

LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For the past 16 years, the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities has provided \$121,000 in scholarships to students and veterans with disabilities in Los Angeles County. These scholarships assist in furthering their educational goals with proceeds stemming primarily from the Commission's Annual Access Awards Luncheon.

The Commission on Disabilities collaborates with several agencies to distribute scholarship applications to students and veterans with disabilities who meet guidelines for financial need, and plan to pursue their educational goals. These agencies include: Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center, City of Los Angeles Department on Disability, East Los Angeles Regional Centers, Jewish Foundations, State Department of Rehabilitation, Centers for Independent Living and the Braille Institute.

Our Commissioners are dedicated to serving as positive role models for the recipients. We congratulate all past and present recipients. We wish them all the best in their educational and personal endeavors. Donations to the Commission can be designated for scholarships by contacting staff via email at laccod@bos.lacounty.gov or at 213-974-1053.

For more information on the scholarship program, please visit our website at <http://laccod.lacounty.gov>.



Anthony Emanule

4th District

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Award

Anthony Emanule currently attends the Wayfinder Family Service's Special Education School and plans to attend Compton College with the goal to transfer to California State University, Dominguez Hills where he plans to pursue a career in psychology.

Juan Garibay

4th District

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Award

Juan Garibay is currently attending Los Angeles Harbor College where he is pursuing a degree in counseling. His goal is to earn both a Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling.

Aran Shams

4th District

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Award

Aran Shams recently graduated from Downey High School and attends Cerritos College. He plans to further his education by transferring to a four-year university to earn a degree in either architecture or business.

Rodrigo Torres

4th District

Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter Scholarship Award

Rodrigo Torres currently attends East Los Angeles College where he is enrolled in a dual-certification Program in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Program. Rodrigo aspires to pursue a professional career in graphic design.

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2019 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Olivia Antwine

4th District

*Ruben Rios Creative Arts & Design
Scholarship Award*

Olivia Antwine recently graduated from Norwalk High School and currently attends Cerritos College. Olivia aspires to have a professional career in Graphic Design and her dream is to work for The Walt Disney Company.



Denise Reynaga

1st District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Denise Reynaga attends East Los Angeles College in the City of Monterey Park, and aspires to be an American Sign Language Interpreter that will enable her to help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community.



Waley Chan

1st District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Waley Chan, currently attends Pasadena City College, and aspires to transfer to California State University, Los Angeles, and one day work as an information technologist in the field of Computer Information Systems.



Carlos Vergara

1st District

*Ruben Rios Creative Arts & Design
Scholarship Award*

Carlos Vergara currently attends El Camino College with plans to transfer to the Art Center College of Design. His goal is to be the first-generation graduate from college in his family and to open his own graphic design businesses with an emphasis on helping small businesses create their brand and identity.



Jose Dominguez

1st District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Jose Dominguez is enrolled in a dual-certification Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Program (STEM) at East Los Angeles College. Jose plans to utilize his STEM studies to compete in the engineering discipline both academically and professionally.



Ivory Beavers

2nd District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Ivory Beavers recently graduated from Morningside High School in the City of Inglewood and attends Eastern Arizona College. Ivory is committed to his education and feels that it will lead him to self-sufficiency as he pursues a career in Administration of Justice.



Janet Rojas

1st District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Janet Rojas recently graduated from the Alliance Collins Family College-Ready High School in the City of Huntington Park, and plans to attend California State University, Los Angeles to pursue a career in film.



Nia Boyd

2nd District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Nia Boyd recently graduated from West High School in the City of Torrance and is currently attending California State University, Northridge. Nia aspires to have a professional career in fashion design.

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Michelle Diaz

*2nd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Michelle Diaz is currently attending Los Angeles Harbor College where she is pursuing a degree in science. Michelle is committed to achieving her academic goals and hopes to one day work in a hospital setting.



Saida Hernandez

*3rd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Saida Hernandez is a recent graduate of the Robert Fulton College Preparatory School in Van Nuys and attends Santa Monica College. Saida aspires to continue her education and earn a Doctoral Degree in Anthropology.



Brandyn Phlegm

*2nd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Brandyn Phlegm is enrolled in a dual-certification Program in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at East Los Angeles College. Brandyn is very dedicated to his education and one day hopes to transfer to UCLA to pursue a career in Information Technology.



Nenette Lizaso

*3rd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Nenette Lizaso is currently attending California State University, Northridge and is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She aspires to achieve a higher level of responsibility in her career and her goal is to become a Human Resource Specialist.



Lawrence Lancaster

*2nd District
Ruben Rios Creative Arts & Design
Scholarship Award*

Lawrence Lancaster attends Santa Monica College and aspires to have a professional career as an Artist. Lawrence is an award-winning artist who received the first prize from the American Printing House for the Blind in 2009, third prize in 2018, and is in show every time he submits his artwork.



Jean-Paul Pierre

*3rd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Jean-Paul is currently enrolled in a dual-certification Program in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at East Los Angeles College. Jean-Paul is a very dedicated student and aspires to transfer to California State University, Los Angeles, to complete his higher education.



Lorena Flores

*3rd District
Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Lorena Flores recently graduated from Reseda High School's Phoenix Academy North in June 2018. Lorena is attending Pierce College where she is pursuing an education in the medical field as a clinical psychologist.



