

The 30th Annual

*Scholarship
Awards
Ceremony*

2023

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San Diego Mesa College

Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2023



4:30 p.m. Check-in and No-Host Social Hour

Mix and Mingle

Photo Booth Opportunity

Gift Basket Viewing

Opportunity Drawing Ticket Sales

5:10 p.m. Seated program begins

5:20 p.m. Welcome and Special Remarks

Dr. Ashanti T. Hands, President,

San Diego Mesa College

Phoebe Truong, President,

Associated Students

Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, President,

Board of Trustees, San Diego

Community College District

Liz Armstrong, Vice President

San Diego Mesa College Foundation

Greg Smith, Acting Chancellor

San Diego Community College District

5:40 p.m. Welcome

Victoria Kerba Miller, Dean of Student Affairs

5:45 p.m. Presentation of Awards

Dr. Hands and Dean Miller



6:35 p.m. Opportunity Drawing

7:00 p.m. Video: Honoring our Memorial Scholarships

7:05 p.m. Presentation of Culminating Awards
Mesa College Foundation Scholarship
Board of Trustees Scholarship
Supported by the Scott A. and
Elizabeth V. Christensen Foundation
Annette Bening Promise Scholarship
Chancellor's Scholarship
**President's Academic Excellence and
Service Scholarship**

7:45 p.m. 2023 President's Award Recipient Speech

7:50 p.m. Final Appreciation and Acknowledgments
Dr. Hands

Scholarship Awards Ceremony

For 30 years, San Diego Mesa College and the Mesa College Foundation have been offering scholarships and support to students. In the past decade, Mesa has awarded over \$150,000 each year to hundreds of students at one of our most inspiring signature events, the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony. This event brings together over 300 people, including public officials, community leaders, educators, corporate partners, donors, as well as students and their families to celebrate academic achievement and opportunity. This event truly captures the essence of the missions of both Mesa College and the Foundation. It is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on Mesa College students who are working hard and making tough sacrifices to get an education. Even more, our Scholarship Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to celebrate what education means—the chance to move up, to achieve a dream, to create a brighter future.



About the San Diego Mesa College Foundation

The San Diego Mesa College Foundation is dedicated to empowering students to reach their educational goals by increasing resources, raising funds, and creating friends and partnerships to support the mission of San Diego Mesa College. Our vision is to transform lives by supporting the educational dreams of our students and the communities we serve.



\$159,566
in Scholarships



118
Scholarship Opportunities



168
Student Recipients



San Diego Mesa College

San Diego Mesa College is a fully accredited, comprehensive college committed to equity and excellence. We honor our diverse community of students, faculty, professional staff, and administrators who collaborate to foster scholarship, leadership, access, and innovation in an inclusive learning environment. By promoting student learning and achievement that leads to degrees and certificates, transfer, workforce training, and lifelong learning, we empower our students to reach their educational goals and shape their future. Among the largest community colleges in California, Mesa serves 25,000 students per year, 25% of whom are full-time. Mesa offers over 200 associate degree and certificate programs and is one of 15 California community colleges offering a four-year baccalaureate degree. Mesa ranks as San Diego's top transfer institution, is a proud Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI), and a Military Friendly School, serving nearly 2,500 veterans and their families.

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients

Academic Senate Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the Faculty of San Diego Mesa College Academic Senate to recognize and provide financial assistance to deserving students who are pursuing a career in education at a preschool, K-12, College or University.

★ **Emma Bartlett**

★ **Catherine Brown**

"Ain't I A Woman" Scholarship

This scholarship was established by four women who have served as campus leaders in some way. We know it's not easy, so we want to celebrate other women who proudly serve in leadership roles on our campus or in their communities.

★ **Tyler Remillo**

Albert J. Grennan Scholarship

This fund was established by Myra Harada to recognize, and provide financial assistance to, a deserving student majoring in a field of study in which the biological sciences are foundational.

★ **Kayla Hynes**

Allen Rogert Memorial Scholarship

Navy veteran Allen Rogert fought in WWII when he was just 17 years old. He admired those with an education & helped others better themselves through study. His wife & former mathematics professor, Sybil, created this scholarship in his memory.

