

SAN DIEGO
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INVESTING IN BRIGHT FUTURES



34TH ANNUAL
SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

May 5, 2025, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

A Building Patio

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Foundation

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WELCOME

San Diego City College (SDCC) proudly welcomes you to the 34th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony to congratulate and celebrate students for their outstanding dedication and achievement both in the classroom and their communities.

Thanks to the financial generosity of many SDCC faculty, staff, alumni, partners, and friends, the San Diego City College Foundation, and Financial Aid and Scholarships, have the support to celebrate deserving students who will greatly benefit from scholarship funding.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

San Diego City College acknowledges that we gather on unceded Kumeyaay land. We value Indigenous knowledge and cultural worldview. We commit to providing transformative educational experiences for all campus members and guests as we examine practices that perpetuate harm against Indigenous, Black, Brown, and other marginalized communities. We pledge to sustain a meaningful and respectful relationship with the Kumeyaay and other Indigenous communities as we honor this beautiful land together.

EVENT PROGRAM

Reception

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Geysil Arroyo

*President
Board of Trustees*

Gregory A. Smith

*Chancellor
San Diego Community College District*

Ricky Shabazz

*President
San Diego City College*

Erin Flanagan

*Director, Development & Entrepreneurship
San Diego City College*

Recognition of Scholarship Recipients

Sofia Montano

*Financial Admin Tech
San Diego City College*

Emmanuel Isidro

*Senior Account Technician
San Diego City College*

Closing Remarks

Genevieve Esguerra

*Dean of Outreach and Enrollment Services
San Diego City College*

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS GUILD, LOCAL 1931 LARRY SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty members of American Federations of Teachers Guild, Local 1931 of the San Diego Community College and Grossmont/Cuyamaca College Districts to honor the memory and contributions to education and unionism of Larry Schwartz (1932-1995): history professor, labor organizer, a founder and long-time president of the American Federation of Teachers Guild, Local 1931 and political activist. It is awarded to members or students with a family member in a union.

The American Federation of Teachers Guild, Local 1931 is offering scholarships (\$500 each) to students from City, Mesa, Miramar, Continuing Education, Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges.

Allandale Antenero
Camila Sanchez
Donica Carabajal
Kiana Acosta
Paul Tirona
Yareli Noriega

Alyssandra Serrano
Danika Young
Itzel Sosa
Mark Koenen
Safiyo Mohamed

Brenda Nguyen
Desiman Miller
Khala Cisneros
Noemi Munoz
Salma Diaz

ALEXANDRA RICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Alexandra Rice Scholarship recognizes the dedication and resilience required to develop knowledge and training in the field of mental health work. This scholarship is in honor of Alexandra Rice, a student who completed the Mental Health Work Certificate of Achievement at San Diego City College. Upon graduation she worked as a Behavioral Specialist, helping and teaching children with autism spectrum disorder in their home settings. Her sudden death was a shock to all, and through this scholarship her legacy lives on. Applicants must be enrolled in the Mental Health Work Certificate of Achievement Program.

Artesia Jones

Brittney Vickers

ANDREW TAI TAI MOORE SCHOLARSHIP

The family and friends of Andrew Moore have established this scholarship award in his memory. Andy was a City College student when his life was taken in September 2000. His goal was a degree in International Business. Adoptees from Vietnam or other Asian countries are encouraged to apply along with any other re-entry student attending City College.

EG Paw

ANNETTE BENING PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The Annette Bening Promise Scholarship was established in 2018 in honor of Mesa College alumna, and actor, Annette Bening. The Academy Award-nominated and Golden Globe-winning actor credited her time at Mesa for inspiring her to pursue a career in acting. This scholarship is awarded to one student each year at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges along with San Diego Continuing Education, who demonstrate academic excellence and a commitment to service.

Brandon Mills

CALIFORNIA COAST CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

California Coast Credit Union is proud to present the California Coast Credit Union College School Scholarship program to recognize outstanding students for their dedication to academic excellence. California Coast was founded by educators with the promise of "people helping people" and has been serving members for over 85 years, is over \$1.9 billion strong with over 135,000 members.

