

*The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
*Scholarship Awards*  
*Virtual Ceremony*

*2021*

SAN DIEGO  
MESA COLLEGE



# San Diego Mesa College

## Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2021



### 5:00 pm Welcome Address

Dr. Pamela Luster, Mesa College President  
Taylor Carpenter, Mesa Associated Students President  
Howard Eskew, Mesa College Foundation Board President  
Dr. Maria Nieto Senour, SDCCD Board of Trustees President  
Dr. Constance Carroll, SDCCD Chancellor

### 5:15 pm Equity and Excellence in our Scholarships Dr. Pamela Luster, Mesa College President

### 5:20 pm Recognition of Culminating Awards

Dr. Pamela Luster, Mesa College President

#### Board of Trustees Scholarship:

Presented by Trustee Bernie Rhinerson

#### Chancellor's Scholarship:

Presented by Dr. Constance Carroll

#### Annette Bening Promise Scholarship:

Presented by Dr. Pamela Luster

#### Mesa College Foundation Scholarship:

Presented by Howard Eskew

#### President Academic Excellence & Service

Scholarship: Presented by Dr. Pamela Luster

### 5:35 pm President's Academic Excellence & Service Scholarship Winner

Karla Tirado

### 5:40 pm Award Recipient Slide Show

### 5:50 pm Acknowledgements and Closing

Dr. Pamela Luster, Mesa College President





# Scholarship Awards Recipients

## Ain't I A Woman

This scholarship was established by three 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.

**Nyun Ei Hlaing**

## Alison Primoza Honors Scholarship

This scholarship was established to recognize and provide financial assistance to a deserving member of the Honors Club.

**Richard Dollero**

## Allen Rogert Memorial Scholarship

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

**Marcel Clark**

**Cole Kappel**

**Giorgia Moretti**

## Allied Health Single Parent Scholarship

This scholarship was established by San Diego Mesa College's Allied Health Department to recognize a deserving student who has achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership, who is a single parent and is majoring in the Allied Health Field.

**Priscilla Nevarez**

**Vicky Pena**

## American Federation of Teachers Larry Schwartz Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty members of American Federation of Teachers of the San Diego Community College District to honor the memory and contributions to education and unionism to Larry Schwartz (1932-1995).

**Shania Leveille**

**Teresa Thomas**

**Diana Zepeda**

## 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.

**Aidan Fitzpatrick**

## Art Department Scholarship

The San Diego Mesa College Fine Art Department recognizes and awards students who have demonstrated outstanding artistic achievement. Artwork submitted must have been created in Mesa college classes. We encourage declared Fine Art majors to apply.

**Henry Long**



## Asian Pacific Islander American

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

**Aaron Bautista**

**Nhu Vo**

## Associated Students "Basic Needs" Scholarship

The Associated Students understands 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.

**Margarita Bonaparte**

**Amanda Hamilton**

**Vicente Huang Yu**

**Rawan Ghazouli**

**Sirous Hosseinifar**

**Marquita Scott**

## 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.

**Rebecca Chen**

**Nyun Ei Hlaing**

**Thanh Nghiep Trinh**

**Zainab Faraj**

**Truc Nguyen**

**Christian Yahir Gonzalez**

**Ruiz**

## 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/volunteerism.

**Rosalind Bishop-Newman**

**Minh Danh**

**Nyun Ei Hlaing**

**Rosalind Newman**

**Melinda Hart**

**Karen Moser**

**Nhu Vo**

## 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.

**Isabel Coupland**

**Dianle Naguidebe**



### **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.

**Anica Baluta-Freitas**  
**Melinda Hart**  
**Marquita Scott**

**Rosela Mae Gallardo**  
**Rosalind Newman**  
**Angela Siefner**

### **Bright Mothers Scholarship**

This scholarship was created to support single mothers as they pursue their educational dreams. It was created in honor of their hard work, dedication, and commitment to providing a better future for their children.

**Paizlee Davis**

**Yannira Rodriguez**

### **Burdg Family Scholarship**

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

**Zainab Faraj**  
**Baraah Oriqat**

**Karen Moser**

### **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.

**Anica Baluta-Freitas**  
**Neda Ghassemi**  
**Cat Le**  
**Ryan Martin**  
**Sindy Navarro**  
**Sherry Schneider**  
**Hannah Wilson**

**Marcel Clark**  
**Emilio Lara**  
**Tina Leinenweber**  
**Marguerite Martinez**  
**Alison Reinholtz**  
**Angela Siefner**

### **CalWORKs Scholarship**

The Mesa CalWORKs Scholarship awards \$250 to a San Diego Mesa College student actively using our CalWORKs services for the purpose of their educational advancement.

