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message from the Foundation Jeri Kinnear, Chair, Galveston College Foundation

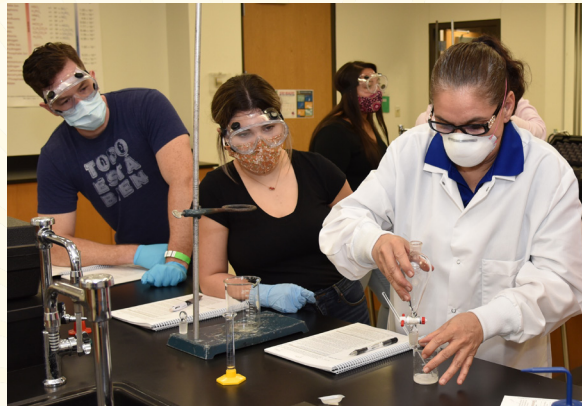


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Turbulence should be the definition of the year 2020. But even though we all had to change the way we lived and worked, some things didn't change at all.

The Galveston College Foundation's Universal Access program never wavered. It is the oldest college promise program in the State delivering over 1,900 local high school graduates to earn associate degrees, a program certificate, or a transfer to a four-year university. In 2020 the Foundation awarded 235 UA scholarships. The total amount of money awarded through UA and UA Plus (Non-tuition Education Expenses) as of August 31, 2020 was \$261,031.

Our supporters never wavered. Donors are the driving force behind the Foundation's mission to support and enhance the ability of Galveston College to improve people's lives through lifelong learning.

Because of the generosity of our donors including foundations, individuals, businesses, and corporate entities, UA is fully endowed. UA Plus, or Non-tuition Educational Expenses Fund, weathered the Covid-19 and winter storm, and our students continued to receive funding for educational expenses.

Galveston College Foundation continues to manage fifty-five named and endowed

scholarships in addition to other public and private donations including the Moody Foundation and the Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation funds. The Seibel funds were responsible for the new student housing and the Moody funds made UA fully funded.

Despite the unprecedented turbulence of 2020, Galveston College Foundation and its supporters remained steadfast, moving forward to secure an educated workforce with little to no debt upon graduation.

After seven years on the Galveston College Foundation Board, my term is up. Thank you to Dr. Myles Shelton for leading the College to new levels. Thank you to my board members for not wavering, despite a pandemic, and for being a part of what makes Galveston special.

I want to say a special thank you to three exceptional people who came before me and showed me the importance of the Foundation and the College to the students on our Island. Jan Coggeshall, Roland Bassett, and Garrik Addison, I say thank you.

Jeri Kinnear



Galveston College Foundation

Galveston College Foundation 2020 Board of Directors

A Brief History

Founded in 1996, Galveston College Foundation is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that receives gifts, grants, donations, and scholarships for the benefit of Galveston College and its students. Since its founding, it has helped more than 1,900 students attain their dream of attending college.

Galveston College Foundation holds assets of over \$16,000,000 largely restricted in areas of the performance-based Universal Access Endowment Scholarship (UA) and Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Fund (now known as UA Plus.)

The Foundation also manages other named scholarships, special project funds, and a Title V Endowment.

Purpose

The Galveston College Foundation is an independent 501 (c) 3 established to support Galveston College through fund-raising. Our mission is to support Galveston high school graduates through an earned scholarship program to obtain their first two years of college debt-free regardless of ability to pay.

Vision

The Galveston College Foundation is an organization that actively encourages the community to invest, through it, the funds and other assets and energies needed for Galveston College and its students.

With this effort the Foundation helps the College to operate at a level far above that which can be achieved using only state and federal funding.

Mission Statement

The Galveston College Foundation exists to support and enhance the ability of Galveston College to accomplish its mission of improving people's lives through lifelong learning.

Goals

Galveston College Foundation seeks:

1. All necessary resources for qualified students to receive scholarship assistance at Galveston College.
2. Strong project partnerships with the College and the community for higher education opportunities.
3. Maintenance of integrated, and fiscally sound management systems.
4. Rigorous public accounting and accountability in management and fiduciary practices.

