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MERCED COLLEGE FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Merced College Foundation awarded more than $137,000 in scholarships to deserving students during its Scholarship Sunday Ceremony on May 18. A total of 246 individual awards were given to 139 students.

According to Foundation Executive Director Robin Shepard, scholarships help meet the financial needs of Merced College students.

“You can’t imagine how important scholarships are to our students,” Shepard said. “Not only do scholarships recognize outstanding academic achievement, they often provide that extra financial cushion that allows students to stay in school.”

The Merced College Foundation’s scholarship program is made possible due to the generosity of donors, Shepard said.

“We have a great many friends and supporters who believe it’s important to help students achieve success. We are very grateful for their support.”

Below is a list of scholarship recipients for the 2014-2015 academic year.

Firdavs Abdunazarov (Associated Students of Merced College Outstanding Member; Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union); Christian Aguayo Perez (ASMC - LB Campus; Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced); Kashifa Ahmed (McConnell Honors Trust); Nicole Alexander (Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial); Suzanne Alvernaz (Catherine & Ted McVey); Araceli Anguiano-Reyna (Administrative Office Management); Jasmine Atkins (Jim & Bernice Kidd); Elizabeth Avelar (Ferrero Family Trust; Taher); Manuel Baez (Castle Air Force Base Officer's Wives' Club); Crestina Batchelor (Chrysalis/PEO Chapter UC Mary Cedarholm Memorial); Edwin Betady (George A. Fuller Memorial Aviation); Lori Boesch (John Deere Agriculture; Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194; McConnell Honors Trust); Jenna Boesch (Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers);
Chuck Bradshaw (Charles Edwards Trust Agriculture; Merced Garden Club; Yosemite Farm Credit); Taylor Brass (Iver K. Brand/Stanislaus Farm Supply; California Women for Agriculture; Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial; Ken Randol Memorial/Merced Rotary; Bill & Tom Kirby Agricultural; American Legion Post #83); Joseph Brazil (Estanislao 58 Historical Foundation Jack Brotherton Memorial; Rahilly); Julia Brewer (California Women for Agriculture); Kerry Brooke (Jeanet Barker Memorial); Brittany Brown (McConnell Honors Trust); Ursula Castellanos (May Grant Robbie); Gildardo Castillo-Llamas (Associated Students of Merced College Natalie Banuelos Outstanding Student; Bob Edminster Memorial; Los Banos Campus Science); Elizabeth Cendejas (McConnell Honors Trust); Sara Cervantes (Glen Sheesley Memorial); Linzee Chapman (Vivian Grace Reyburn Broddrick; Dance Teachers Cooperative; McConnell Honors Trust); Cheyenne Chavez-Velarde (Marianne & Susan Spevak Memorial; Emily Coate (Elmo Giampaoli Ag Business and Accounting); Michael Cooper (James E. Shepard Memorial); Jessica Correia (Lillian Baxter Nursing; Vivian Grace Reyburn Broddrick; Lakireddy Family Foundation; Merced College Pre-Medical Club; Merced United Methodist Church); Crystal Cummings (Don Stewart); Ismaeel Davis (Don Odishoo Memorial); Mandeep Dhaliwal (Lillian Baxter Nursing Scholarship; Lakireddy Family Foundation); Micha Diele (Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers Scholarship); Seth Diemel (AARP Chapter 282 Merced; Crawford Family; J.W. "Doc" Preston Memorial; Hughes & Margaret Smith); Emily Dunne (John Deere Agriculture; Ellison Family; Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194); Cassandra Eskandari (Gateway Quilter’s Guild; Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union; Maria Fajardo Mendez (AARP Chapter 