTasha Johnson, 2014  
Laura Johnson, 1999  
Kim Johnson, 1994  
Parrish Johnson, 1986



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Alex King, 1993  
Stacie Keeton, 1991  
Jordan Kendall, 2007  
Jovan Kitchen, 2019  
Buffie Lafayette, 2007  
Kayla Lam, 2020  
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Jose R. Lara, 1992  
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Lesley Lara, 2006, 2014(G)  
Robert B. Lara, 1988  
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Jesse Larks, 1971  
Michael Lashore, 2011  
Tress Lawrence, 1993  
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Armond Lee, 2019  
Deborah A. Lee, 1972  
Teresa Leeper, 1997  
Giovanni Leiva II, 2018  
Sharon Lemus, 1979  
Cynthia Leon, 2020  
Dannessa Lewis, 2016  
Wanda Lewis, 2010  
Octavio Limon, 2020  
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Natalie Lizardo-Sarellano, 2009  
Danny Lockwood, 1991

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Jasmine Lomax, 2013  
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Fernanda Lopez, 2010  
Humberto Lopez, 2006  
Robin Lopez, 2012, 2016(G), 2017(G)  
Ruth Lopez, 2011  
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Kajangu Loy, 1984  
Abel Lozano, 1997  
Celena Lozano, 2017  
Shreejal Luitel, 2020  
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Rochelle Lynette-Foster, 1986  
Zilose Lyons, 2007  
Andrea Mace, 1987  
Anthony Macs, 2002  
Sandra C. Madison, 1990, 1993(G)  
Kathy Madrid, 2007  
Marco R. Madrigal, 2008  
Sandra Madsen, 1998  
Lerond Mallard, 1992  
Sheila Manning, 1978  
Heather Marandola, 2002  
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Nancy Marquez, 2014  
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Jose Martinez, 2012  
Ronald Martinez, 2003  
Sandra Martinez, 1978  
Shandra Martinez, 1989  
Steven M. Martinez, 1986  
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Veronica Martinez, 2004  
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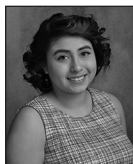
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Toi Nichelle Mickle



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Jessica Mendez, 2018  
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Christine Merin, 2011  
Zulma Merino-Fuentes, 2007  
Ivan Merritt, 1994  
Anita Metuge, 2015  
Toi Nichelle Mickle, 2011, 2018(G)  
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Karina Montoya, 2004  
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Carlos Morales, 1981  
Celeste Morales, 2019  
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Jose Morales, 2002  
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Mechelle Navarro, 1992  
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Hilda Newman-Mosley, 1983  
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Yeton Niweigha, 2000  
Chika Nnaji, 2009  
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Leah Nunez, 1986  
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Maria Ochoa, 1993  
George Odero, 1994  
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Granville Oldham, Jr., 1982  
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Olufunlayo Onofowode, 2007  
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Brenda Ortiz, 2020  
Stephanie Ortiz, 2014  
Anma Ortiz-Terriquez, 1992  
Uriel Oseguera, 1988



Eddie Morris



Walter Orellana



Stephanie Ortiz



Uriel Oseguera



Karen Ramirez



Natalie Ramirez



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Kansola Oshodi, 2010  
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Gerardo Pacheco-Montalvo  
Nancy Padilla, 1998  
Mayra Padilla, 1996, 1999(G)  
Karin Pal, 2020  
Maria Pantoja-Pineda, 2017  
Valarie Partee, 2000  
Manuel Pastore, 2009  
Maya Pastore, 2001, 2010(G)  
Marta Pastore, 2012  
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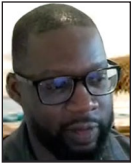
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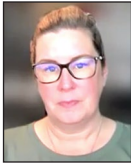
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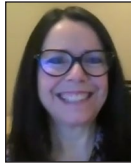
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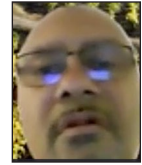
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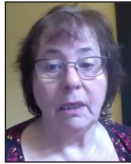
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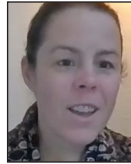
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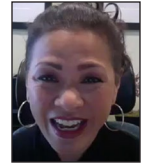
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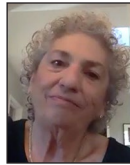
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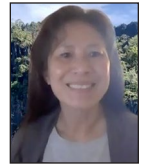
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Harriet Garelis*



