The 28th Annual Scholarship Awards Virtual 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 an 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 pursing 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       Rawan Ghazouli
Amanda Hamilton           Sirous Hosseinifar
Vicente Huang Yu          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               Zainab Faraj
Nyun Ei Hlaing              Truc Nguyen
Thanh Nghiep Trinh         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         Melinda Hart
Nyun Ei Hlaing     Karen Moser
Rosalind Newman   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   Rosela Mae Gallardo
Melinda Hart   Rosalind Newman
Marquita Scott   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   Karen Moser
Baraah Oriqat

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   Marcel Clark
Neda Ghassemi   Emilio Lara
Cat Le   Tina Leinenweber
Ryan Martin   Marguerite Martinez
Sindy Navarro   Alison Reinholdt
Sherry Schneider   Angela Siefner
Hannah Wilson

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

Majda Belarou    Kalea Guajardo
Merissa Sanchez

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.

Derra 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   Kendra Hamilton
Abigail Larsen   Ahizza Romero
Elham Shamloufard   Yvonne Silva Rulfo
Sima Yaghoubi   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.

Dr. Tom Kaye Memorial Scholarship for Veterans
To provide financial support to veterans who are pursuing a degree or certificate.

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.

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.

E.F.K. Music Scholarship
This scholarship was established to support students pursuing music at Mesa College.

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.

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

EOSP Program Scholarship
This scholarship was established to recognize Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOSP) students.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Qiman Zhuang
Rosa Lee Shook
Andrew Thomas
Alejandra Cantabrana
Elham Shamloufard
Harish Srinivasan
Natalia Trinh
Marcel Clark
Bronson Hardin
Martha Berumen
Tina Leinenweber
Tara Yousefi

Scholarship Awards Ceremony 2021
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.

Derra 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 Jaime Noriega Paige Sullivan

Pay It Forward Personal Growth Donna Kieselbach Memorial Scholarship
This scholarship is for Personal Growth (PERG) I20 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 Shania Leveille
Elizabeth Lou Selena Luong
Michelle Mar Carlos Melendrez
Katherine Rinehart Joelle Schumacher
Ngoh Tamanji 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 Puente student (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
Alia 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
Brandon Plascensia

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 1 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 Utapiromsuk

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    Nathan Frank
Rosela Mae Gallardo        Rosalind Newman
Katherine Rinehart         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              Niyant Nanavati
Karla Tirado              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
Yalda 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

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             Melinda Hart
Thomas Nguyen             Jose Ortega
Tuan Minh Pham            Alla Semiliak
Sima Yaghoubi

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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