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message from **Galveston College**

Karen Flowers, Chair
Galveston College Board of Regents

Galveston College has been transforming the lives of our students for more than 50 years. Without exception, we focus on student access to education and providing comprehensive support to succeed. Opening doors, changing lives is a concept that encapsulates the stories of student success that unfold every day across our campus. In a year when a pandemic captured the attention of the world, and we adjusted our operations to follow health and safety guidelines, it would have been reasonable to lose that focus. Yet because of dedication and commitment of the entire Galveston College community, we remain centered.

We are proud of our students who continue to learn and succeed amidst the challenges and changes that they have experienced. We are proud of our faculty and staff who every day always come with the mindset of helping students succeed. And, we are grateful to our donors and supporters who never pause in giving generously to the Galveston College Foundation to carry on the tradition of philanthropy that supports our students and our College.

Together, we have many accomplishments from 2020 to celebrate. We can and should celebrate the accomplishments of our students

and our faculty and staff. In addition, we celebrate the completion of The Abe and Annie Siebel Student Residences which were successfully completed and safely occupied at the beginning of the fall semester. We are so grateful for the Abe and Annie Siebel Foundation's generous funding, which made this achievement possible during uncertain times. And, as we look to the future, we celebrate that the planning for a new instructional building to support our nursing and health science programs is underway.

Our faculty and staff demonstrated excellence, not only shifting to an online teaching and learning model in the span of a few days in March of 2020 while never losing sight of the high standards of quality educational programs and the ultimate success of their students. And during the pandemic, because of the never ending commitment of our faculty and staff, Galveston College successfully opened for the fall of 2020 new Associate of Applied Science programs in Logistics and Instrumentation. In addition, the College announced a new Emergency Medical Services Professional certificate and alternative Associate of Applied Science degree program for paramedics who are



W. Myles Shelton, E.D., President
Galveston College

seeking to advance in their careers. And in December of 2020, 13 Galveston College students made history as the first students to receive baccalaureate degrees from Galveston College. Each of these graduates received a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Healthcare Management. And, we are looking forward to the opening a new baccalaureate degree program in nursing in 2022.

As you read this report, you'll learn of individual stories of success, which were made possible through a collective commitment to the College's mission and purposes. We hope you will enjoy reading these stories about our students as well as the College and understand what we celebrate would not have been possible without you, our supporters and benefactors.

Galveston College remains steadfast to its mission and purposes, teaching students and producing alumni who will play important roles in our community and in the state's economy. Your interest and support remind us as leaders of all that has happened - all we have accomplished - and reaffirms the plans for the future as we continue to move forward.



Kelly Merry

Director of Development and
Galveston College Foundation

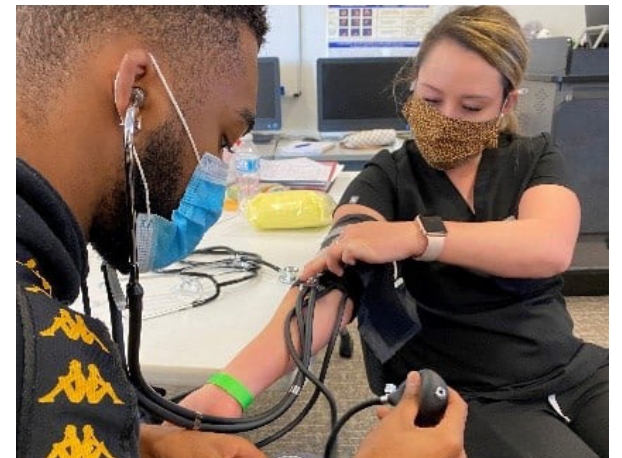
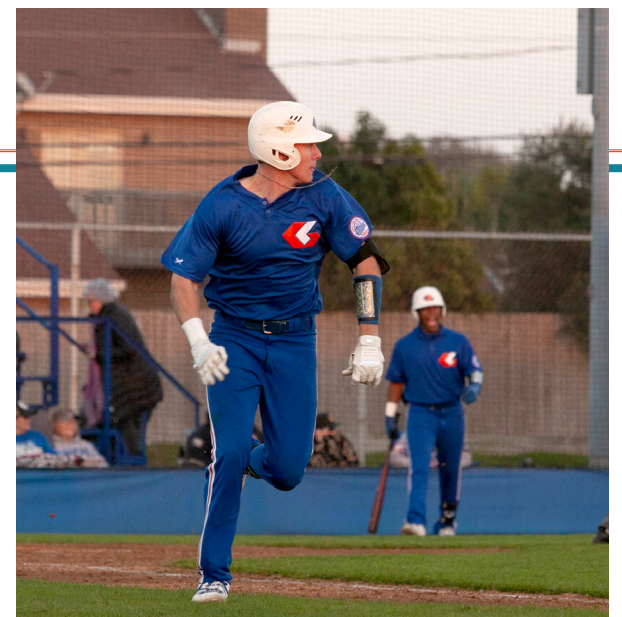
I recently joined Galveston College as the Director of Development and Galveston College Foundation. Since arriving on campus, I have felt the spirit of a strong, close-knit community all around me. The shining stories within this report of student success, strong leadership and donor generosity are inspirational. I am quickly learning a long history of what has made, and continues to make, Galveston Island a special place. While I will never be able to claim B.O.I., I am enthusiastic about becoming a part of this community.