★ **Savanna Beeson**

★ **Benjamin Capinski**

★ **Jordon Warf**

★ **Kaitlin Calimbahin**

★ **Josias Flores**

Architecture Program Design Scholarship

The Architecture Program Design Scholarship was established to recognize excellence in architectural design and provide financial assistance to a deserving student who is pursuing a four-year, five-year or graduate degree in Architecture.

★ **Javier Valderrama**

Armstrong Family Scholarship

The Armstrong Family Scholarship is in honor and memory of John Wilhelm Armstrong and intended to support highly motivated students who value intellectual challenges and have a passion for learning and the exploration of ideas. This scholarship is to honor John's lifelong love of learning.

★ **Zubeyda Farah**



Art Department Scholarship

The San Diego Mesa College Fine Art Department recognizes and awards students who have demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement.

★ **Tina Mardan**

Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate leadership and commitment to serving the Asian Pacific Islander American (APIA) community through volunteer work.

★ **Faith San Jose**

Associated Students "Basic Needs" Scholarship

The Associated Students understand financial struggles students endure while attending college. This scholarship provides financial support to assist with tuition, books, living expenses, and the day to day financial needs of college students.

★ **Josephina Arellano**

★ **Shauna Crawford**

★ **Jose Figueroa**

★ **Mimi Holmes**

★ **Carolina Robertson**

★ **Natalie Cervantes**

★ **Candice Davis**

★ **Sydney Hang**

★ **Samira Mohamed**

★ **Amanda Salcedo**

Associated Students Academic Achievement Scholarship

The Associated Students scholarship fund was established by the San Diego Mesa College Associated Students in Fall 2000 to recognize and provide financial assistance to students who have excelled academically.

★ **Sepideh Bayat**

★ **Douglas Jenks**

★ **Catherine Brown**

★ **Mico Ramos**

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Associated Students Community Service Scholarship

The Associated Students scholarship fund was established by the Mesa College Associated Students to recognize and provide financial assistance to students who have made contributions to the community through community service and volunteerism.

- ★ *Sarah Greenbergs*
- ★ *Kimberly Kritzer*
- ★ *Samira Mohamed*
- ★ *Mimi Holmes*
- ★ *Trevor Messerly*
- ★ *Beatriz Rollick*

Bart and Jerri Hazlet Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in loving memory of Bart Hazlett, a volunteer trombonist with the Mesa College Bands, by his dear wife Jerri.

- ★ *Tara Yousefi Nejad*

Biology Department Scholarship

This fund was established by the Biology Department faculty to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student majoring in a field of study in which Biological sciences are foundational.

- ★ *Marcy Fernandez Calderon*
- ★ *Samantha Rone*

Braille Transcribers' Scholarship Award for Visually Impaired Students

The Braille Transcribers' Scholarship Award for Visually Impaired Students was established at Mesa College in 1996, through an endowment from the Braille Transcribers' Guild.

- ★ *Jesus Gonzalez*
- ★ *Angel Mangrobang*
- ★ *Zahra Soltani*
- ★ *Shawn Heileman*
- ★ *Kevin Merin*
- ★ *Kensie Thornton*

Burdg Family Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Marvin and Roberta Burdg, to provide support to students at Mesa College.

- ★ *Alondra Alvarez*
- ★ *Candice Davis*
- ★ *Natalie Cervantes*
- ★ *Jessie Gray*

Cal Coast Cares Foundation College Scholarship

The Cal Coast Cares Foundation Scholarship program provides monetary support for academic expenses to current college students in San Diego and Riverside counties who are pursuing accredited degrees.

- ★ *Mohamad Badr*
- ★ *Sepideh Khoshabi*
- ★ *Gia Lori Blaylock*
- ★ *Reyn Nishii*

CalWORKs Scholarship

The Mesa CalWORKs Scholarship supports San Diego Mesa College students actively using our CalWORKs services for the purpose of their educational advancement.

- ★ *Danielle Cole*
- ★ *Iltze Flores*

Cesar and Bette Gonzalez Chicana and Chicano Studies Department Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Mesa College faculty/staff to recognize outstanding scholarship & leadership. It was named in honor of César A. González Trujillo, Professor Emeritus & founding Chair of Chicano Studies at San Diego Mesa College (1970) & his wife Bette B. Gonzalez.