282 Merced; Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers); Leo Farias (Charles Edwards Trust Agriculture); Anton Fernandes (McConnell Honors Trust; Associated Students of Merced College Emerging Leaders); Mia Fleming (Merced County Republican Women); Joshi Flores (P G & E Merced Field Services; Frances Luxhoi White); Walter Fox (Louis P. Gonella Memorial); Marina Garcia (Janice Dryja Memorial); Pedro Garcia Carrillo (James and Barbara Cox; Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union); Daniel Gardner (Randy Nahas Memorial Trust); Michelle Gocke (Joylana Cardenas Memorial; Linda Tatum Scholarship; Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194 Ladies Auxiliary); Brontae Gomes (McConnell Honors Trust); Laurie Goodwin (AARP Chapter 282 Merced; Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Ola Menke Memorial; Jose Gutierrez (Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced); Steven Hannah (Don Stewart); Daisuke Hatasako (Dean S. Lesher Trust); Erik Heikkila (James K. Kubo Memorial; McConnell Honors Trust); Kirsten Helfrick (Christine Coats Ichord Memorial); Yanel Hernandez (Ellison Family; Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194 Ladies Auxiliary; Araceli Hernandez (Dean S. Lesher Trust; (McConnell Honors Trust; Merced College CSEA Chapter #274; Mercedes
James (AAUW--Merced Branch; Merced College Faculty Association); Christine Jargick (Bob Edminster Memorial; Humanities and Social Science; Catherine & Ted McVey); Rhonda Jenkins (Don Stewart); Reyna Jimenez (ASMC - Roy Savage; Haden & Dawson); Daisy Jimenez (Dean S. Lesher Trust); Dino Johnson (Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers; Jenny Lee (Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers; Morgan Lincoln (Dean S. Lesher Trust; Laures Lopez (Catherine & Ted McVey); Stephanie Mackey (Merced College Faculty Association); Madeline Madayag (Stephan Gray Memorial); Ruben Magana (Bud Stout Memorial); Ignacio Martinez (Merced Breakfast Lions Club; Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union; Loyd "Red" Prichard Memorial); Stephanie McGuiness (Foster Farms; Gateway Quilter's Guild; Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church); Brooke McParland (George Mack Memorial); Alexa Medina (Taher); Shea Mejia-Gomes (ASMC - Bob Lynn Memorial); Ginney Melchor (Merced College Faculty Association); Crisha Mendez (Social Science Club); Alexxis Mires (California Women for Agriculture); Quentin Mitten (Barnett Family Music/Art Scholarship; Michael Evans Memorial Trust; Merced College Music Department; Margaret Randolph; Jacqueline Weeks-Eck Vocal); Leleiga Moli (John J. Latorraca Law Enforcement); Sergio Mora (Charles Ostrander Memorial); Kayla Moran (Stanislaus Voiture 653, Society 40 & 8; Don Stewart); Katherine Morrill (Jeff Denham Future Leaders; Disabled American Veterans#31; Merced College Pre-Medical Club); Bianca Munsayac (Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced; Angela & Lisa Williams Memorial); Samantha Murphy (Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial); Juan Nava Mejia (Catherine & Ted McVey); Joseph Newman (AARP Chapter 282 Merced Scholarship; James W. Barger Memorial; Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced; Science, Math, & Engineering); Ayesaha Nunes (Jim & Bernice Kidd; Silva Family); Maricela Nunez (Merced County Continuity of Care; Pacific Bell Pioneers Merced Life Member Club; Don Stewart Scholarship); Irene Ormonde (Administrative Office Management); Richard Ornelas (Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194; Merced College CSEA Chapter #274; Yosemite Farm Credit; Daniel Ortega (Johanna Trust; Merced Breakfast Lions Club); Anthony Paulisich (Merced College Music Department); Brad Peltier (American Legion Riders