Brenda Nguyen

Jameelah Jones

CARLOS SANZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Carlos Sanz was a first generation Mexican American. With his work ethic and ingenuity, he became a successful businessman. He passed on his love of reading and education to his sons. His son Andre is a Counselor here at City College. This opportunity is to pay forward Carlos' spirit of providing opportunity by supporting undocumented students.

Marithza Boncoeur Mezile

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARSHIP

Through the generosity of the San Diego Community College District's Chancellor, Gregory A. Smith, this scholarship recognizes a student for academic excellence and leadership.

Brandon Mills

CHARLES W. PATRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship fund was established by San Diego Community College District in memory of the first Chancellor of the San Diego Community College District. Charles W. Patrick was a great leader who helped build the district, one building at a time. His efforts enabled the district to diversify in order to best serve the community's educational needs.

Donica Carabajal

Phat Tran

CLASSIFIED SENATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is funded through payroll deductions from San Diego City College classified professionals. This scholarship is to be awarded to students pursuing an education at City College.

Renata Gutierrez

DEBORAH HELM SCHOLARSHIP

The Deborah Helm Scholarship- Debbie Helm is a compassionate nurse practitioner who provided exemplary care to students at San Diego City College for over 25 years. Through this scholarship, we aim to continue Debbie Helm's legacy of caring and support for the student community at San Diego City College.

Cynthia Rodriguez
Esmeralda Duran Sanabia

Derek Bedolla Soberanis
Hanan Hagi Ismail

Diana Sa

DIANA GONZALEZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created to honor Diana Gonzalez, a Chicana/LatinX who tragically lost her life on campus in 2010 at the age of nineteen. First priority candidates are women who have the greatest emotional and financial challenges as they gain the work skills necessary to support themselves and/or their families. While our funds target women who are single parents, who need financial assistance to achieve an education and to develop skills for their future, this does not preclude other genders from applying.

Shandalyn Reid

THE DR. CONSTANCE M. CARROLL CHANCELLOR EMERITA SCHOLARSHIP

The Dr. Constance M. Carroll Chancellor Emerita Scholarship provides funding for students pursuing a degree or profession in the Humanities or Education. This scholarship was created in honor of Dr. Constance M. Carroll, Ph.D., Chancellor Emerita of the San Diego Community College District and her extraordinary contributions to academia, education, and the community.

Dr. Carroll served as chancellor of the San Diego Community College District for 17 years, is a national leader in the tuition-free Promise movement, and helped establish the California Community College Baccalaureate Program. A lifelong academic and advocate for the Humanities, Dr. Carroll earned degrees in Humanities and Classics and was appointed by President Barack Obama to the National Council on the Humanities for six years in 2011 and by President Biden to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities in 2023.

The scholarship is awarded to one student each year at City who demonstrates academic achievement and a commitment to service and/or social justice.

Artesia Jones

DR. DOTTI CORDELL STUDENT HEALTH CENTER SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship named for Dotti Cordell, EdD, MPH, RN seeks to award a first or second-year nursing student of color with an award, enabling them to complete their nursing program successfully. The scholarship seeks minoritized students of color in order to address the vast disparities in the representation of these populations in healthcare. It is crucial that students of color enter nursing so that all who seek healthcare may see themselves represented, may find trust in the healthcare system and together, both patients and clinicians can work to address the significant health disparities between races and ethnicities.

Jorge Perez Hernandez

Karissa Valdovinos

DR. NESHA SAVAGE BLACK EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

In honor of Dr. Neshia Savage's steadfast leadership as one of the creators of the Hermanos Unidos Brothers United (HUBU) Conference; in dedication to roles that Black and other women serve in leading efforts to uplift our communities; and in celebrating 10 years of service collaborating with faculty, classified professionals and students to developed a shared vision that celebrates student achievements and excellence for Chicax and Black males.

This scholarship is for women who embody a commitment to service and academic excellence.