- ★ *Edwin Carbajal*
- ★ *Melanie H Stuart*

Charles W. Patrick Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship 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.

- ★ *Fatimah Aljumali*
- ★ *Edgar Vielma*

Chef Mark Blaauboer Memorial Scholarship

Chef B had an influential role in shaping San Diego's culinary and hospitality industry through education. The Chef Mark Blaauboer Memorial Scholarship was established to ensure that his values, leadership, and mentorship remain present in the industry.

- ★ *Jose Figueroa*
- ★ *Jacqueline Navarro*

Cher Fertig Memorial Art Scholarship

Cher is remembered and celebrated by all who knew her. She was an enthusiastic Mesa College Fine Arts graduate, alum of the Museum Studies Program, a committed member of the Mesa College Art Gallery staff, and a wonderful artist throughout her life.

- ★ *Alexandra Maverick*

Christine Balderas Student PTA Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) class of 2015 to reflect the inspiration provided by Professor Balderas to assist a second-year student with financial assistance.

- ★ *Randolf Hubilla*

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Cynthia K. Wilson Memorial Scholarship

Cynthia K. Wilson nurtured love and laughter with her family and friends, had an unbreakable spirit in overcoming obstacles and a strong work ethic in school and otherwise. These values and this scholarship are her legacy.

★ *Husna Ayoubi*
★ *Kimberly Kritzer*
★ *Erika Roman*

★ *Jessie Grey*
★ *Jessica O'Shea*

D.S.P.S. Dream, Strive, Persevere & Succeed Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the Disability Support Programs & Services Department at San Diego Mesa College to recognize and support a DSPS student currently in good standing with the program.

★ *Erika Roman*

D.S.P.S. Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by Irene Evans in memory of her daughter, Marianne Jennifer Evans, to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving DSPS student currently in good standing with the program.

★ *Ashley Mulalley*

Devan Caddell Memorial Scholarship

Devan Caddell was an honor student and cross-country and track star. In 2007, he passed away in a car accident. The Exercise Science faculty and staff created this scholarship to honor his hard work and dedication to his sport and education.

★ *Amya Jones*

Dr. Granville N. Moore Pre-Med Scholarship

The scholarship was established by Judy Sundayo in memory of her father, Dr. Granville N. Moore, who provided medical care to the poor for over fifty years. The award honors an under-represented pre-med student, committed to serving the Black community.

★ *Shuara Crawford*

Dr. Judy Sundayo Leadership Scholarship

The Dr. Judy Sundayo Leadership Scholarship exists to support & uplift current African American/Black students who have demonstrated a commitment to creating diverse inclusive community at San Diego Mesa College and in the San Diego community.

★ *Jaynell Armstrong* ★ *George Buchanan*

Dr. Kevin Branson LGBTQIA+ Scholarship

The LGBTQIA+ population is often marginalized and not recognized as valued members of society. Kevin understands the barriers many LGBTQIA+ students face and recognizes the dedication, bravery and perseverance required to achieve academic, professional, and personal success.

★ *Dawson Akita*
★ *Matthew Werner*

★ *Elliott Linwood*

Dr. Tom Kaye Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Tom Kaye, who served Mesa students and the community for decades, to provide financial support to veterans who are pursuing a degree or certificate.

★ *Daniel Taylor*

Dream Again Scholarship

Education changes lives and we all deserve a second chance sometimes. This scholarship is for students who have not let set-backs hold them back.

★ *David Cambron*

E.F.K. Music Scholarship

This scholarship was established to support students pursuing music at Mesa College.

★ *Duncan Amiee*

EOPS Scholarship

This scholarship was established to recognize Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) students.

★ *Jaynell Armstrong*
★ *Amanda Salcedo*

★ *Melat Kassahun*
★ *Tessa Smith*

Emmanuel Jimenez Molina Memorial Aquatics Scholarship

The Emmanuel Jimenez Molina Memorial Aquatics Scholarship was created in loving memory of Emmanuel Jimenez Molina, who was a local aquatics coach, two sport scholar-athlete and conference champion.

