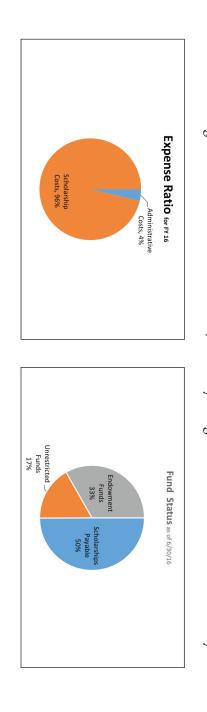


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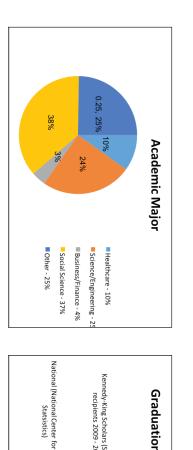
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#### **Melodie Williams**

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The 2016 Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Recipients

## Meet some of our Current Scholars



"There are not many Latinos or other minorities in the STEM field; in light of that I want to make a difference in the education of [STEM] students in my community."

**Dante Romero**, a graduate of Contra Costa College, and a junior majoring in Civil Engineering at San Jose State University.



"I have had a very rewarding and interesting volunteer experience at RotaCare Medical Clinic, which provides medical services to the underserved who lack medical insurance. My goals for the future is to keep working hard to finish my degree in Biology and to one day attend medical school."

**Denis Sanpedro**, a Los Medanos College graduate, and now a senior attending the University of California-Davis majoring in Biology.



In her reference for Dannesha, Linda Peloquin, Adjunct Professor, English wrote: "It is worth noting that Dannesha's current success is the result of some trial and error. She initially started college without a clear resolve of what to do or why, which led to her dropping out after two unproductive semesters. After nearly ten years of maturing both herself and her goals she came back. She believed that if she gave her all to this now-resolute goal she could achieve it, and that is exactly what she is doing."

**Dannesha Lewis**, a Diablo Valley College graduate now attending CSU-Sacramento, and a junior majoring in Criminal Justice.



After watching friends and family fall into the criminal justice system, "I promised myself that I would devote my school career to studying subjects that would grant me a career in which I could help reduce crime rates. Therefore, I plan to become a psychologist at a juvenile detention center where I can rehabilitate misguided youth before they become hardened criminals."

**Domingo Da Rosa**, a Los Medanos College graduate now attending CSU-Sacramento as a junior majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

## Meet more Kennedy-King Schollars at www.kennedyking.org

# Kennedy King Alumni: A History of Great Outcomes

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



**Jose Alvarez** 

"Jose Alvarez is an exemplary human being who cares so much about the welfare of his community. I have never met a person who devotes so much time and energy to service."

- *Christina Springer, Program and Assessment Coordinator at the UCLA Resource Center*
- A Kennedy-King 2014 Scholar from Los Medanos College
- Graduated from UCLA in 2016 with a major in Sociology
- First member of his family to attend and graduate from college
  - He recently enrolled at Loyola Marymount



Juanita Allison

"I enjoy a life I could only imagine in large part due to the assistance provided to me by the Kennedy-King Scholarship Fund and its donors. It turns out Disneyland is not the only place where dreams come true."

- A 2008 Kennedy-King Scholar from Contra Costa College
- Received a BS in Molecular and Cell Biology from California State University East Bay
- Highly active in the recovery community, helping others coming from similar difficulties to succeed
- Currently working as an Associate Scientist at Amyris Inc., a renewable materials company making a big impact in the green technology sector

- to obtain a Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential, and a Masters of Education for Urban Education
- As a 2016 Teach for America Corps Member Jose recently started as a 6th Grade Math and ELA Teacher at Dover Elementary in San Pablo

• Intends to pursue a Ph.D. in Data Systems Engineering from UC Berkeley



Christopher MacAlpine-Delton

"Remembering my life nearly a decade ago makes me appreciate receiving the Kennedy-King Scholarship even more today. Although I was adamant about escaping the circumstances in which I lived, I had no way to realize this idea in tangible terms. Being selected for this scholarship was the beginning of a much greater journey that ultimately carried me to the European Union and eventually to the Dominican Republic, changing my life in a way I never could have foreseen."

- Program Assistat at World Connect, Inc., an international trade and development firm in New York (2016-present)
- Freelance photographer (Christoslilu Photography) since 2005
- U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer (Primary Literacy Specialist) serving in the Dominican Republic, 2013-2016
- Kennedy-King Scholarship recipient in 2007 (undergraduate) and 2010 (Graduate)
- M.P.P, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, New York. Area: Public Policy (2011)
- B.A., Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Major: Geography, minor in International Development & Social Change. (summa cum laude)(2009)
- A.A., Contra Costa College, San Pablo, California. Major in Geography & Liberal Arts. (2007)