

ETA Scholarship Recipients Say, “Thank You!”

Submitted by ETA Scholarship Committee

In April 2017, the Scholarship Committee, composed of Evergreen teachers, Katie Clemmensen, Debbie Earl, Jean Schorr, and retired teacher, Diane Clemmensen granted \$7,100. in college scholarships.

Scholarships are funded from the Evergreen Teachers’ Association Scholarship Donation Drive and donations from the Evergreen School District Retirement Celebration.

College bound high school seniors who attended school in the Evergreen School District are eligible to apply. Beginning Feb. 1, applications will be available at etanews.org Application deadline is April 1st.

A special thank you to those who have personally donated money to the scholarship. With your continued generosity and support, we are able to help our former students as they begin college in pursuit of their dreams.

Anyone interested in donating to the Evergreen Teachers Association Scholarship Program can make checks payable to ETA Scholarship Fund, c/o Brian Wheatley, Mount Hamilton CTA, 888 South Capitol Ave, San Jose 95127.

Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the recipients of this scholarship. Already this scholarship has helped me pay for my housing and orientation. The rest will go towards tuition. This scholarship has taken a load off my family. One of their fears was of course paying for college and one of mine was not being able to go to a four year because of the cost. This scholarship eased the load. Thank you. As you know I am interested and majoring in psychology. While in college I want to do more service trips and possibly create a new type of therapy. I also want to be heavily involved in the Sacramento State's psychology department in hopes of meeting people who can give me more insight. With the help of this scholarship, my goals are more attainable. Thank you for making this possible.

Sincerely,
Angelica Mae Dorn
(Angelica attended Norwood Creek Elementary, Quimby Oak Middle School, and Overfelt High School. She currently attends Sacramento State University.)

I would like to thank you and the Scholarship Committee again for granting me a scholarship.

I aspire to become a doctor, but within that career path there are numerous fields that I can select to study. The scholarship allows me to further explore my interests and widen my breadth of knowledge. This will ensure that I will be working in a field that I passionately enjoy in order for me to help others to my fullest potential.

I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that the Evergreen School District and community has granted me. I truly appreciate it.

Connie Vu

(Connie attended Montgomery and Millbrook Elementary, Quimby Oak Middle School, and Evergreen Valley High School. She currently attends DeAnza Community College.)

My goals during college are a mix of academic and personal growth. I hope to attain the Presidential Scholar's Award, an honor given to students who achieve a 4.0 GPA for two or more semesters. In my English classes, I want to engage in deep discussions about literary works, sharing ideas and getting excited about finding something new within a book. I want to walk into every class I have, ready and excited to learn the material. I might develop a workout routine at San Jose State's exercise center (hopefully running in their soon-to-come indoor track!). I want to step out of my comfort zone and try new things, such as taking karate for my P.E. GE requirement, or taking a science class I've never taken before (like geology or astronomy, if it is an available GE course). I want to join the newspaper as a writer or editor, or even join a poetry / writer's club to share my ideas with others. The core of my social growth is to not be scared to say hi and meet new people. I'd like to step out of my shell more, becoming more of an active speaker in my class, and develop strong friendships. Throughout this journey, my hope is that I will grow into a creative, passionate, and confident individual who is genuinely having fun studying the subject she loves most-English.

The ETA's scholarship money of \$1,000 will not only provide financial assistance for my schoolbooks and other class materials, but opens the doors for me to take my first step into college. It will be a much less stressful time for me and my family, knowing that we have a generous amount of money that can go to my education. With this freedom of stress, I can enter San Jose State with a clear mind-ready to learn, create, and have fun.

Thank you,

Pauline Nguyen

(Pauline attended Evergreen Elementary, Chaboya Middle School, and Evergreen Valley High School. She currently attends San Jose State University.)

I would like to thank the teachers, administrators, and community members of the Evergreen School District who helped fund the 2017 ETA scholarships. It is an honor to have received the Carol Jacklitch Memorial Scholarship and I was pleased to meet Mr. Jacklitch and hear about his wife's legacy.

In the fall, I will be attending the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. My college goals include majoring in history and political science and graduating as a United States Marine Officer. This scholarship will help me purchase school books and pay for college expenses my first year.

When I achieve my goal of commissioning as a Marine Officer, I hope to sustain a modest career in the military and possibly pursue the political arena in the future.

Thank you again for all your support and confidence you have shown me.

Sincerely,

Connor Noyes

(Connor attended James Franklin Smith Elementary, Chaboya Middle School, and Archbishop Mitty High School. He currently attends Virginia Military Institute. Connor is the son of Sharon Noyes, Teacher at James Franklin Smith Elementary.)

My name is Stephanie Han and I was awarded a scholarship from the Evergreen Teachers' Association. As most of you know, I will be attending UC Davis in the fall to pursue a major in animal science. I also plan to double major in either political science or environmental science. With a double major in political science and animal science, I can pursue a career as an animal lawyer, so that I can fight for animal rights all over the world: China, Japan, USA, etc. If I decide to major in animal science and environmental science, I can find new ways to repopulate endangered species or research new species. There are so many paths I can take and I hope to explore all of them before settling on a career. It is my lifelong goal to help animals in need not only in my community, but all around the world. There are so many ways I can do this: perform mass spay/neuter surgeries in developing countries, create non-profit organizations specifically for animals with disabilities, research new cures, etc. The list could go on and on!

I would have never gotten this far without the love, support, and inspiration from my family, friends, and teachers. And so, I would like to thank the Evergreen Teacher's association for this scholarship, and the Evergreen School District for giving me a great academic foundation. I can't wait to see where life takes me and I hope to leave a lasting impact wherever I travel. Go AGGIES!

Stephanie Han

(Stephanie attended Tom Matsumoto Elementary, Chaboya Middle School, and Valley Christian High School. She currently attends UC Davis. Stephanie is the daughter of Hue Han, Teacher at Quimby Oak Middle School.)

I would like to thank you again for choosing me as a recipient for the Evergreen Teacher's Association Scholarship. I cannot wait to put it to work when I study Aerospace Engineering at Cal Poly this Fall. Although I plan to eventually find a part-time job to help pay for my expenses, the scholarship funds will allow me to put this off a bit to stay concentrated on my schoolwork in my Freshman year. I expect to use the funds mostly to buy books for classes. I thank you and the Scholarship Committee once again for all your help and for the honor of being awarded this scholarship.

Sincerely,

JP Caldwell

(JP attended Silver Oak Elementary, and Archbishop Mitty High School. He currently attends Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. JP is the son of Robin Caldwell, Teacher at KR Smith Elementary.)

I would like to thank the organization again for the scholarship. It was an honor to receive it on behalf of Angelica Rodriguez who was my mother's fellow colleague. I am so grateful to receive the award and to share some of the great qualities that Ms. Rodriguez had. Thank you so much for the generous contribution towards my education.

Kaliah Harris-Ornellas

(Kaliah attended James Franklin Smith and Cedar Grove Elementary, Quimby Oak Middle School, and Oak Grove High School. She currently attends Sacramento State University. Kaliah is the daughter of Gina Ornellas, Teacher at Cedar Grove Elementary.)