★ *Torrey Brindell*

English Department Scholarship

From the faculty of the English Department, this scholarship is awarded to an outstanding English major.

★ *Duy Duong*

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Fashion Club Fashion Design Scholarship

The Fashion Program's Fashion Club recognizes students who have stepped up to the plate by being involved, specifically with leadership and community service skills.

★ *Jennifer Morales*

Fashion Club Fashion Merchandising Scholarship

The Fashion Program's Fashion Club recognizes students who have stepped up to the plate by being involved, specifically with leadership and community service skills.

★ *Annette Antunes*

Fashion Program Scholarship

The Fashion program fosters a sense of service by setting aside funds earned at the annual student fashion show to recognize that a successful career in fashion begins with perseverance, attention to detail and collaboration.

★ *Amya Jones*

Fashion Technology Scholarship

This scholarship was created by the Fashion program to recognize emerging talent that embraces both fashion and technology. The future of fashion will be redefined by technology and innovation.

★ *Juanita Boyer*

Francis X. Gold Scholarship

Frank X. Gold was a quadriplegic for twenty years and lived an independent life. This scholarship is for the mobility limited and those enrolled in courses designed to help those who are disabled.

★ *Julian Rodriguez*

Fred J. Horn Memorial Scholarship

Our mission is to inspire San Diego Promise students to learn key life and business lessons necessary to succeed in their future endeavors. Students can find inspiration in case studies featured in online podcasts such as, "Lessons from the Top" by Guy Raz and "Masters of Scale" by Reid Hoffman.

★ *Gia Lori Blaylock*

★ *Elizabeth Velazquez*

★ *Jacob Ollar*

Friendly Feast Rising Star Pastry Scholarship

Friendly Feast is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that produces food and drink events to celebrate chefs and lift up the local community. This award was created to help an aspiring professional baker or pastry chef reach their educational goals.

★ *Leonardo Daniel Sanchez Baltazar*

George and Evelyn Peterson Scholarship

This scholarship was made possible by the George and Evelyn Peterson Endowment. It is intended for continuing Mesa students who have participated in community service.

★ *Judy Collado*

★ *Sofia Lopez-Orraca*

★ *Chelsea Johnson*

★ *Daniela Resendiz*

Gladys E. Carter Memorial Scholarship

The children of Gladys Carter created this scholarship in memory of their mother. She was extremely talented in the creative arts. She believed in the power of education, and strongly encouraged and supported others in their educational pursuits.

★ *Olan Cazad*

★ *Shuara Crawford*

Gustavo Romero Music Scholarship

This scholarship award was established by the Music Department, under the leadership of Professor Irvin King, to provide financial assistance to music students who excel in the areas of performance.

★ *Steven Le*

★ *Lee Taeryung*

Hands' Family Pay It Forward Scholarship

This scholarship celebrates students who embody the idea of paying it forward through service to their community. It is awarded to a student(s) who has had kindness extended to them and has paid that generosity forward through service to others.

★ *Gia Blaylock*

★ *Amanda Salcedo*

Jan Ellis Memorial Scholarship

Jan Ellis was the heart and soul of the Mesa College dance program for over thirty years. She had knowledge, experience, and an abundance of love and support for her students and colleagues. This scholarship was created to honor her memory.

★ *Tara Yousefi Nejad*

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Jeff Berry Languages Scholarship

This scholarship is named in honor of Professor Jeff Berry and was established by his colleagues at San Diego Mesa College's Department of Languages to recognize and provide financial assistance to deserving and outstanding students.

★ **Maverick Alexandra**
★ **Diana Macías Rodríguez**

★ **Leyva Ivanna**

Jensen Family Veterinary Technology Program Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the Jensen Family Trust to recognize and provide financial assistance to students majoring in Veterinary Technology.

★ **Vianka Lemus**

Jerry Schad Memorial Scholarship

Long-time professor and department chair Jerry Schad inspired many students through his writings, photographs, and star parties, to deepen their understanding of the natural world. This scholarship was established to honor his legacy here at Mesa.

★ **David Cantu**

★ **Jullian Rodriguez**

Joyce Skaryak Classified Senate Scholarship

The Classified Senate would like to support Classified Professionals: full-time, part-time (NANCE) and work-study professionals who participate in lifelong learning to better serve our students, departments, and the college.