Gaston Garcia

*3rd District
Ruben Rios Creative Arts & Design
Scholarship Award*

Gaston Garcia recently graduated from Robert Fulton College Preparatory School in June 2018. He is pursuing an Arts Degree and will attend Los Angeles Valley College. Gaston intends to complete his education at the California Institute of the Arts.

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Ruth Mancilla

5th District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Ruth Mancilla currently attends East Los Angeles College. Ruth is a single parent who strives to better her life by pursuing a higher education and intends to transfer to a four-year university in pursuit of a Nursing Degree.



Shanna Learned

5th District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Shanna Learned attends the California Baptist University (CBU) where she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts. Shanna loves to assist children and her community and is an active member of CBU's LGBTQ+ Club and one day aspires to be a teacher.



Sierra DuNah

5th District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Sierra DuNah is a San Marino High School graduate and currently attends Sterling College. Sierra is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and intends to become a Special Education teacher.



Carlin Liang

5th District

*Ruben Rios Creative Arts& Design
Scholarship Award*

Carlin Liang recently graduated from San Marino High School. Her passion for learning in subjects such as art, design and math have strengthened her creative expertise. Carlin intends to pursue her passion as an Architect.



Angel Lawson-Williams

5th District

*Bernard Siegel/Bill Tainter
Scholarship Award*

Angel Lawson-Williams Charter Oak High School graduate and currently attends Citrus Community College. Angel is hard working and very dedicated to his studies and looks forward to earning an Associate of Science Degree in Digital Web Design.



THE HEART OF DISABILITIES

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Robert Gregg

All Districts

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Veteran's Scholarship Award

Robert Gregg is a veteran in service to our country in the United States Army. Robert's goal is to continue his education at Rio Hondo College, and intends to use his education to serve the diverse disability community and U.S. veterans.

Mario Perez

All Districts

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Veteran's Scholarship Award

Mario Perez is currently attending the University of Phoenix pursuing a degree in Business Administration. He served with the United States Marine Corps for fourteen years and was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Donna Stubblefield

All Districts

Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr. Veteran's Scholarship Award

Donna Stubblefield is a veteran of the United States Army where she dedicated over 17 years of her life to serve our country. She currently attends Rio Hondo College where she is pursuing an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies and aspires to one day earn a Science Degree in nursing.



THE HEART OF DISABILITIES

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2003-2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2018

Jennifer Aguas
Armen Duran
Angel Potts
Michelle Diaz
Orlando Gertrudiz
Geovany Rodriguez
Lorena Flores
Saida Hernandez
Nenette Lizaso
Irene M. Brownson
Andrea Gonzalez-Diaz
Juan Garibay
Julian Carter
Shanna Learned
Ruth Mancilla
Eddie Gonzalez
Elijah Arzate
Gaston Garcia
Blanca Ortiz
Angel Lawson-Williams
Andy Jomarron
Mario Perez

2017

Julian Cally
Yonotzinc Durango Luna
Stephen Hernandez-Thomas
Ryan James Hinostroza
Matthew Robert Keels
Jesus Lombero
Lexi Nielsen
Rodolfo Ovando
Chelsea N. Robinson
Daniel Wilkins
Elizabeth Yee

2016

Audrey Chin
Brandon Shin
Caprina Benson
Carl Schlueter
Chelsea N. Robinson
Daniel Barrios
Daniel Hernandez
Elizabeth Yee
Haig Baghdassarian
Isabel Mendoza-Sanchez
Maria Flores

2016 (continued)

Molly Echlin
Ruth Mancilla
Stephen Hernandez-Thomas
Steven Castillo

2015

Zarech Lopez
Daniel Barrios
Omri Malka
Schiller Auguste
Haley Castrillon
Fyodor Bondarenko

2013

Carolina Vazquez
Lonzell Cromer
Irene Brownson
Haig Baghdassarian
Darnell Holcomb

2012

Zarech Lopez
Gabriela Quiroz
Calvin Montano
Andres Londoño
Danyel Bybee
Darnell Holcomb

2011

Cheolwoong Han
Kevin Phung
Kevin Rinaldi
Maritza Estrada
Sebastian Mendez-Guevara

2010

Alan Chen
Eric Barragan
Jenny Brano
Kacee Neria
Rachel Crabtree

2009

David Ritter
Joseph Huniu
Kelsey Sherman
Steven Ngo
Zylene Grace Bulosan

2008

Binna Kim
Eric Azus
Jessica Quintana
Ramiro Valderrama
Troy Hines

2007

Adam Ohnstad
Edwin Velasquez
Lizeth Gabriola
Paul Herzlich
Phillip Morrow

2006

Brittnee Bailey
Mckenna Wilson
Moenay Shepherd
Randy Joe Slone II
Yves Medrano

2005

David Gottesman
Nicole Davis
Patrick Rogart
Reggie Ormeo
Samantha Smith

2004

Aram Gogorian
Kristian Batiste
Marques Tillie
Michelle Garcia
Pauline Vasquez

2003

Jesse Black, Jr.
Joann Guillen
Kimberly Romero
Michael Haneline
Rodolfo Lewa