**Alla Semiliak**

### **Cesar and Bette Gonzalez Chicana and Chicano Studies Department Memorial Scholarship**

Established by Mesa College faculty and classified professionals to recognize outstanding scholarship and leadership. Named after César A. González Trujillo, Professor Emeritus and founding Chair of Chicano Studies at San Diego Mesa College (1970) and his wife Bette B. Gonzalez.

**Myriam Vanessa Ortiz**

### **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.

**Karla Tirado**

**Nhu Vo**

### **Chef Mark Blaauboer Memorial**

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

**Majda Belaroui**  
**Merissa Sanchez**

**Kalea Guajardo**

### **Chemistry Department Scholarship**

This scholarship fund was established by the faculty of San Diego Mesa College's Chemistry Department to recognize and provide financial assistance to deserving students majoring in Chemistry who have achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership.

**Jessica Moreno**

### **Cher Fertig Memorial Art Scholarship**

Cher is remembered and celebrated by all who knew her. 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.

**Derri Guajardo**

### **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.

**Lacy Castro Crockett**

**Ahizza Romero**

### **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.

**Minh Danh**

### **Dental Assisting Program Scholarship**

Many dental assisting educators and professionals have inspired the faculty in the program to enjoy a lasting career in dental assisting. In their honor, we want to "pay it forward" to a Mesa Dental Assisting

**Kimberly Herrera**

### **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.

**Kaitlin Clapinski**

### **Dietschman Scholarship**

The Dietschman Scholarship was established to provide scholarships to students pursuing nursing or medical degrees and/or a paramedic license.

**Griselda Cardozo**  
**Abigail Larsen**  
**Elham Shamloufard**  
**Sima Yaghoubi**

**Kendra Hamilton**  
**Ahizza Romero**  
**Yvonne Silva Rulfo**  
**Johar Zuber**



**Dr. Kevin Branson LGBTQ Scholarship**

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) student population is often not recognized as valued members of society. Kevin understands the barriers many LGBTQ students face and recognizes the dedication, bravery and perseverance required to achieve academic success.

**Henry Long**

**Robert Phavong**

**Dr. Tom Kaye Memorial Scholarship for Veterans**

To provide financial support to veterans who are pursuing a degree or certificate.

**Sheri Leonard**

**DSPS Dream, Strive, Persevere & Succeed**

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

**Angela Siefner**

**DSPS 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 Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) student currently in good standing with the program.

**Aliana Soriano**

**E.F.K. Music Scholarship**

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

**Tina Leinenweber**

**Tara Yousefi**

**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.

**Ryan Martin**

**English Department Scholarship**

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

**Damaris Velazquez**

**EOPS Program Scholarship**

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

**Paizlee Davis**

**Ricardo Dollero**

**Arlett Espana**

**Amie Mansano**

**Jessica Moreno**

**Monica Rodriguez Reyes**

**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.

**Valerie Arcos**

**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.

**Qiman Zhuang**

**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.

**Rosa Lee Shook**

**Francisco Z. Plazola Memorial Culinary Scholarship**

In memory of his hard work, sacrifice, and passion, as a person and culinary professional, the family of Francisco Z. Plazola would like to continue his legacy through a scholarship opportunity for those seeking to pursue a profession in culinary arts.

**Andrew Thomas**

**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.

**Alejandra Cantabrana**

**Elham Shamloufard**

**Harish Srinivasan**

**Natalia Trinh**

**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.

**Marcel Clark**

**Bronson Hardin**

**Gracia Molina de Pick Chicana and Chicano Studies Department Memorial Scholarship**

This annual memorial scholarship will be awarded to students that major in Chicana and Chicano Studies at San Diego Mesa College and who self-identify as a Chicana/o feminist.

**Martha Berumen**

**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 performances.

**Tina Leinenweber**

**Tara Yousefi**

**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.

**Amber Leonard**



### **Harvey T. Bergland Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was created in my husband's memory because he supported education. As an artist, he expressed himself through his work. The purpose of this award is to assist students express themselves through their own work.

**Mikayla Aguilar**

### **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**

### **Jansen Family Scholarship**

A \$500 scholarship is awarded to a student with a disability who is currently receiving services with Mesa Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS).

**Jie Yu**

### **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.

**Dennis-Michael Broussard**

**Caitlyn Coltran**

**Carlos Jaimes Noriega**

**Elena Sanchez**

### **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.

**Giorgia Moretti**

**Marie Yokers**

### **John Conrad Ceramic Scholarship Trust**

This scholarship was created to support students who are Fine Arts majors with an emphasis in ceramics.

**Kylan Erving**

### **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.

**Denise Tiffany R. Arco**

**Lauren Dorst**

**Sahar King**

**Matthew Krause**

### **Kathy Fennessey Kindness Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to honor students that serve their community with kindness and a heart full of care.