Caleb Bryant



EDWARD ROACH SCHOLARSHIP (BIOLOGY)

Edward Roach taught many Biology courses at City College for 30 years but focused on teaching Human Anatomy. He passed away in January 2005. His family, friends, faculty, and staff from the Life Sciences Department at City College have contributed to this scholarship. In light of his commitment to education and concern for his students, the scholarships will be awarded based on academic achievement and goals, as well as on need.

John Bothwell

Sadiyo Mahamed

FLORA FUTD

This scholarship is open to any student who has faced significant challenges and continues to persevere in pursuit of their education. It honors individuals who demonstrate resilience, a strong commitment to their goals, and a deep belief in the power of education to create a better future.

Keith Sullivan

FRIENDS OF DOWNTOWN SCHOLARSHIP

Friends of Downtown San Diego (FODSD) is a 100% volunteer-run, registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing the downtown San Diego community. Comprised of local professionals and residents who live and work in the area, FODSD is proud to invest in the future of our community through education. They are the largest single scholarship contributor to San Diego City College. Our scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement and are designed to help deserving students reach their educational goals.

Thanks to the generosity of their donors, 100% of all contributions go directly to student scholarships. Award recipients may use the funds for a variety of educational needs, including books, technology, internet access, transportation, or transfer fees—anything that supports their academic success.

Alexandra Aguilar	Alexander Lopez	Amanda Garcia
Artesia Tierra Jones	Breanna Trejo	Brittany Fromlath
Brittney Vickers	Caleb Bryant	Corin Puckett
Donica Carbajal	Esmeralda Duran Sanabia	Helen Hernandez
Jamie DePaul	Javier A. Martinez	Jennifer Medrano
Jimmy Bryant	Jordan Bailey	Leonardo Urrea
Lindsay Merriner	Lorena Altamirano Molina	Martina Hernandez Marroquin
Michelle Romero	Na'Dia Raines	Narly Dalia Ramirez
Rodrigo Lopez	Shandalyn Reid	Stacy Imgrund
Yaretzi Xiomara Rubio Martinez	Yerithza Labastida	Victoria Langenberg

GRAINGER INC. OF SAN DIEGO SCHOLARSHIP

Since November of 2008, Grainger Inc. of San Diego has provided funds for this scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded to selected recipients enrolled in off-campus classes/training in technical, vocational, and apprenticeship programs. The disciplines include electrical, heating, air conditioning & refrigeration, machine technology and manufacturing engineering technology. This scholarship is intended to provide funds for tuition, books, tools and other educational expenses (bus passes, parking permit, etc.), at City College.

Lorance Alsee

HOUSING DEREGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Priority given to students experiencing homelessness or other forms of housing insecurity. All students are welcome to apply.

Kristen Obeso Theus

Rajanee LongSimon

JAMES D. DOWD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created by Dr. Bonnie Ann Dowd, San Diego Community College District Executive Vice Chancellor of Business and Technology Services. This opportunity is in memory of her brother James “Jimmy” P. Dowd, who was killed in 1977 in an accident at the age of 20 while serving in the U.S. Air Force. Jimmy attended Pace University in New York City when he graduated from high school. After one year, he made the decision to join the Air Force with the intent of pursuing a degree in business after completing his service.

This opportunity was created to support a City College veteran or active-duty service member in their pursuit of higher education and to honor James “Jimmy” P. Dowd.

Preference is given to Accounting and Business majors demonstrating a financial need.

Yonatan Hernandez

JAY PURNELL VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP

The Jay Purnell Veterans Scholarship is designed to support the educational aspirations of individuals who are currently serving or have honorably served in the United States Armed Forces. This scholarship recognizes the dedication, sacrifice, and resilience of service members and aims to ease the financial burden of pursuing higher education, vocational training, or professional certification.

Eligible applicants include active-duty service members, reservists, and veterans from all branches of the military. Applicants should demonstrate a commitment to personal growth, a drive to succeed in their chosen field, and a desire to make a positive impact in their communities. Whether transitioning to civilian life, advancing in their military careers, or pursuing new opportunities, this scholarship honors and supports those who have answered the call to serve.