In 2021, we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Galveston College Foundation. Much

message from the Foundation Director

has been accomplished since its founding in 1996. Universal Access has served over 1,900 students. Universal Access Plus (UA+) was created to help assure the promise of debt-free graduation when it became evident non-tuition expenses like books were also a barrier for students. Donors and strong leadership have helped the Foundation accumulate assets of over \$16 million to benefit current and future students. The past 25 years have been filled with extraordinary results, and, still, there is opportunity for greater impact.

The Galveston College Foundation exists to support and enhance the ability of Galveston College to accomplish its mission of improving people's lives through lifelong learning. I am excited to now help lead that mission into the future. We need to continue to educate our future nurses, electrical engineers, welders, chefs, EMTs, teachers, medical records technicians and business owners. I thank the community for its ongoing investment of philanthropic funds needed for Galveston College and its students. I look forward to working together with you, the community, to improve the lives of our students through lifelong learning. You may reach me by email, kmerry@gc.edu, or by phone, (409) 944-1303.





UNIVERSAL ACCESS Endowment Scholarship

Galveston College Foundation's Universal Access Endowment has supported over 1,900 students' transition to self-sufficiency. These students were not eligible for federal or state funding—oftentimes because their income exceeded eligibility limits, yet they still needed financial assistance to complete their studies and graduate. Beginning in late fall 2014, the Foundation raised significant sums for the Universal Access Endowment and individual scholarships.

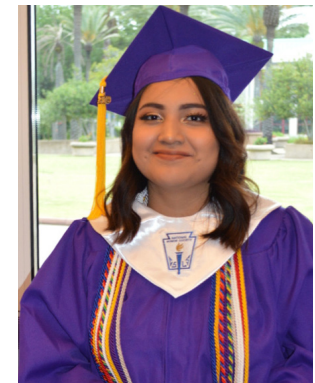
Thanks to consistent generosity from the Galveston community, area foundations, and businesses, the Universal Access Endowment upgraded tuition support annually. We are especially grateful for the significant support of the Moody Foundation to this program.

In 2018, the Foundation directors initiated the UA+ program as a one-time voucher for non-tuition needs, including books, online access codes, and licensing fees. Beginning in spring 2021 the award was raised to \$35



per semester hour with a lifetime limit of \$2,100. The UA+ voucher may be used during any semester as long the student remains in good academic standing. The UA+ award is extended to UA students enrolled in a GC baccalaureate program.

In fall 2021, the Galveston College Foundation Universal Access Endowment Scholarship instituted a new lifetime limit of \$5,476 for full-time and part-time students, which covers tuition and required fees for a 60-credit hour associate degree. All students must have a degree plan on file.



Upon enrollment for the Universal Access award, the student must use the funds within five years. After completing the initial semester, UA becomes a performance-based scholarship. Students must receive a minimum GPA of 2.0 to continue accessing funds from the UA endowment.

