

20 Rising Stars

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Graduation is a time for celebration and reflection, and with so many San Luis Obispo County students continuing their education, we want to thank our donors and community members that make our scholarship program so successful. This year, we're honored to provide \$246,750 in scholarship support to 63 students from across San Luis Obispo County.

It is exciting to watch this new generation of students graduate and prepare to realize their goals of moving on to higher education opportunities. Scholarships at The Community Foundation provide much needed support and assistance to those talented individuals throughout their higher education endeavors. These incredible students create a lasting effect on the future of our community. Today, we'd like to take a moment to share more about the impact exemplified through Jerome Andres' personal story.



Jerome Andres is a 2014 Morro Bay High School graduate. With the help of the Alfred I., Catherine J., & Eleanor G. Switzer Scholarship held at The Community Foundation, Jerome has been able to attend UC Berkley with the intent to attend medical school. Through this scholarship, he received \$4,000 each of his four years of attendance, to support his journey to become a doctor. Jerome will graduate this year from UC Berkley with a degree in Psychology. He has already accepted a position as a Medical Fellow at East Bay Ophthalmology beginning in April 2019 where he will run clinics, conduct original research, facilitate a course at UC Berkeley and assist with surgery. Jerome is excited for this “perfect opportunity” to prepare for medical school applications in 2020.

The Community Foundation scholarships have provided many opportunities for students such as Jerome, to succeed in their academic careers. We have seen several recipients receive their college degrees this year and successfully become nurses, professors, priests, writers, and more.

In 20 years of impact, we have awarded 960 scholarships to San Luis Obispo County high school students totaling \$2.3 million. Jerome's story is just one of many and in the spirit of 20 years of impact, we would like to share 20 unique scholarships that are awarded every year to the rising stars of our community.

- Jennifer Thoma Memorial Ballet Scholarship – Ballet
- Maureen “Mo” Clancy Memorial Scholarship – Girls in Track or Cross Country
- Sera Day Coryell Nursing Education Scholarship – Nursing
- Douglas DeGross Scholarship in Automotive Studies – Automotive Industry
- Garris Family Scholarship – Deserving Self-Motivated Student
- Gary Grossman Scholarship – LGBTQ
- IQMS Scholarship – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (4-year scholarship)
- Justin McCutcheon Memorial Scholarship – Golf
- Gary Paul Piantanida Scholarship – Work ethic, dependability, integrity and need
- Richard K. Sauret Viticulture and Enology Scholarship – Viticulture and Enology
- Scholarship and Mentor (SAM) Scholarship – Foster Youth
- Brian Waterbury Memorial Scholarship Award – Mathematics, Cross Country and Track
- Richard J. Weyhrich Leadership Award – Leadership (2-year scholarship)
- Yeager Science Scholarship – Science – 4-year scholarship
- Dennis T. Collins/Thomas D. Salisbury Troop 60 Eagle Scout Memorial Scholarship – Troop 60 Eagle Scout
- David B. Gianas Memorial Scholarship – Special Needs
- Kelly A. McAdams Scholarship – Merit and Need (Multi-year scholarship)
- Stephen Donnellan Moss Scholarship in Journalism – Cal Poly Journalism
- Burt W. Polin and Virginia Polin “Elks” Scholarship – Public Service
- Dorothy Ross Memorial Scholarship – High Risk Youth

Thanks to the hundreds of generous donors who make these scholarships possible, we are impacting our world one student at a time.