★ **Jacob Muniz**
★ **Yaman Tarakji**

★ **Jennifer Park**

KP Radiologic Technology Scholarship

The Radiologic Technology Program Scholarship is awarded to students fully enrolled in the program. It is fully funded by Kaiser Permanente and designed to help those who qualify with the costs of attending the program.

★ **Mirna Akko**
★ **Joseph Burnett**
★ **Catherine Kennedy**
★ **Solomon Kumie**
★ **Alexander O'Toole**
★ **Jared Reynoso**
★ **Kayla Sierra**

★ **Honda Azo**
★ **Huong Dam**
★ **Melody Konishi**
★ **Abdihakim Musse**
★ **Vanessa Revilla**
★ **Omar Reynoso**
★ **Marilor Torno**

Kathy Fennessey Kindness Scholarship

This scholarship was established in honor of Ms. Fennessey, who retired from Mesa after years of dedicated service to students, to support those who serve their community with kindness and a heart full of care.

★ **Faith San Jose**

Kendra Jeffcoat Memorial Scholarship

Kendra was a Mesa College educator for many years. She was also a beloved member of the Rancho Bernardo Sunrise Rotary Club, which established this scholarship in her memory.

★ **Douglas Jenks**

LEAD Scholarship

This scholarship is designed to provide an equitable resource to a student that exemplifies leadership and values diversity, equity, & inclusion efforts both inside the classroom and in the field of healthcare.

★ **Brenda Chilazi**

Learning Resource Center Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to one or more deserving students who demonstrate how the Learning Resource Center (LRC) has helped them in advancing their educational goals.

★ **Ian Angel**
★ **Mimi Holmes**

★ **George Buchanan**

Legaspi-Roberts Scholarship for the Performing Arts

The Legaspi-Roberts Scholarship for the Performing Arts supports passionate students studying performing arts at Mesa College.

★ **Patricio Garcia**

Marshall Award for Academic Achievement and Leadership

This scholarship was made possible by an endowment from John F.S. and Kaori O. Marshall. It is intended to recognize students in the fields of Business Administration/Accounting or Liberal Arts/Sociology for academic achievement and leadership.

★ **Matthew Edgar**

★ **Ingrid Romero**

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Maximilian Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Joan Adaskin, in memory of her beloved pet, Maximilian. For many years, Ms. Adaskin was a faculty member in the mathematics department at Mesa College.

★ *Anahis Mendoza*

★ *Miles Rosas*

Mesa Counseling Department Scholarship

Mesa Counseling faculty recognize students who have taken Personal Growth at Mesa and can clearly communicate what they have learned about their personal, academic, and career goals, as well as share how they coped with challenges or barriers.

★ *Kaying Fang*

Michael Murphy Memorial Scholarship

Alumnus Michael Murphy was an architect, builder, and instructor who earned a degree from UC Berkeley. He enjoyed life and had a strong desire to help others. This scholarship is for students pursuing a career in architecture, interior design, or related fields.

★ *Nhat Duong*

★ *Jessica O'Shea*

★ *Maria Ximena*

Michaele DeTemple Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Michaele DeTemple and provides scholarships to full time second year students in the multisubject K-8 Elementary Education Preparation Program.

★ *Reyn Nishii*

★ *Lauren Spellerberg*

Nancy Jo Brown Art Scholarship

The Nancy Jo Brown Art Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible students with a focus on fine art.

★ *Bethany Little*

New Horizons Scholarship

The New Horizons Scholarship aims to recognize San Diego Mesa College students that have dedicated time and effort to build and support their respective communities on campus by helping them reach their own dreams and goals in higher education.

★ *Alicia Kolehmainen*

★ *Phoebe Truong*

Nicki Carano Memorial Scholarship

Nicki Carano studied dance at Mesa College and became a professional dancer and musician. Family and friends created this scholarship to celebrate her love for the performing arts.

★ *Tara Yousefi Nejad*

Noel Johnson & Ray Vital Memorial Scholarship

Honors the memories of Noel Johnson and Ray Vital. Noel Johnson and Ray Vital were two of Mesa College Outstanding Classified Professional Staff Members. The scholarship honors the decades long service Noel Johnson and Ray Vital provided to the Mesa College community.