2019-2020 Universal Access Endowment Scholars

Addison, Spencer C
 Aguirre Aparicio, Cristian
 Antonio, Jhanna Marie Suzon
 Araujo, Cesar
 Arrazola, Roxana
 Ayala, Miguel Angel
 Bacon, Dylan J
 Bailey, Ashton Christopher
 Banda, James Daniel
 Bautista Pacheco, Sughey
 Bautista, Claudia
 Becerril, Priscila
 Belew, D'Leland R
 Bell, Blake William
 Benitez Briseno, Alexandra
 Benitez, Alexandra Brisceno
 Blackwell, Cameron Renee
 Bonilla Banegas, Cindy Nicolle
 Briseno, Alanis
 Bustillo, Ely
 Campbell, George R
 Caraves, Jose Carlos
 Caro, Yaquelin Denys
 Castillo, Kiara Lien
 Castillo, Leslie P
 Cedillo Cabrera, Francisco Gerardo
 Chinchilla, Carlos Mauricio
 Chreidi, Batoul Mahmoud
 Cooke-Schilling, Tyche` Alexander

Cox, Kodiak Vonn
 Curran, Hope Elizabeth
 Dalton, Katheryn McKenzie
 Daniel, Taylor Louise
 Davila, Leslie Leticia
 Davis, Alyssa Briana
 Demack, Alexandra Nicole
 Dillon, Rachel Elaina
 Dominguez, Rubi Esmeralda
 Dominick, Quinten H.



L to R: Vida Rector, UA Scholarship recipients in honor of Charles G. & Frances M. Dibrell, Alicia Douglas and Carlos Chinchilla (c), with the Honorable C.G. "Trey" Dibrell, Feb. 2020.

Donlon, Elizabeth Marie
 Donnelly, Tara Elisabeth
 Douglas, Alicia Mona
 Enriquez, Kora
 Flores Gonzalez, Mariana Paola
 Flores, Alma Alicia
 Fowler, Morgan E
 Franco, Anais Claudia
 Galvan, Yoali Alejandra
 Ganem, David Jay

Garcia, Kayla Alejandra
 Garza, Jesus Roberto
 Gavin, Keegan M
 Geiger, Logan Johnathan
 Geissler, Haden William
 Glenn, Jackson Powell
 Gomez Garrido, Dayan Lissette
 Henriquez Mancia, Ronald Alexander
 Hernandez Estrada, Bernardino
 Hernandez Lima, Mariana
 Hernandez, Cristal
 Hernandez, Esmeralda
 Hernandez, Gustavo R
 Hernandez, Joel Hernan
 Hernandez, Stephanie Ann
 Hernandez, Victoria Gabrielle
 Higgins, Emily Jordan
 Ingram, Asia Fayth
 Jaison, Diya Treesa
 Jansen, Allie Claire
 Jenkins, Nylya Gabriel
 Jimenez Cajigas, Nayarith
 Jones, Aaron Matthew
 Juarez, Andrea Iliana
 Koehler, Lexie
 Kovach, Nina Rose
 Labao, Alexis A
 Lara Del Cid, Juan Carlos
 Leasure, Megan Louise

Lister, Jennifer Marie
 Loftis, Jayla G
 Lopez, Denora A
 Lopez, Martha Lizeth
 Lorenzana, Genesis Daniela
 Lubrico, Jyle Matthew
 Lund, Evan Andreas
 Lyons, Jaelon A
 Malmstrom, Robert Werner
 Martin, Brielen N
 Martinez Rodriguez, Edna
 Martinez, Angie Paola
 Martinez, Aydee Ailed
 Martinez, Brandi K
 McCarroll, Juwan Ray
 Mellen, James Randy
 Mifflin, Laura Ann
 Miloskovich, Steven E
 Minardi, Emanuele Luciano
 Miskowic-Fajardo, Daniela
 Molina Mena, Arlen
 Morales, Derek Ray
 Morales, Dylan Cole
 Morales, Maria Guadalupe
 Morgan, Ruby Christine
 Moseley, Brenden Dade
 Nance, Kaia Michele
 Nepomuceno, Christian Miles
 Nevarez, Adrian