Yonatan Hernandez

JIM SINEGAL ENTREPRENEUR SCHOLARSHIP

Jim Sinegal attended San Diego Junior College (San Diego City College) during the 1950's. Jim learned the importance of discipline and focus while attending City College. He transferred to San Diego State University where he gained business education knowledge, began working for Fed-Mart, and eventually met Price Club founder Sol Price. He went on to help found one of the greatest wholesale companies in industry history, a story that continues to this day. He was recently chosen as a Most Distinguished Alumnus by City College.



Jim Sinegal, San Diego City College Alumni and Co-Founder of Costco

This scholarship was created to help support students who are in their last year of the Business Studies (Small Business Accounting, Small Business Management or Entrepreneur) at San Diego City College.

Jocelyn Denise Zavalza

JIM SINEGAL INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP

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This scholarship was created to help support San Diego City College students who are currently taking an internship course in their field of study. Employers want their employees to be educated, many of them, in a variety of fields, feel that real-world experience is the only thing standing between graduates and their dream jobs therefore we created this scholarship to help support students while they gain practical experience in their field of study.

Cassandra Haynes

LEBOFFE-PIERCE SCHOLARSHIP (MICROBIOLOGY)

Michael Leboffe and Burton Pierce, both retired members of the San Diego City College Life Sciences Department, have co-authored multiple publications for use in undergraduate microbiology laboratories. They recognize the importance of their students' contributions to their works and appreciate the ongoing cooperation from San Diego City College in their development. As a result, they established this scholarship in 1999 to honor outstanding student achievement in microbiology at San Diego City College.

John Bothwell

LEORA DURLAO SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was established in memory of Leora Dumlao, a remarkable activist and life-long educator. After years of teaching math and business in New York, she moved to Arizona and tutored Native American students at the Cook Christian Training School. In San Diego, she was very active in many community groups. Ms. Dumlao had a particular interest in the City College Honors Program, met a number of students and celebrated their achievements.

Artesia Jones

LINSKY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Linsky Family had maintained a multi-generational commitment to education, civic engagement, and democratic governance. A scholarship dedicated to students in the Social Sciences is essential to this commitment as we move through the 21st century.

Lila and Morrie Linsky were members of the “Greatest Generation” which lived through both The Great Depression and the Second World War and ultimately shared in the blessings and prosperity of post-war America. They impressed upon their children the need to give back to society which had provided so many opportunities and rewards. This charge was taken seriously by that second generation and passed down to yet a third which understands the value of commitment and dedication to ideals beyond the self. It is in that spirit – and with the certain knowledge that the futures rest in the hand of educated young men and women – that the Linsky Family has established this scholarship tailored specifically for those pursuing a degree in the Social Sciences.

If there is no funding or there are no qualified applicants that reflect this format the scholarship will not be awarded for that year.

Donica Carabajal

Jameelah Jones

MEZA FAMILY & FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP

The Meza family and their friends have pledged funds for Veterans attending San Diego City College. This scholarship was created to help support Veterans for the sacrifices they made. It is only fitting that we help them to find new opportunities and greater successes.

Catherina Demosthene

Luis Herrera



MICHAEL TAYLOR FILMMAKER SCHOLARSHIP

The Michael Taylor Scholarship is named in honor of Michael Taylor, a proud alumnus who graduated in 2008. Michael's journey began at San Diego City College where he earned an Associates in Anthropology and a Certificate in Archaeology. Following his time at City College, he continued his studies at Columbia University in New York City, while obtaining a degree in Anthropology. Michael's post graduate accomplishments are truly noteworthy, as he has gone on to become a three-time Emmy Award-winning television producer and founder of NWM Imaging, a respected film production company specializing in documentaries and docuseries. Michael also generously supports the community by producing three programs for San Diego's local public television, KPBS. In recognition of his commitment to education and the arts, he graciously provides two \$250.00 scholarships to aspiring film production students at San Diego City College, fostering future storytellers. This scholarship is a testament to Michael's passion for filmmaking and his desire to support the next generation in their creative endeavors.