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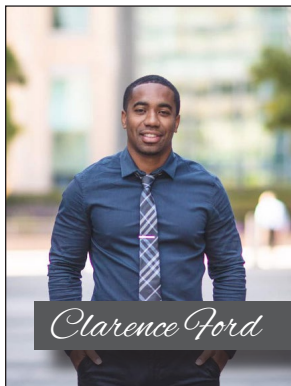
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*Recipient of the 2021  
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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

*With Kennedy-King in its fifty-third year,  
we have contributed to the success of 921 scholars.  
We want to share some of our scholar success stories with our supporters.*



*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 Berkeley 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.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



*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.



*Dieudonne Koffi  
Justin Brou*

- A 2015 Kennedy-King scholar from Diablo Valley College.
- Graduated from UCLA in 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in African American/Black Studies and Sociology.
- Has been deeply involved in organizing and social justice work including work with the:
- Alameda County Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership;
- Ella Baker Center for Human Rights;
- Urban Peace Movement youth leadership program; and
- Justice Reinvestment Coalition of Alameda County to promote fair and just public safety systems.
- Following three generations of family members in the shoe business, has launched **KOFFINOIR**, a designer shoe business ([www.koffinoir.com](http://www.koffinoir.com)).

*“The Kennedy-King Scholarship has given me the opportunity to use my imagination to create a higher quality of life for the disadvantaged.”*

—Dieudonne Koffi Justin Brou

A group of diverse children of various ethnicities and ages are smiling and looking towards the camera. The children are dressed in casual clothing, including jackets and sweaters. The background is slightly blurred, suggesting an outdoor or school setting. The entire image is framed by a dark red border.

# MARIAN MAGID

1934 - 2007

*A champion for all kids.*

“Intelligence plus character –  
that is the goal of true education.”

THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

# *Ralph S. Griffin*

*1929 - 2011*

*A friend and mentor who found the good in everyone.*



*Life's most persistent and urgent question is  
'What are you doing for others?'*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# Kennedy-King Scholarships Reward Perseverance

**By Eizo Kobayashi**  
**Columnist**

*“However great an intellectual may be, however great one may be as a scholar or a man of learning, one has also to acquire humanness. Without humanness, scholarship and intellectual eminence are of no value.”*—Sri Sathya Sai Baba

She suffered a rape when she was only 5 years old. She was repeatedly abused after that, and her parents did little to stop it. But in the end, she prevailed.

In another country, a young boy walked the breadth of his native land, leaving his family and taking only what provisions he could carry, determined to seek a better life. He was 12 years old when he completed his journey.

More than 60 young men and women, including these two, met one recent Saturday morning to share their personal stories. It was difficult to listen to speaker after speaker and remain impervious when comparing our lifestyles to what they endured. Many were progeny of broken homes and shared cramped quarters with drug addicted siblings who were constantly in trouble with the law. Others were shuttled from foster home to foster home, all the while wondering what they had done wrong to be separated from their families. Many spoke no English when they arrived in the United States. Adjustment for them was particularly tough. But no one expressed bitterness about their past.

On the morning of March 26, those 60 young people, exemplifying the top academic students in our local community colleges, reported to Diablo Valley College to vie for Kennedy-King scholarships to be awarded 17 promising students preparing to continue their education at a four-year university.

Seven three-member panels were selected to interview the candidates. Among the panelists were several past Kennedy-King recipients who now sit on the board after having completed their college educations. Wouldn't it be great if all investments could draw that kind of interest! Following selection of the 17 finalists, one panelist commented that he found his assignment especially difficult because every candidate was exceptional, and all deserved to be recognized.