Ngo, Tommy Tien
Nolasco, Jada Andrea
Nolasco, Sebastian Cesar
Ojeda, Samantha Nicole
Orea, Adrian
Oyervides Rosales, Vanessa Lizbeth
Parfait, Raelynn Annalyse
Peters, Lynde Vi
Plant, Hannah Elizabeth
Praker, Blakelen Elisabeth
Puckett, Carolyn E
Rabinowitz, Michael A
Ramirez, Chloe Michelle
Ramirez, Jorge Antonio
Ramos Del-Angel, Uriel Adolfo
Ramos, Cristopher
Ramos, Miranda Kate
Randle, JoMar Xavier
Rawlins, Tucker W
Redhail-Anthony, Makayla Shirley
Rios, Eva
Rodgers, James Ray
Rodriguez, Alfredo Evander
Rodriguez, Jayson Porfirio
Rodriguez, Katarina Josephine
Rosales Montalvo, Luis Mario
Rumgay, Liam Patrick
Safford, Liberty
Salazar, Angie Alondra
Salinas, Graciela
Salinas, Julianna Diaz
San Martin Silva, Sofia Belen

Santillana Escalante, Aminta E
Scott, Katherine Annelle
Shepherd, Kelley Jane
Silva, Ramiro Ezequiel
Sims, Caterina Elizabeth
Sims, Emily Clare
Smith, Trinity Hailey
Somerville, Collin Micheal
Spence, Zane S
Stephenson, Lindsey Caroline
Talbert, Madalyn Elaine
Tavarez, Manuel I
Tovar, Jose Mario
Tuten, Teyha Nicole
Tzoy, Iraida Del Rosario
Villarreal, Alicia Araceli
Villarreal, Juan Antonio
Villarta, Rayne Therese carpena
Weldon, Alison Marie
Wheeler, Kyle Richard
Wheeler-Martinez, Desmond Micheal
Whitehurst, Dylan Joseph
Williams, Abriana Cristine
Williams, Jordan T
Worthen, Brandon William
Wright, Tailey Lynn
Ybarra, Samuel Patrick
Zamarron, Cesar Gabriel
Zende del, Soroush

UA+ Students

Bailey, Ashton Christopher
Bautista Pacheco, Sugey
Bell, Blake William
Benitez, Alexandra Brisceno
Blackwell, Cameron Renee
Bustillo, Ely
Caro, Yaquelin Denys
Castillo, Kiara Lien
Chinchilla, Carlos Mauricio
Curran, Hope Elizabeth
Davila, Leslie Leticia
Dominguez, Rubi Esmeralda
Douglas, Alicia Mona
Galvan, Yoali Alejandra
Garza, Jesus Roberto
Geiger, Logan Johnathan
Geissler, Haden William
Hernandez Lima, Mariana
Hernandez, Esmeralda
Hernandez, Gustavo R
Hernandez, Joel Hernan
Hernandez, Stephanie Ann
Jaison, Diya Treesa
Kovach, Nina Rose
Labao, Alexis A
Lara Del Cid, Juan Carlos
Leasure, Megan Louise
Loftis, Jayla G
Lopez, Martha Lizeth
Malmstrom, Robert Werner
Martinez, Angie Paola

Martinez, Brandi K
McCarroll, Juwan Ray
Morales, Derek Ray
Ramirez, Chloe Michelle
Ramos, Miranda Kate
Rosales Montalvo, Luis Mario
San Martin Silva, Sofia Belen
Spence, Zane S
Stephenson, Lindsey Caroline
Tzoy, Iraida Del Rosario
Wheeler-Martinez, Desmond Micheal
Williams, Jordan T
Zamarron, Cesar Gabriel

UA Graduates

Banda, James Daniel
Becerril, Priscila
Blackwell, Cameron Renee
Chinchilla, Carlos Mauricio
Daniel, Taylor Louise
Fowler, Morgan E
Garcia, Kayla Alejandra
Henriquez Mancia, Ronald Alexander
Hernandez, Cristal
Hernandez, Joel Hernan
Higgins, Emily Jordan
Koehler, Lexie
Miskowic-Fajardo, Daniela
Ngo, Tommy Tien
Ramos Del-Angel, Uriel Adolfo
Rawlins, Tucker W

Tara Donelly

I am writing to express my gratitude for the generous Universal Access Endowment Scholarship I received for my education at Galveston College that began in Summer 2020. I was very excited to learn that I am the recipient of a \$4,620 award with a \$500 book voucher. This scholarship will help me over the next few years to complete more classes, such as sciences and math, which will be applied toward my major at Texas A&M Galveston.

I am a 19-year-old student who has lived in Galveston, Texas for the majority of my life. My family moved here from Houston when I was about 3 because our neighborhood was being sold off to become apartment buildings. My family is small with me and my two parents who, even though they are divorced, remain good friends. My mom is a longshoreman and my dad is retired.