**Megan Corieri**

### **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. We have established this scholarship in her memory.

**Natalya Trinh**

**Ma Xiaoyi**

### **KP Radiologic Technology Scholarship**

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

**Patricia Kang**

**Leslie Salazar**

**Sima Yaghoubi**

### **Learning Resource Center Scholarship**

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

**Minh Danh**

**Emilio Lara**

### **Legaspi-Roberts Scholarship for the Performing Arts**

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

**Gabriel Nelson**

### **Linsky Family Scholarship**

The Linsky Family has 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.

**Croix Malig**

### **Lorelei Shellist Runway Runaway Collection Fashion Design Scholarship**

Lorelei Shellist, an author, designer, and motivational speaker created this scholarship as she cares deeply for community college students and wants to help them achieve their dreams.

**Valerie Arcos**

### **Mark Trembley Mesa College Scholarship in Cultural Geography**

This scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating interest in the study of cultural values and practices, cultural diversity and plurality of society, how cultures are distributed over space, and how places, identities, and meanings are produced.

**Joelle Schumacher**

### **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.

**Wencit Quiño Hersh**

### **Matt Koefler Memorial Scholarship**

The Matt Koefler Memorial scholarship was established by the San Diego Mesa College School of Exercise Science, Health Education, Dance and Athletics in memory of Matt Koefler, Mesa College Head Football Coach, who passed away on December 19, 2008.

**Ryan Martin**



**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.

**Micayla Kimsey**

**Sheri Leonard**

**Mesa Counseling Department Scholarship**

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

**Maya Del Rio**

**Mesa Journalism Scholarship**

The Mesa Journalism Scholarship is for students who are majoring in journalism or the related fields of public relations or advertising.

**Kaitlin Clapinski**

**Michael Murphy Memorial Scholarship**

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

**An Doan**

**Yasmeen Wael Zubaidi**

**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.

**Laura Bailon**

**Nicola Barrett**

**Nancy Jo Brown Art Scholarship**

The Nancy Jo Brown Art Scholarship is awarded annually to eligible students with a focus on fine art. Student must have taken two Fine Art courses to be considered.

**Derri Guajardo**

**Lily Long**

**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 and off campus by helping them reach their own dreams/goals in higher education.

**Aaron Bautista**

**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.

**Jacob Varon-Ramirez**

**Nutrition and Nutrition & Fitness Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the faculty of Mesa College's Nutrition Dept for Nutrition or Nutrition and Fitness majors who have achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership. Students must have a GPA of at least 3.0 and have engaged in community service.

**Carlos Jaimes Noriega**

**Paige Sullivan**

**Pay It Forward Personal Growth Donna Kieselbach Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship is for Personal Growth (PERG) 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.

**Elena Sanchez**

**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.

**Emilio Lara**

**Elizabeth Lou**

**Michelle Mar**

**Katherine Rinehart**

**Ngoh Tamanji**

**Joneil Yanga**

**Shania Leveille**

**Selena Luong**

**Carlos Melendrez**

**Joelle Schumacher**

**Damaris Velazquez**

**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 Science--students who will change the world!

**Giorgia Moretti**

**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 that shows financial need.

**Diana Bermejo-Lazo**

**Jose Garcia**

**Radiologic Technology**

We want to support students with critical financial needs during this intensive full time Career and Technical Education Program.

**Kendra Hamilton**

**Abdullahi Mohamed**

**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.

**Anica Baluta-Freitas**



### **Rose Verilli Memorial Scholarship**

Rose Verilli was a single mother who valued a college degree. Inspired by her mother's fervor, Diane Letarte pursued a higher education and became an attorney. Diane wanted to honor her mother through this scholarship.

**Amie Mansano**

### **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.

**Karen Moser**

**Jose Ortega**

**Alla Semiliak**

### **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 and Tourism, and Food Service Occupations.

**Merissa Sanchez**

### **San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association**

This scholarship fund was established by the San Diego County Veterinary Medical Association to recognize and provide financial assistance to students majoring in Veterinary Technology who have achieved outstanding scholarship and leadership.

**Priscilla Nevarez**

### **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.

**Joneil Yanga**

### **Shellist Music Endowed Memorial Scholarship**

Bernie and Rita Shellist shared a passion for music. She was a vocalist; he played the lead trombone in the Mesa performance groups for 25 years. The scholarship is for a student whose goal is to become a professional musician.

**Geoffrey McGinnis**

### **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.

**Andrea Gallardo**

### **Sin Fronteras Scholarship**

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

**Jaded Delgado**

**Ivan Perez Sanchez**

**Brandon Plascencia**

**Yvonne Silva Rulfo**

### **STAR TRIO**

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 graduating and/or transferring to the 4-yr university the upcoming academic year.