Chapter #83; Castle Air Museum; Merced Sunrise Rotary-Field of Honor); Kristin Pereida (Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Maude Edmondson Memorial); Saul Perez (Iver K. Brand/Stanislaus Farm Supply; Charles Edwards Trust Agriculture; Merced Garden Club Teresa Clauch; (Kimberly Petiti (Dance Teachers Cooperative; McConnell Honors Trust); Robert Poole (Don Avila Mechanized Ag; St John's Festa; Jerry Young Memorial); Estanislao 58 Historical Foundation Walter S. Hargrove Memorial); Cody Price (Merced County Historical Society); Tiffany Randolph-Vianueva (Juanita Dolores Burnett; Sarah Greene Memorial; Lakireddy Family Foundation; Don Stewart
Family); Nancy Readd (California Women for Agriculture; Byron Cunningham Memorial); Emily Rench (Dance Teachers Cooperative; Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial); Jodi Robertson (Jeff Denham Future Leaders; Merced College Pre-Medical Club; Merced Medical Clinic; Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church); Marvin Romero (Jane Edwards Trust Art Scholarship); Karen Romo-Vega (Merced/Mariposa Retired Teachers; Sonja Perret Emeritus); Rosamaria Rucobo (AAUW--Merced Branch; Delta Kappa Gamma Epsilon Psi); Gabriel Rudich (Elmo Giampaoli Ag Business and Accounting; Randy Wittenborn Memorial); Maria Saldana (Badhesha Family; Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194; Reiman & Emus Radiological Science; EJ Rose Scholarship; Don Stewart Scholarship); Angel Sanchez (Merced College Music Department); Bryan Scram (Angela & Lisa Williams Memorial); Juan Silva Andrade (Merced College Faculty Association); Michele Smith (Lakireddy Family Foundation; Stanislaus Voiture 653, Society 40 & 8; Don Stewart Scholarship); Thomas Spankowski (Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced); Jennifer Sparks (Lakireddy Family Foundation); Shaunessy Stuart (Merced County Republican Women; Philosophy Scholarship); Melissia Sutton (Humanities and Social Science; Social Science Club); Michael Szabad (American Legion Post #83; David Basmajian Memorial Scholarship; Sylvia Fennessy Memorial; Merced Sunrise Rotary-Field of Honor); Rosemarie Talactac (Christine Coats Ichord Memorial; Melissa Smith Scholarship); Teng Thor (Lakireddy Family Foundation); Madison Toel (Dance Teachers Cooperative; Jane Edwards Trust Art); Hector Torres (Don Stewart Scholarship); Esther Trenado-Perez (Badhesha Family; EJ Rose Scholarship; Don Stewart Scholarship); Charles Tyson (Disabled American Veterans #31); Megan Van Denover (Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194 Ladies Auxiliary); David Vang (Dr. Margaret Dale Memorial; Jim & Lu Edmonson UC Merced); Nancy Vang (Merced Breakfast Lions Club); Michele Varni (Bill Flowers Memorial); Jennifer Vega Romo (Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194 Ladies Auxiliary); Mildred Velazquez (Anne Johnson Memorial); Kristy Verma (Cynthia E. Garcia Memorial); Jocelyn Wagner (Associated Students of Merced College Academic Excellence: Arnold, Ione & Brynhild Grasmoen Memorial Scholarship); Kate Wallace (Jane Edwards Trust Art; A.H. Tony & Delores Rose Memorial); Autumn Washington English (Barnett Family Music/Art); Troy Watson (Merced College Faculty Association); Megan Westbrook (Taher Scholarship); Riyn Williams (Delta Kappa Gamma Zeta Gamma Joyce Payne Memorial); Rebecca Wood (Castle Air Force Base Officer’s Wives’ Club); David Wright (PG&E Merced Field Services); E Xiong (Chrysalis/PEO Chapter UC Mary Cedarholm Memorial; Schelby Agricultural Advisory Committee); Melinda Xiong (Ellison Family Scholarship); Emily Xiong (McConnell Honors Trust); Melinda Xiong (McConnell Honors Trust); Jose Zarate (Fraternal Order of Eagles#2194; PG&E Merced Field Services).
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