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Kennedy-King President Art Rangel and Board Member Ella Gower accept the East Bay Leadership Council's Outstanding Foundation or Grant Maker award for 2018.

Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund is a living memorial to the social equity dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We are entering our **51st year** of pursuing our mission of providing scholarships to lower income, minority students from the three Contra Costa community colleges so they can transfer to a four-year institution and complete their education. The exceptional vision of the Founding Members has been recognized by the greater Contra Costa community through their sustaining and increasing support of Kennedy-King.

We Thank You!

On May 18, 2018 Kennedy-King awarded an additional **40 scholarships**—the largest number of scholarships ever—to scholars from Contra Costa College, Diablo Valley College, and Los Medanos College, who join the ranks of 816 scholarship recipients Kennedy-King has helped in our 50 years. The value of scholarships awarded to-date is now **over \$4.8 million**. These accomplishments would not have been possible without the generosity and continuing support of our donors.

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The 2018 Kennedy-King Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Meet our Kennedy-King Scholars

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



ROSANNA CLARK

Building off her community service activity Rosanna has a goal of helping low-income individuals obtain affordable healthcare.

Rosanna Clark is a Los Medanos College graduate who is pursuing a business and marketing degree at California State University-East Bay to achieve her goal.



LAVANTA GREEN

*Lavanta strongly believes that it is **never** too late to step into your appointed destiny. She is the mother of three daughters, and grandmother of five.*

Lavanta Green is a Los Medanos College graduate, who is pursuing a psychology and liberal arts/humanities degree at California State University-East Bay so that she can work with battered women.



NUBIA DONIKIAN

As a member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Nubia has organized events for the annual Noche de Ciencias—which means “Night of Science”—which targets underrepresented students in the City of Los Angeles.

Nubia (Azua Escamilla) Donikian is a Contra Costa College graduate who received a Kennedy-King Scholarship in 2015. She graduated from UCLA with a Chemical engineering degree. She is now attending graduate school at UC-Irvine pursuing a PhD in Environmental Engineering.



ERIKA GUTIERREZ

A first generation college student, Erika overcame homelessness to graduate from high school and community college with honors.

Erika Gutierrez is a Los Medanos College graduate, who is pursuing a nursing degree at Dominican College. She hopes to inspire others who are facing obstacles in life that are not of their doing.

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SAVE THE DATE!

The 2019 Kennedy-King Scholarship Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, May 17, 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. Take this opportunity to meet the next class of Kennedy-King Scholars!

Meet More Kennedy-King Current Scholars

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



MAIKA JIMENEZ

As President of the La Raza Club, Maika is working to provide a supportive community to the Latino population.

Maika Jimenez is a Los Medanos College graduate who is attending UC-Davis. She is pursuing a counseling degree, and intends to pursue a Master's Degree upon graduation. Her goal is to help guide future generations through their educational journeys.



LEONARD PERRY

A reentry student after a career as a welder was cut short by injury, Leonard persevered through the loss of his father at age 12, and a high school career that included attending seven different schools. He also spent some time in jail, which underscored his desire to pursue an education.

Leonard Perry is a Los Medanos College graduate with a passion for math, physics, and computer science. He is currently attending UC-Irvine pursuing a degree in Computer Science.



AMINA JONES

A single mother with two young sons, Amina was a victim of domestic abuse. She has recovered and kept her family together. She is now teaching her two sons how to navigate this world in an accountable and wholesome way.

Amina Jones is a Contra Costa College graduate who is now attending the University of California. She is pursuing a degree urban education and pedagogy. Her goal is to become an educational equity advocate.



DIANA SANCHEZ

A first generation college student Diana immigrated to the US as a youngster. The family was able to stabilize their living situation when they secured a Habitat for Humanity home in Antioch. She volunteers at church, and is an officer in Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Diana Sanchez is a Los Medanos College graduate who is pursuing a nursing degree at Dominican College. Her goal is to be a nurse specializing in children with developmental disabilities.

Kennedy King Alumni: A History of Great Outcomes

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

DONTE BLUE



- A Kennedy-King Scholarship Recipient in 2006
- Attended Contra Costa College
- Graduated from the University of California with a degree in African-American Studies in 2008
- Matriculated to UCLA Law School where he received his J.D. in 2012
- His law school experience led to an interest in mass incarceration issues
- Post law-school he worked in San Francisco and Richmond (Bay Area Legal Aid) on mass incarceration issues
- In 2016 Donte accepted a position as Deputy Director of the Contra Costa County Office of Reentry and Justice

"The Kennedy-King scholarship allowed me to complete my undergraduate career without incurring significant debt."