The candidates, besides fulfilling the required number of courses in school, have held full- or part-time jobs while providing free tutorial services and performing volunteer work at their churches and in the community. How they managed to do all that while keeping up their grades is beyond me! I've often said kids who stay out of trouble and excel in school receive little public notice. On the other hand, they realize that lip service and an album filled with clippings of their accomplishments won't get them a free cup of coffee.

Kennedy-King will host a dinner at the Crowne Plaza Concord hotel on May 17 to honor the 20 scholarship recipients, most of whom are

the first in their family to have attended college ... of for that matter, high school.

Kennedy-King is an organization comprised of members of the community and come from all walks of life, but who share one common interest -- to provide financial assistance in the form of scholarships to promising minority students living in Contra Costa County. Like most nonprofit organizations, Kennedy-King relies on grants, donations and fundraising events. And everyone on the staff is a volunteer.

For anyone wishing to contribute toward the scholarships, the amount you donate doesn't matter. When added up, your contributions will create an additional scholarship for another deserving student. Kennedy-King is well aware of the present economy and the retired folks who live on fixed incomes. Whether you can dig up a couple of dollars or are in a position to offer a hundred of them, your donations will be most appreciated. Scholarships for deserving students are the best investment you can make to ensure America's future.

You can send your contribution, along with any comments or questions to: Kennedy-King, P.O. Box 2643, Martinez, CA 94553, or go to their website at [www.kennedyking.org](http://www.kennedyking.org). Thank you for your time ... and donation!

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

May 11, 1993

Greetings to everyone attending the 25th annual awards dinner of the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to this year's scholarship recipients.

A college education is becoming increasingly important as we approach the 21st century. If we are to remain competitive in the world, we must ensure that our nation's next generation of leaders will receive a quality education. Unfortunately, the opportunity to earn a college degree is often unavailable to promising young Americans simply because they lack the funds needed to pursue their goals.

By providing talented students with scholarships, the Kennedy-King Fund makes an important investment in our nation's future. I know that the outstanding recipients of these awards will go on to achieve new heights in school and in their professions. Their success will reflect their hard work, as well as the generosity and determination of the many volunteers without whom the Fund would not exist.

Best wishes for a wonderful event.

*Bill Clinton*

# KENNEDY-KING

*in the news*

THE SUNDAY TIMES

COMMENTARY

MAY 19, 2002

## Thank you for a stunning evening

OK, I ADMIT it, I went to the Kennedy-King Scholarship Awards banquet out of sense of duty. John Armstrong, the editor of this paper and the man who approves my vacation requests, couldn't make it and he asked me to go on his behalf.

What better thing could I think to do on a Friday night than to go hear speeches at the Concord Holiday Inn?

Even though this scholarship program and dinner have been around for 34 years, I knew virtually nothing about either.

But it was coordinated in our shop by a woman who is one of my favorite department heads and, besides, John had asked me to go: (Did I mention he approves vacation requests?) So just how bad could it be?

As I was to find out, that was the wrong way to phrase the question?

The real question is just how good could it be? I was stunned to find that, in fact, it was beyond good and rapidly approaching great.

The dinner has been held annually since that horrible year of 1968 when both Dr. Marlin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated.

The purpose of the Kennedy-King organization is to honor the memory of those slain leaders through college scholarships for deserving minority students who already have demonstrated academic ability in the state's community colleges.

These folks are going on to four-year institutions and need the financial help that this scholarship offers them.

This is not a government program dreamed up by



**DAN HATFIELD**  
Editorial page editor

Congress. It is a private endeavor funded by contributions. It has very low overhead, which means that nearly all of the donated money goes directly to the scholarships.

Unlike most award banquets, the keynote speaker was insightful, moving and concise: He made his points well and he sat down, which allowed each of the 20 students some microphone time. I know that 21 speeches in an evening sounds bad, but it isn't.

