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## **Ow Family Continues American Dream Scholarship Tradition** *141 High School Students Receive Scholarships to Attend Cabrillo College*

APTOS, CA - For the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, long-time philanthropist George Ow, Jr. and his family provided American Dream Scholarships of \$500 each to local, ethnic minority high school seniors. The Ow family awarded 141 high school seniors American Dream scholarships in last week's ceremony. During the ceremony, George Ow, Jr. addressed the students and reflected on his own experience at community college, "Every class, I learned something new and exciting, and that's what I wish for you: for you to come to Cabrillo to learn every day. Learn something new. Learn something you never dreamed about."

Since 1989, the Ow Family has awarded over \$608,000 to graduating high school students coming to Cabrillo. It is just one of the many ways the Ow Family has supported the students and the mission of Cabrillo College.

Eleven scholarship recipients spoke at the ceremony and thanked the Ow Family for their generous support. One graduating senior from Aptos High, Allyson Goldman, intends to use her scholarship as she pursues a career in nursing at Cabrillo. Allyson told the audience, "In my eyes, Cabrillo is the best option for me as it is more affordable, while still having an amazing medical program. I would like to thank George Ow, Jr. and the Ow family for their generosity and kindness. I'm excited to see what the future has in store for me."

Cabrillo College Foundation has been leading the way among California Community Colleges in eliminating financial barriers by providing over \$900,000 in scholarships to students each year and helping students achieve the dream of attending college, thanks to generous donors like the Ow family.

The 2018 American Dream Scholarship recipients are:

### **Aptos High School**

Mia Alonso  
Juan Castorena  
Sofia Cortes  
Yesenia Cuellar  
Juana Diaz  
Luis Garcia Ponce  
Allyson Goldman  
Yuliana Gomez  
Brian Jimenez Hajduk  
Devin Lagasca  
Jeannette Macias

Alejandra Medina  
Jordan Perez  
Lizet Quintana Diaz  
Sabrina Renteria  
Jazlyn Sepulveda

**Delta High School**

Daniel Ayala  
Aleesha Broussard  
Daphne Contreras  
Michael Jaquias  
Cambria Kraten  
Cynthia Peralta  
Jose Salazar

**Harbor High School**

Cynthia Cabrales

**Monterey Bay Academy**

Eunice Michel

**Oasis High School**

Lorena Dominguez  
Ruby Reynaga

**Pajaro Valley High School**

Nancy Alanis  
Marie Barnes  
Wendy Fabian  
Emily Garcia  
Jesus Gomez  
Hector Gonzalez  
Litzzy Gonzalez Cantolan  
Dazmyne Martinez  
Giovanni Martínez-Villaseñor  
Edgar Morales-Vazquez  
George Moreno  
Antoinette Olivares  
Daniel Ortega  
Luz Ortiz  
Edward Ortiz-Vega  
Leilani Perez  
Anthony Reyes  
Luciano Rivera Leyva  
Jennifer Rodriguez  
Karen Valle  
Aileen Vega  
Eustolia Hernandez  
Ariana Rodriguez  
Victor Vela

**Renaissance High School**

Luis Bonilla  
Daniel Calderon  
Jonathan Castillo  
Sadia Diaz



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Dulce Escobar  
Abigail Fernandez  
Giovanni Fonseca  
Joey Guerrero  
Damian Gutierrez  
America Hernandez  
Leslie Magana  
Angela Meza  
Pamela Morales  
Juan Pablo Palomino  
Briana Rosales  
Eric Ruiz  
Alexander Solano  
Luis Vidal  
Joshua Yannone  
Jesus Zepeda

**San Lorenzo Valley High School**

Anissa Ramirez

**Santa Cruz County Community**

Nayeli Lopez

**Santa Cruz High School**

Joywen Carino  
Darien Cruz Nguyen  
Eros Franco  
Bailey Habermehl  
Andy Hernandez  
Alexis Jimenez  
Conny Ramirez-Velazquez

**Soquel High School**

Isiah Baron  
Marcelo Peralta  
Alissa Rezendes  
Citlali Robles  
Ben Sandoval

**Watsonville High School**

Jesus Alonso  
Julie Avila  
Aide Baltazar  
Irenia Barajas  
Alejandro Cisneros  
Gabriela Cisneros

Lilian Constanza-Ayala  
Diana Cortes  
Bryanna Crick  
Jesus Cumplido Rocha  
Silvia Diaz Gonzalez  
Cesar Espinoza  
Vania Figueroa-Cabrales  
Maria Flores  
Maria Flores  
Manuel Garcia Gonzalez  
Mirna Gonzalez  
Joely Gonzalez-Muniz  
Victoria Gutierrez  
Amairani Hernandez  
Diana Hernandez  
Jaylynn Leal  
Alan Lopez  
Valeria Lopez  
Crystal Lopez-Belman  
Bryan Madriz  
Gilberto Martinez Medina  
Jose Martinez  
Tatyana Lauren Martinez  
Haylin Martinez  
Britney Melendez  
Mayra Mendoza  
Fatima Murillo  
Karina Navarro  
Kimberly Oakden  
Claribel Olivares  
Melissa Orejel  
Jimmy Ortiz  
Maria Pacheco  
Yesica Palmerin  
Yaritza Palmerin  
Islem Parra  
Daisy Ponce  
Sabrina Ramirez  
Aure Robles-Yepez  
Samantha Rocha Silva  
Emily Rodriguez  
Leslie Rodriguez-Marin  
Janeth Salcedo  
Elijah Sanchez  
Galilea Silva  
Evelin Vega  
Estefany Villasenor  
Isabel Wenses  
Flor Zamora Madrigal  
Andrea Zavala

***About The Cabrillo College Foundation***

*The Cabrillo College Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1962 to raise private donations for the support of Cabrillo programs. Private support is used for student scholarships, research and educational programs, faculty and departmental support, facilities, and equipment. Local citizens, college staff, faculty and Cabrillo*



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**About Cabrillo College**

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. With a commitment to quality and equity, we connect all learners to pathways that propel them from where they are to where they aspire to be, including: academic, personal, and career growth.*

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