—Donte Blue

SEQUOIA STANLEY



- A 2010 Scholar from Los Medanos College
- Transferred to Cal State-East Bay and graduated with a degree in Human Development in 2012
- Initial position with Genentech in a Customer Service capacity
- In 2013 Sequoia moved to the Contra Costa County Community College District to work in the "Talent Search" program which includes the following:
 - Outreach to lower income 12-18 year old students to encourage them to consider higher education
 - Working out of Diablo Valley College, Sequoia has responsibility for students in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District; Sequoia has a strong desire to give back to her community, an ethic she has emphasized with her middle/high school students
- Sequoia has recently joined the Board of Directors of Kennedy-King!

"I wake up every morning and feel I am not going to 'work.' I love what I do!"

— Sequoia Stanley

More Alumni: A History of Great Outcomes

AMEER THOMPSON



"The Kennedy-King scholarship was instrumental in my receiving additional scholarships and fellowships."

— Ameer Thompson

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- Attended Diablo Valley College
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- Graduated from California State University, Sacramento with a B.S. in Biological Sciences in 2005
- Received a Ph.D. From Cornell University in 2011 as a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow
- Completed a postdoctoral fellowship at Columbia University with Nobel Laureate Dr. Martin Chalfie, supported by a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral fellowship
- Currently works at Saint Mary's College of California where he runs the Caminos a las Ciencias (CALC) Program, which serves to increase the success rates of Latinx, first-generation, and low income students in the sciences
- Recently rejoined Kennedy-King as a member of the Board of Directors

ROBIN LOPEZ



"When Kennedy-King invested in me in 2012, it lit a fire under me that refuses to dissipate now. It was affirmation that I was on the right trajectory."

— Robin Lopez

- Kennedy-King 2012 Phillips 66 Scholar from Contra Costa College
- Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from San Francisco State University in 2015
- Received Master's degree in Water Resource Engineering at San Jose State University in 2018
- Robin's words to live by: "Trust me; I'm an engineer" (upon his graduation from SF State)
- Received a National Science Foundation Fellowship award in 2017
- Is a Research Associate at Lawrence-Berkeley National Lab
- Recently accepted into UC Berkeley's Environmental Science/Ecology Ph.D program
- Recently became a bone marrow donor to help save a complete stranger's life. Robin willingly sacrificed a few weeks of pain to help relieve someone from the uncertainty of living
- Watch Robin's self-produced video of his challenges and academic accomplishments at www.kennedyking.org/robin-lopez/

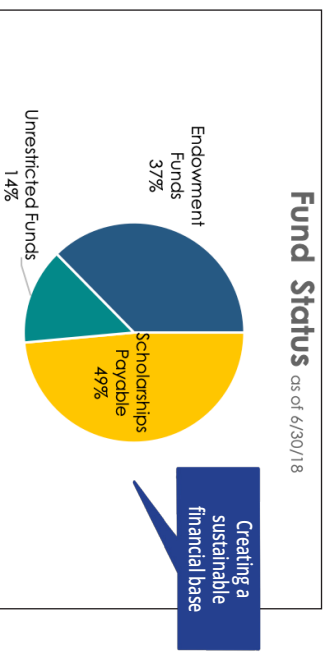
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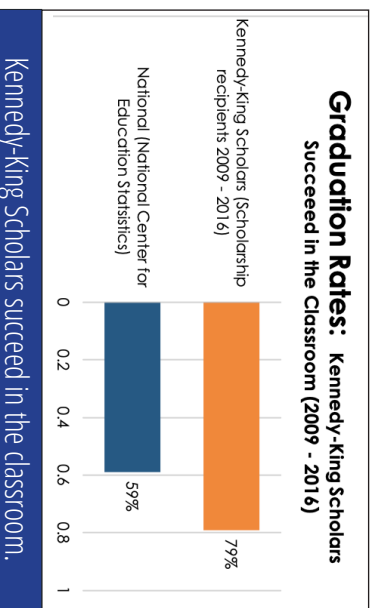
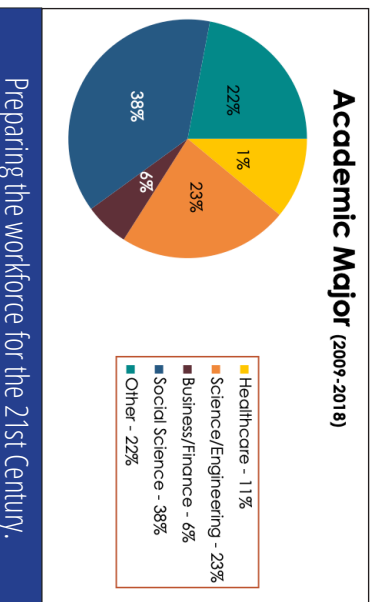
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