★ *Kaitlin Calimbahin*

Nutrition and Nutrition & Fitness Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the faculty of Mesa College's Nutrition Department for Nutrition or Nutrition & Fitness majors who have achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership.

★ *Rosalind Neuman*

OSHER Scholarship

The Osher Foundation provides post-secondary scholarship funding to colleges and universities across the nation, with special attention to reentry students. It also supports a national lifelong learning network for seasoned adults.

★ *Briana Aldape Cazares*

★ *Alfredo Amparo*

★ *George Buchanan*

★ *David Cantu*

★ *Edgar Estrada*

★ *Baleria Hernandez Ayala*

★ *Alex Hu*

★ *Aranza Hurtado-Villarreal*

★ *Alyssa Moore*

★ *Morales-Flores*

★ *Rosalind Newman*

★ *Jessica O'Shea*

★ *Annaliesa Potter*

★ *Ashley Rivera Flores*

★ *Adonis Seymour Ramos*

Pay It Forward Personal Growth Donna Kieselbach Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for Personal Growth 120 students who wish to continue on to the Baccalaureate level. This was inspired by Donna Kieselbach who was an ardent supporter of higher education.

★ *Din Parast Saleh Aylin*

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Peggy Gray Spanninga Transfer Scholarship

The scholarship is intended to provide financial support for community college students who have gained consistent work experience while attending college and demonstrate a commitment to continuing their education at a four-year university.

- ★ **Crystal Badu**
- ★ **David Cantu**
- ★ **Christian Gonzalez Ruiz**
- ★ **George Buchanan**
- ★ **Aylin Din Parast Saleh**

Physical Sciences Department Scholarship

Established by the faculty of the Physical Sciences Department, this scholarship recognizes outstanding students who are majoring in Engineering, Physics, Geology, or general Physical Sciences-students who will change the world!

- ★ **Savanna Beeson**
- ★ **Erica Garcia Badaracco**
- ★ **Christian Gonzales Ruiz**
- ★ **Kaitlin Calimbahin**
- ★ **Jordon Warf**

Picky Eats Robotics Scholarship

The Picky Eats Robotics Scholarship is to recognize college students that had competed in First Inspires (FLL, FTC, FRC) Programs at the elementary/middle/high schools or have gone back to mentor kids for robotics.

- ★ **Hyunkyun Ahn**

Picky Eats Scholarship

Aiden Lo is a high school student, active community volunteer, and also a Type 1 Diabetic. He started a volunteer organization called Picky Eats. Their goal is to support local charities that address food insecurity and support education.

- ★ **Leilannie Chavez**
- ★ **Christian Yahir Gonzalez Ruiz**

Puente Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a Puentista (currently enrolled or a former Puente student still enrolled at Mesa) that is motivated to continue their educational career at a 4-year institution and shows financial need.

- ★ **Paula Cantu**
- ★ **Daniela Resendiz**
- ★ **Claudia Moreno**
- ★ **Jorge Salman-Avitia**

Richard & Eloise Johnston Health Services Scholarship

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.

- ★ **Rocio Ibarra**

Robert J. Hamer Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by Terri Miracle in memory of her father, Robert J. Hamer, to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving student who is majoring in Fine Arts or Graphic Design.

- ★ **Nancy Mitchell**

Ruth Kern Scholarship

The Ruth Kern Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible students majoring in Business, Business Administration, Business Management, Marketing, Real Estate, Computer Information Science, Computer Business Technology, or Multimedia.

- ★ **Paulina Contreras**
- ★ **Rebekah Soliman**

SDCCD Management Association Scholarship

The San Diego Community College District Management Association scholarship supports success and equity in higher education. This scholarship is open to all students who overcame adversity, exemplified leadership or contributed to the community.

- ★ **Sima Yaghoubi**
- ★ **Farah Zubeyda**

STAR TRIO Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes Mesa students who are active participants in the STAR TRIO program; have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher; and are graduating or transferring to the 4-year university in the upcoming academic year.