Leon Nelson

Megann Walton

MICHELE ELAINE DIERCE SCHOLARSHIP (NURSING)

Michele Elaine Pierce, graduate of nursing programs at San Diego City College, University of Phoenix and Loma Linda University, and beloved Neonatal Nurse Practitioner at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Oregon died of cancer on September 22, 2010. To honor her memory and encourage future healthcare professionals, Michele's family and friends have established this scholarship award. The award is to help students complete their Nursing Education Program at San Diego City College.

Cecilia Ragsdale

DARKER FAMILY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

The Parker Family Trust Scholarship supports students of color and veterans pursuing degrees in Accounting and Business, aiming to increase diversity and representation in these critical fields. This scholarship provides financial assistance and encouragement for these future leaders who have been historically underrepresented in the profession.

Morgan Marino

Rajanee LongSimon

Vivir Vida

PEGGY GRAY SPANNINGA TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Peggy Gray Spanninga Transfer Scholarship is for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college/university or California Community College for the Fall 2024 Semester/Quarter to begin coursework to achieve a bachelor's degree.

Alexander Lopez

Amanda Garcia

Anthony Moore

Brenda Nguyen

Destiny Houston

Diana Sa

Elijah Keen

Juan Jose Londono Esguerra

Karissa Valdovinos

Kimberly Moran

Leon Nelson

Lorena Altamirano Molina

Michelle Romero

Rama Al Bawab

Whitney Parker

Xavier DeLaLuz

DEDICATION TO PROSPERITY SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created to honor and empower those who have overcome adversity (survivors of physical and/or mental abuse). Our funds welcome all individuals who continued life goals and are pursuing an education to assist them in developing skills to elevate their future work opportunities and support their families, despite the challenges that come with trauma of abuse.

Amanda Garcia

Gabriela Vega Ruiz

Keith Sullivan

Maria Ferguson

Rosa Lugo

DESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This prestigious scholarship is awarded to graduating/transfer students who have completed their degree or will transfer to a degree seeking program at a 4-year institution. Selection is based on academic excellence and dedication to community service.

Adela Joya

Karissa Valdovinos

RICHARD & ELOISE JOHNSTON HEALTH SERVICES

This scholarship was established by San Diego Community College District to honor Dick Johnston, former President of the SDCCD Board of Trustees to assist students who have been accepted into a health-related program.

Stephanie Castillo Rabanales

ROBERT L. STRECKER SCHOLARSHIP (BIOLOGY)

Bob Strecker came to San Diego City College in 1967 after teaching zoology at Miami University (Ohio). At City, he was the resident zoologist but taught a variety of courses and cofounded the Life Science Department's highly valued tradition of team teaching. He retired in 1987 to be with his children and grandchildren in Massachusetts. Bob was a born scientist (the natural world fascinated him) and his invitation to write an article for Scientific American was an accomplishment unequaled by any other San Diego Community College District professor of his era. He was also a natural teacher. He shared his passion for science with his students and interacted with them in his easy-going, supportive manner, using language appropriate to their educational level. Bob also influenced the professional development of his younger colleagues as a mentor and friend. Many of those lessons have been passed down through the decades to the current Biology faculty, where his impact is still felt. In addition to teaching, Bob loved poetry, the arts, gardening, children, and sampling food off his peers' plates. And he was a man of peace. He was known by many students and faculty alike as "Uncle Bob," a moniker he wore with pride and good humor. He passed away in 2015 and his loss is felt deeply by those who knew him. The scholarship will be awarded to Biology majors who manifest Bob's qualities of classroom excellence and inquisitiveness about the natural world.

Kimberly Moran



SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE UMOJA PROGRAM GOOD TROUBLE SCHOLARSHIP

“Get in good trouble, necessary trouble, and redeem the soul of America” -John Lewis
Civil rights advocate and U.S. Representative John Lewis fought for justice and equality throughout his life. Lewis was one of the original Freedom Riders, founded the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, and was the youngest person to speak at the 1963 March on Washington.

