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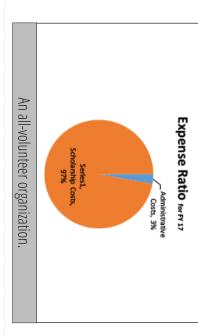
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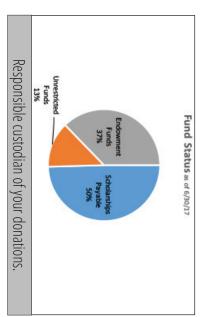
Other - 24%

2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in

Kennedy-King Memorial

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# Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund, Ltd.

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Graduation Rates: Kennedy-King Scholars Succeeed

Academic Major (2009-2017)

Healthcare - 10%

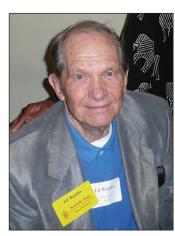
Business/Finance - 4% Science/Engineering - 23% A Model of Financial Efficiency and Positive Outcomes

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s we enter our **50th year**, the Kennedy-King Board of Directors wishes to thank Nour donors for the many years of support. Fifty years ago America went through a very traumatic time. A group of eleven Contra Costa County residents were moved to create something positive out of those trying times. The Kennedy-King Memorial **College Scholarship Fund** is a living memorial to the social equity dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our mission has not changed—to provide scholarships to lower income, minority students from one of the three Contra Costa community colleges so that they can transfer to a four-year institution and complete their education. Kennedy-King acknowledges and thanks the Founding Members for their exceptional vision.

On May 19, 2017, Kennedy-King awarded an additional 32 scholarships. These scholars, from Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College, join the ranks of the 776 scholarships recipients Kennedy-King has helped in our 50 years. The value of Kennedy-King scholarships awarded to-date is now \$4.4 million. We sincerely thank you for your generosity and continuing commitment.

#### **DONATE NOW!**

Mail your donation to

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#### **Meet some of our Current Scholars**

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



#### Jennifer Ochoa

As a peer advisor for Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS), Jennifer was inspired to pursue a career as an academic counselor for community college transfer students. After getting her Bachelors in Psychology, she plans to attend graduate school and obtain a Masters in Counseling.

Jennifer Ochoa is a graduate of Diablo Valley College and a junior majoring in Psychology at the University of California.



#### Robin Lopez

As a graduate student, Robin's primary area of research is to understand the effects of climate change in Arctic ecosystems. He has been awarded the prestigious National Science Foundation fellowship to continue his studies. Robin was awarded a White House Presidential Service Award for completion of 100+ hours of community service through a service organization (Alpha Phi Omega). Robin volunteers as a mentor for the METAS program where he is the lead 4th and 5th Grade instructor involving Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM). Currently, he is a

research associate at the Lawrence Berkeley National Labs, where he may remain after graduating. He is a PhD candidate, and is being actively recruited by UTEP, Iowa State, & Syracuse for their doctoral programs.

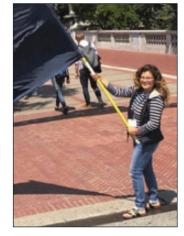
Robin Lopez is a Contra Costa College graduate who received an undergraduate Kennedy-King Scholarship in 2012. He graduated from San Francisco State University receiving a Civil Engineering degree. Robin is now a Kennedy-King Graduate Scholar attending San Jose State University where he expects to receive a Master of Science degree in Water Resource Engineering. Robin has aspirations to seek a PhD in Environmental Engineering.



#### Jules Means

Jules is a Los Medanos College student who has transferred to the University of California to major in Psychology. She expects to continue working on her MA degree. Upon graduation, she would like to work with the District Attorney's office. She has encountered moments of grace and tremendous challenges throughout her life. As a mother of four sons, she hopes to pursue her dreams relentlessly and become a role model to her family with perseverance, determination, and integrity.

**Jules Means** is a Los Medanos College graduate who is now attending the University of California at Berkeley majoring in Psychology.



#### Brittany Ayala

Brittany is a first-generation college student studying political science at Diablo Valley College. After graduating from the University of California, she plans to attend Law School and become a civil rights attorney. In addition to being an honor roll student, Brittany recently worked as an intern with Congressman Mark DeSaulnier. Today, Brittany works for the Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center.

**Brittany Ayala** is a Diablo Valley College graduate who is now a junior attending the

University of California at Berkeley and majoring in Political Science.



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### **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.



## "During the Martin Luther King holiday earlier this year I contemplated remembered that I am a

how Dr. King's teaching impacted my life. I Kennedy-King scholar. I love my career as it was made possible thanks to the giving donors at Kennedy-King."

— Fernanda Lopez

#### Fernanda Lopez

- A 2010 Kennedy-King Scholarship recipient from Los Medanos College
- Majored in Journalism at San Jose State University graduating in 2012
- At San Jose State she shared her Mexican culture as a member of "Grupo Folklorico Luna y Sol," the University's own Mexican folklore dance group
- Started her career in San Jose as an intern at Telemundo 48, and freelanced as a reporter/ photographer for El Observer, a bilingual newspaper
- · Moved to the Tri-Cities area of eastern Washington where she was a producer and morning news anchor at KNDU-TV for four years
- Joined KRQE-TV in Albuguerque, NM in 2016 as a weekend morning anchor and reporter

• A 2001 Kennedy-King Swarts Scholar from

BA in Psychology from Argosy University in

As a student Regina co-authored two books:

When Believers Become Depressed

at Youth Uprising in Oakland

Change Your Life—The 90-Day Experience and

Formerly a Health & Wellness Case Manager

Currently exploring her new home in the Southwest with her husband Jonathan Halvorson and dog Della

Regina Amos

Contra Costa College



my chosen career of

troubled youth. I owe

a debt of gratitude to

Kennedy-King and its

donors for making this

possible."

— Regina Amos

"You have it within you to always help people. That's our nature. We are CPAs."

- Mila (Nues) Coffey

- "I am doing well in Currently a Medical Administrative Assistant for John Muir Medical Group, Danville
- providing services to Active in her church as a Sunday School Superintendent
  - Active as a speaker at women's symposiums in the Bay Area that promote academics, health and wellness, and employment
  - Has participated as a member of Kennedy-King's Speaker's Bureau sharing the story of the value of the scholarship
  - Has been a regular participant in the Kennedy-King scholarship selection process.



#### Mila (Nues) Coffey

- A Kennedy-King Scholar in 1982 from Contra Costa College
- · Graduated from San Francisco State University in 1985 with a BS degree in Business Administration with an Accounting concentration
- Began her career as a CPA at Petsus & Hill, CPA's Inc. in Richmond. She is now a Partner in the firm
- · A CPA with:
- o A Personal Finance Specialist designation from the American Institute of Certified **Public Accountants**
- o A Certified Financial Planner with securities and insurance licenses
- An Investment Advisor Representative through an affiliation with HD Vest
- Member of the Contra Costa College Foundation Board since 2005
- Treasurer of the George Miller Youth Fund