**Anne Dinh**

### **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.

**Mikayla Aguilar**

### **The Dr. Judy Sundayo Leadership Scholarship**

The Dr. Judy Sundayo Leadership Scholarship exists to support and uplift a current African American female student who has demonstrated a commitment to creating diverse inclusive community at San Diego Mesa College and in the community.

**Princetta Readus**

### **The Patrick R. Fierro Sr. Engineering Scholarship**

The scholarship is created in honor of Patrick Fierro Sr., to recognize those students who begin their engineering education at Mesa College.

**Ryan Albin**

### **The Picky Eats Scholarship**

Aiden Lo is a middle school student, food blogger, and also a Type I Diabetic. He has a food blog, pickyeats.org, which aims to share his food adventures, promote volunteerism, and provide support to food charities around San Diego.

Carlos Jaimes Noriega

**Israa Shamseldin**

### **Thomas and Frances Wong Scholarship**

The Thomas Wong Family wishes to award a student in good academic standing who is enrolled in Architecture or Building Construction Technology, who is an active member or veteran of the U.S. military, and who is Asian/Pacific Islander.

**Dondi Rowry**

### **Thomas E. Dowd Scholarship**

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

**Jesus Rangel**

### **Tina Recalde Student PTA Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the PTA class of 2015 to provide financial assistance to a first year student.

Griselda Cardozo

**Kenny Utrapiromsuk**

### **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 to their many dedicated teachers. Education changed our life and we would like others to have the same opportunities.

**Enrique Perez**

**Jesus Rangel**

**Ngoh Tamanji**

**Xiner Zhang**



### **Toomath Scholarship**

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

**Rosalind Bishop-Newman**

**Rosela Mae Gallardo**

**Katherine Rinehart**

**Nathan Frank**

**Rosalind Newman**

**Jie Yu**

### **University of Phoenix Scholarship**

As a member of the San Diego community, the San Diego Campus of University of Phoenix is honored to collaborate with Mesa College to assist students in earning a bachelor's degree.

**Scott Anglim**

**Karla Tirado**

**Niyant Nanavati**

**Michael Wang**

### **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.

**Christopher Fisher**

**Jesus Rangel**

### **Whitney M. Young Memorial Scholarship**

Whitney Young's family established this scholarship in memory of their 19-year-old daughter, who died at the hands of a hit-and-run drunk driver, before she could fulfill her dream to become a teacher.

**Laura Ballon**

**Valda Qargha**

### **William and Margaret Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by Kathleen Fennessey in memory of her parents, William Hassett and Margaret Roy to provide financial assistance to a deserving student who is actively involved in community service/volunteer work.

**Shiaslynn Thomson**

### **William Cyran Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was created in the memory of William T. Cyran, who helped to establish the Social Sciences Department at Mesa College in 1965. He taught philosophy and logic at Mesa until his retirement in 1979.

**Shiaslynn Thompson**



## **Culminating Awards**

### **Mesa College Foundation Scholarship**

Established in 1994, this scholarship is funded through donations by Mesa College faculty and staff, the Foundation Board and friends of Mesa College. It recognizes outstanding students returning to Mesa in the coming academic year to complete their educational goals.

**Alonda Alvarez**

**Thomas Nguyen**

**Tuan Minh Pham**

**Sima Yaghoubi**

**Melinda Hart**

**Jose Ortega**

**Alla Semiliak**

### **Board of Trustees Scholarship - Supported by the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Foundation**

The San Diego Community College Board of Trustees Scholarship, supported by the Scott A. and Elizabeth V. Christensen Charitable Foundation, provides funding for students in career-technical education programs.

**Jose Garcia**

**Kendra Hamilton**

**Reena Rong**

**Marquita Scott**

### **Annette Bening Promise Scholarship**

Established in 2018 in honor of Mesa College alumna, and actor, Annette Bening. This scholarship is awarded to one student each at City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges and San Diego Continuing Education who demonstrates academic excellence and a commitment to service.

**Rosela Mae Gallardo**

### **Chancellor's Scholarship**

The Chancellor's Scholarship has been established by the Mesa College Foundation to recognize students for academic excellence and exemplary service to the college and community.

**Natalia Trinh**

### **President's Award for Academic Excellence and Service Scholarship**

The President's Award for Academic Excellence and Service Scholarship was established to recognize recipients for achieving academic excellence and performing exemplary service to the college and community.

**Karla Tirado**





# Scholarship Donors

Through the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of San Diego Mesa College, we are able to provide scholarships to students who are working hard to achieve their educational goals. Scholarships help offset costs and, more importantly, tell our students that their dreams matter. A hearty thank you to the following donors who gave to scholarships during 2020.

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Jordan Agricola  
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