Today, activism can take different forms, from marching in the streets, giving speeches, and lobbying for change. But also, through writing or painting, handing out pamphlets, making phone calls, boycotting companies, supporting minority-owned businesses, donating to social and political causes, and often just being the change that you want to see in the world.

The Ambassador for the United State of Women, Aisha Bhuiyan has said:

“Occupying space in your work fields, earning and owning your education, and using your voice in a meeting are all forms of activism...Standing up to verbal and physical assault on the streets is activism, but also, educating your racist uncle at the dinner table is activism. Your existence is activism, your representation is activism, and your allyship is activism.”

If you are an activist in the traditional sense, or if you engage in other forms of activism such as creating art, walking for peace, teaching future leaders, mentoring a friend, caring for others, pursuing a career—all in service to bring about political or social change, then you are getting in good trouble, necessary trouble.

This scholarship was created to support and recognize students who use City College as a pathway to success on their journey. Applicants from all disciplines and fields are encouraged to apply.

Catherina Demosthene
Luis Herrera

Jameelah Jones
Morgan Marino

Lency Kuresa

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC LEADERSHIP AWARD

San Diego Gas & Electric has generously provided funding for this annual award.

Diana Sa

SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDENT WITH A DISABILITY

This fund was established to assist students with a disability to pursue higher education at San Diego City College.

Karissa Valdovinos

SCOTT A. AND ELIZABETH V. CHRISTENSEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2024-25 (COSMETOLOGY)

The San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees Scholarship, supported by the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Charitable Foundation, provides funding for students in career-technical education programs. This scholarship supports students who have vocational and workforce goals and who can benefit from support that will enable them to pursue job opportunities in the San Diego region.

Brenda Nguyen

SCOTT A. AND ELIZABETH V. CHRISTENSEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 2024-25 (NURSING)

The San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees Scholarship, supported by the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Charitable Foundation, provides funding for students in career-technical education programs. This scholarship supports students who have vocational and workforce goals and who can benefit from support that will enable them to pursue job opportunities in the San Diego region.

Cynthia Rodriguez
Joelle Chavez
Michael Chontos

Daisy De Leija
Karissa Valdovinos
Sura Abdullah

Esmeralda Duran Sanabria
Kiana Acosta

SDCC ASG DREAMERS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Many students at City College strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to achieve a higher education. The Associated Students Government has pledged funds for those students attending City College who are seeking to transfer to a four-year college or receive an associate's degree in the field of their choice.

Diana Sa
Lorena Altamirano Molina

Helen Hernandez

Kiana Acosta

SDCC ASG DADS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

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Natalie Blake

Victoria Langenberg

SDCC ASG FORMERLY INCARCERATED STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

The Associated Students Government is a representative of all students at San Diego City College. The ASG has pledged funds for those students attending City College who strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to earn a higher education, despite experiencing challenges that make their academic goals harder to achieve.

Jones Victoria

Leon Nelson

Meghan Owens-Jacobs

SDCC ASG GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP

Many students at City College strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to achieve a higher education. The Associated Students Government has pledged funds for those students attending City College who are seeking to transfer to a four-year college or receive an associate's degree in the field of their choice.

Jamie DePaul

Jameelah Jones

Keith Sullivan

Kiana Acosta

Lorena Altamirano Molina

Luis Herrera

Meghan Owens-Jacobs

SDCC ASG HOMELESS STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

Many students at City College strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to achieve a higher education. The Associated Students Government has pledged funds for those students attending City College who are seeking to transfer to a four-year college or receive an associate's degree in the field of their choice.

Megann Walton

Meghan Owens-Jacobs

SDCC ASG HONORS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

There are students at City College who thrive academically despite their circumstances, and in defiance of what statistics may say concerning their future. The Associated Students Government seeks to reward those ambitious students who have academically performed at a superior rate.

