



*"Being the first generation to be born here in the United States and go to a university has pushed the boundaries of what my family believes is possible."*

— **Diego Jimenez, North Monterey County High School**

*"I am honored to be one of the recipients of the College Futures Monterey County Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I will be the first in my family to go to college, and be able to motivate and encourage my siblings to do the same. Growing up in a supportive community has encouraged me to continue to help others in any way possible, but has also helped me realize the value and importance of a college education. In the fall of 2017 I will begin my undergraduate career as a freshman at the University of California, Davis. This scholarship will allow me to focus on studies, instead of worrying about my finances. Thank you for granting me this opportunity to get closer to my goal."*

— **Bianca-Yesenia Cruz Aguayo, North Monterey County High School**



*"Money has always been in issue in my family. We are a family of seven and it would be hard to afford my education. Thank you for choosing me and helping me with my education. I am so grateful to receive this scholarship."*

— **Carlos Garcia, King City High School**



*"Being a first-generation college student and being Hispanic meant I had limited financial resources. I'm immensely grateful for your donations to the College Futures Monterey County Scholarship! You just made my pathway to success clearer, and once I walk across that stage in the fall, I'll be sure to remember you."*

— **Adriana Jazmin Vargas Mendoza, Soledad High School**

*"This scholarship means a lot to me since this is one step closer to pursuing my goal of becoming a computer scientist. While in college, I want to participate in many different community services to give back to my community to show my gratitude for everything. Receiving this scholarship has motivated me to keep on going even through the rough times in life. I will truly never forget this moment for this is significant in my life. Again, thank you for your generosity."*

— **Juan Trinidad, Seaside High School**

*“My goals consist of transferring out of MPC in less than two years and graduating from UCSB with a Bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. I strive to help our world advance with technologies that would better the future of the generations that have yet to come. I come from a family where an education in secondary school is nonexistent, so college was out of the picture as well. With your help, I will be able to make my parents proud and be a role model for my younger brother.”*

— **Edwin Perez Ramirez,**  
**Seaside High School**

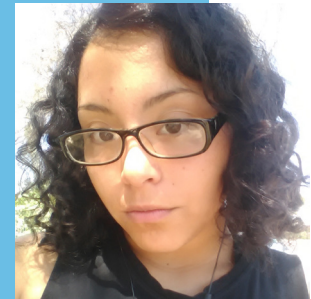


*“The award gives me an opportunity to learn Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, knowledge and skills that will aid my dream of entering the medical field. Without scholarship patrons willing to support post-secondary education, students such as myself would be unable to pursue advanced health care degrees. Being honored by this scholarship has boosted my self-confidence.”*

— **Christopher Kevin Mandujano, Soledad High School**

*“Quite honestly, I never expected to receive the scholarship and I’m endlessly grateful for the selfless people who have contributed this amount of money to help me in achieving a further education. Without the financial aid I’ve received, I don’t doubt it would’ve been difficult if not impossible to achieve my dreams. I don’t come from a wealthy family and financial struggles have followed me since I was young, so being awarded such a scholarship brings tears to my eyes. It makes me feel as though all the work I’ve put into my academics was worth it. Honestly, the benevolence of people astounds me. Once again, I thank everyone who has helped me in my endeavor.”*

— **Angelica Ruiz, Soledad High School**



*“Thank you so much for your scholarship. I have accepted an offer of admission to Harvard College. I look forward to these next four years of my life that will be full of learning and incredible people. I am very grateful, and so are my parents, for this scholarship opportunity. It is comforting to know that covering the extra expenses of college will not be such a heavy burden anymore. College Futures has done a wonderful job not only by providing me with this scholarship, but by giving workshops on how to manage money. Once again, thank you so much.”*

— **Cecilia Trujillo, Gonzales High School**



*“Thanks to your generosity I decided to choose one of the best universities in California. I was not going to UCSD because my family did not have the financial support for this school. Since my father got sick, he couldn’t continue working in the fields meaning that my chances for going to a university were really small. This scholarship covers most of what I was missing. Thank you for supporting the students like me and helping them to continue their education in their dream school.”*

— **Kimberly Torres, Alisal High School**