- ★ **Douglas Jenks**
- ★ **Austin Nash**

Samuel F. Garcia Scholarship

This scholarship is to honor the life of Samuel Garcia, a loving man with a heart of gold. Through his personal struggles, he always maintained his humor in everyday things, from his signature touches to his culinary creations, and the love and affection he gave all remains unsurpassed.

- ★ **Kevin Merin**

San Diego County Hotel/Motel Scholarship

The San Diego County Hotel/Motel Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible students majoring in: Hotel/Motel Management, Travel & Tourism, and Food Service occupations.

- ★ **Melanie Osuna-Labrado**
- ★ **Allegra Pompeo**

2023 Scholarship Awards Recipients (cont.)

Sidney W. Brossman Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Brossman family in memory of Sidney W. Brossman, who served as the first Chancellor for the State Community College System of California and was an administrator with the San Diego Community College District.

★ *Duong Duy*

Sin Fronteras Scholarship

The Sin Fronteras Scholarship awards funding to Undocumented Students of San Diego Mesa College for the purpose of their educational advancement.

★ *Anahis Mendoza*

Susan Linnet Cox Memorial Scholarship

Susan Linnet Cox is remembered as an inventive creative who worked as a fashion stylist and introduced a course to our students that allowed them to go out and professionally style their wares for the web, brochures and publication.

★ *Vivian Lopez*

The Architecture Department Chairs' Scholarship

The Architecture Department Chairs' Scholarship is available students in good academic standing and are currently enrolled in architecture program at San Diego Mesa College.

★ *Jessica O'Shea*

The Dr. Edward and Edwina Alexander Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students Pursuing Careers in the Chemical Sciences

This scholarship is established to support Mesa College students aspiring to pursue careers in the Chemical, Biomedical, and /or STEM disciplines.

★ *Aylin Din Parast Saleh*

Thomas E. Dowd Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Thomas E. Dowd, Sr. who served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre during World War II. A man of integrity with a zest for life, loving husband and father. This grant is to support a Mesa veteran or active duty student.

★ *Virgilio Aquino*

★ *Reyn Nishii*

Thomas and Frances Wong Scholarship

The Wong Family wishes to award a student in good academic standing who is enrolled in Architecture or Building Construction Technology, a student who is an active member or veteran of the U.S. military, or an advocate of the APIA community.

★ *Peter Contreras*

★ *Javier Valderama*

Tina Recalde Student PTA Scholarship

This scholarship, first established by the Physical Therapist Assistant Class of 2015 in honor of Dr. Tina Recalde, has continued to provide first-year PTA students the support needed to achieve success in the program.

★ *Sean Anderson*

Tony & Lido Szeto Family Scholarship

The Szeto's kids are grateful of the foresight of Tony and Lido in recognizing the importance of the education, and the many dedicated teachers. Education changed their life and they would like others having the same opportunities.

★ *Husna Ayoubi*

★ *Leyla Hayward*

★ *Kimberly Kritzer*

★ *Shannon Price*

★ *Jullian Rodriguez*

Toomath Scholarship

The Toomath Scholarship was established to support students seeking vocational training.

★ *Anica Baluta-Freitas*

★ *Ashley Neal*

Tran Cao Civil Engineering Scholarship

The Tran Cao Civil Engineering Scholarship will assist the academic pursuit of a San Diego Mesa College student who has the intention to obtain an advanced degree and a career in civil or related engineering field.

★ *Christian Gonzalez Ruiz*

Trejo/Ybarra Latinas in STEM Scholarship

This scholarship was established to promote diversity in STEM fields. Eligible candidates will include students identifying as female, Latina, and one of the following majors: Biology, Chemistry, Computer and Information Sciences, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, and Physics.

★ *Sofia Lopez-Orraca*

Veterans of Mesa Scholarship

The Veterans of Mesa Scholarship was created to reward and recognize Mesa student veterans that are involved in the community, have demonstrated academic success, and have taken up leadership roles on campus.

★ **Edgar Matthew**

★ **Jacob Muniz**

Warren Keith Rigdon Scholarship

Warren K. Rigdon established this scholarship to support Mesa College students in need.

★ **Andrea Calles-Virgen**

★ **David Cantu**

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