Diego Zavala

Keith Sullivan

Michelle Romero

SDCC ASG INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP

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Celina Martinez

Phat Tran

Tenzin Nyodrup

SDCC ASG LGBTQIA+ STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Associated Students Government is a representative of all students at San Diego City College. The ASG has pledged funds for those students attending City College who strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to earn a higher education, despite experiencing challenges that make their academic goals harder to achieve.

Anne Patou

Michael Kellermeier

SDCC ASG NEXTUP SCHOLARSHIP

NextUp Program at San Diego City is passionate and committed to supporting current and former foster youth students in their educational journey on and off-campus. The first NextUp Former Foster Youth scholarship will help former foster youth college students committed to their education and personal growth.

Jones Victoria

Laura Hernandez Pelayo

SDCC ASG SINGLE PARENT SCHOLARSHIP

Many students at City College are single parents who strive to better themselves and their families by returning to school to achieve a higher education. The Associated Students Government has pledged funds for single parent students attending City College who are seeking to transfer to a four-year college or earn an associate degree in the field of their choice.

Jamie DePaul

Lorena Altamirano Molina

Rosa Lugo

SDCCD MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

The San Diego Community College District Management Association's main objective and purposes are to advance the cause of education and to establish a mutually beneficial relationship for its members. Members of this association include present and retired managers of the district. The SDCCD Management Association contributes the funds for this scholarship in order to enable students to continue their education.

Natalie Blake



♠♠♠ MAHATMA GANDHI SCHOLARSHIP

The Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship is intended to provide financial support for community college students who demonstrate financial need and are the first in their family to attend college. The amount of the scholarship will be determined annually based upon the number of awards and available funds.

Announced at a later date

♠♠♠ STEPHEN L. TADLOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Stephen “Steve” L. Tadlock began his professional career of service to disadvantaged students, which spanned more than three decades. He started as a counselor at ECC, then transferred to City College where he served as an EOPS counselor, EOPS assistant director, CalWORKs counselor, and adjunct professor. Steve finished his career at Southwestern College where he retired in January 2016. This Scholarship was created in memory of Steve by his colleagues and peers.

Jameelah Jones

♠♠♠ TURNING ON THE LIGHTS

The “Turning on the Lights” Learning Culture Scholarship is designed to empower students by equipping them with the tools and strategies needed to close learning gaps and achieve success in both academic and personal life. This scholarship is inspired by the work of Rafael D. Alvarez, Director of the MESA Program at San Diego City College, who has been at the forefront of using learning culture to transform students’ academic journeys.

Jameelah Jones

WANG FAMILY TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

Wang Family Trust Scholarship funded the 2024 “The Larry Justice Memorial Scholarship” by Matthew Wang & Christopher Wang, which honors the memory of Larry Justice and aims to support and encourage talented tennis players at San Diego City College.

This scholarship is intended to assist student-athletes who demonstrate academic dedication and athletic prowess.

Jessica Hoffpauir

WARRIOR FUND

The Warrior Fund is a scholarship and support initiative created to empower and uplift U.S. military service members—past and present—as they pursue their educational and professional goals. Dedicated to those who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, the fund exists to honor their commitment, resilience, and sacrifice by providing essential financial support for higher education, vocational training, or certification programs. Open to active-duty members, reservists, and veterans from all military branches, the Warrior Fund helps bridge the gap between military service and civilian success. It is rooted in the belief that those who fight for our freedom deserve every opportunity to thrive in their next chapter.

Weynshet Yirdaw

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Thank you to the following individuals and groups whose time and support greatly contributed to hosting this year's awards ceremony.

San Diego City College
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John Parker, DBA, Vice President, Administrative Services
Marciano Perez, Jr., Vice President, Student Services

Accounting
Business Services
Communications Office
Digital Print and Mail Center
Facilities Services
Financial Aid & Scholarships
Outreach
President's Office
San Diego City College Foundation
Scholarship Review and Planning Committee

San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees
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Marichu Magaña
Mariah Jameson

San Diego Community College District
Gregory A. Smith, Chancellor

CONGRATULATIONS!

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