After the first three recipients spoke; I was so wrung out emotionally that I wasn't sure I could make it through 17 more. But I did. And, boy, was I glad.

Their stories, while vastly different, carried the common themes of struggle, sacrifice, hope and gratitude; both for the scholarship and our community colleges.

I have long shared their love for the community colleges, but that night I came to love the scholarship as well.

Some of the speakers were funny, some choked up, and nearly all were nervous. But they shouldn't have been, they were spellbinding.

One woman had been living in her car with her three children when she enrolled at Contra Costa College. She is about to graduate with an AA degree and is on her way to an excellent four-year college.

Another young woman was the daughter of a former

Kennedy-King winner. Her dad sat next to her beaming.

Then there was an aspiring accountant who reminded us all that these scholarships are much more than financial. She told us that there was an accomplishment component to winning it that, for the first time, made her feel like she could do anything.

And there was the young man who told us he was about to be the first generation in his family to graduate from any college. His mother cried he wished all of the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

The most moving for me was a young man whose parents had come here from Latin America penniless. But they worked hard and he was able to go to school. He did well in high school until he was struck with a near fatal could disease. Family and strong will had pulled him through.

He told of going on a trip to a country in Central America and seeing abysmal medical conditions there. He choked back tears as he said, "We have so much great here, and they have so little." Then he told the audience that they had made a good choice in him because he is not only going to finish college, but is going to medical school so he can help poor people.

Each student spoke of "giving something back," once they finish school. I have no doubt that they will.

If you get tired of bad news and need to see that there are plenty of things right in this world, just attend the Kennedy King annual banquet next year. I will see you there.

*Hatfield is editorial page editor for Contra Costa Newspapers.*



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	Year Ended 6/30/2019	Year Ended 6/30/2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 483,006	\$ 419,283
Pledge Receivable	—	1,000
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 483,006</b>	<b>\$ 420,283</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Deposit - Dinner Venue	—	15,872
East Bay Community Foundation	149,653	151,352
UBS Investment Account	<u>1,610,867</u>	<u>1,762,195</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 1,760,520</b>	<b>\$ 1,929,419</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,243,526</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,349,702</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	5,000	—
Scholarships Payable	<u>558,000</u>	<u>537,500</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 567,500</b>	<b>\$ 537,500</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	89,634	113,647
Temporary/Permanently Restricted	1,589,878	1,674,782
Net Income	<u>1,013</u>	<u>23,773</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 1,680,526</b>	<b>\$ 1,812,202</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,243,526</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,349,702</u></b>

*Unaudited*

*Fifty-three years of helping students in Contra Costa County!*



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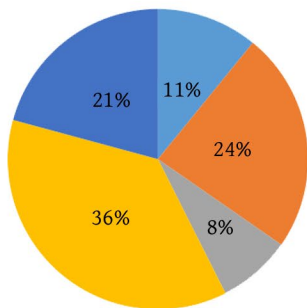
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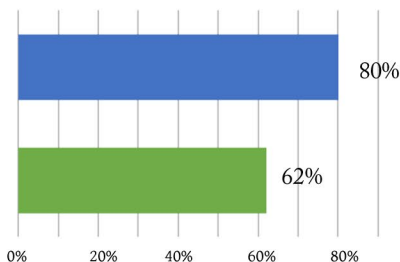
- Healthcare: 11%
- Science/Engineering: 24%
- Business/Finance: 8%
- Social Science: 36%
- Other: 21%

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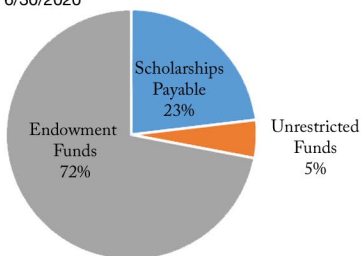
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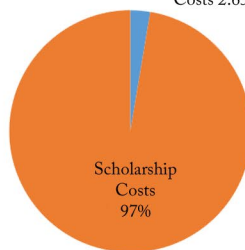
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for FY20

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