I was introduced to Galveston College through Ball High. While there, I began taking Dual Credit classes my junior year. I loved being able to do some of the basic college credits early and for a lower price.

My current educational goal is to receive a Bachelor's degree in Coastal Environment Science and Society from Texas A&M Galveston with a STEM Teaching Minor. I was inspired to go for this degree path from my time living in Galveston with its unique history, background, culture and environment. I also want to receive the STEM Teaching Minor because later in my life I hope to be a science teacher at Ball High.



Some of my teachers there helped make me who I am today and I hope to do the same for other students in the future.

The Universal Access Endowment Scholarship award will be a tremendous help towards payment of my tuition, books and fees. I will be able to attend school with less anxiety about my financial future. This scholarship also relieves stress from my family regarding tuition payment. The money we save will be able to be put toward a Master's degree in my future so I will have more job opportunities.

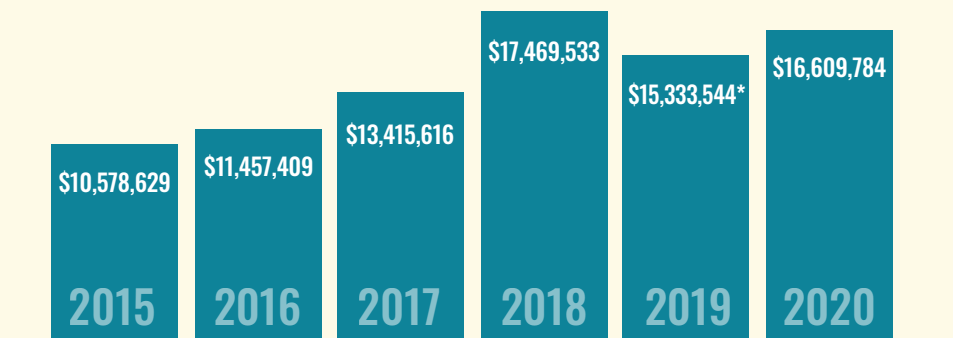
I am very excited to have the opportunity to thank you for your generosity. Without donors like you, many students like myself, would not be able to go after an education or career that they truly desire. You, my parents and my high school teachers, have provided me with great examples of how important it is to help someone else. With my degree in Coastal Environment and Society and minor in STEM teaching, it will be possible for me to one day provide financial and educational support for others.

Galveston College Foundation Financials

As of August 31, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	15,625	39,610
Accounts Receivable		
Pledges Receivable - Current	39,610	7,253
Pledge Receivable - Future	6,000	31,308
Total Accounts Receivable	42,964	38,561
Investments	16,551,195	15,255,373
Total Assets	16,609,784	15,333,544
Liabilities and Equity		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,484	4,961
Total Liabilities	1,484	4,961
Net Assets		
Net Assets - With Donor Restrictions	16,452,672	17,243,185
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions	155,628	226,348
Total Net Assets	16,608,300	15,328,583
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	16,609,784	15,333,544

GCF Asset Growth 2015-20



*Reflects \$2.15 million payout to construction of Abe and Annie Seibel Foundation Student Residences.



What We Support

Tuition, required fees and non-tuition educational expenses: books, equipment, and digital resources

LARGEST GIFTS OF 2020

Mark T. & Pamela Lohec Stasney

Helen K. and Phillip A. Lohec Endowed Scholarship
\$50,973.52

John P. McGovern Foundation

Universal Access Community Endowment & Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment Scholarships
\$40,000.00

Betty M. Schocke Charitable Trust

Betty M. Schocke Foundation Scholarship
\$20,009.82

Gaido Properties II, Inc.

Maureen E. "Kewpie" Schwerdtfeger Gaido Resource Library Fund
\$20,000.00



Vida Rector (Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust) & Erasmo Vasquez (Galveston Community Memorial Scholarship Recipient). Feb. 2020.



(l-r) Eva Gonzalez, Eva Rios and Alex Gonzalez. Feb. 2020.

Marianne Duncanson

Letha M. Camp Memorial EMS Scholarship
\$17,500.00

Anonymous

Emergency Student Scholarship Program, Regent Carl Kelly Memorial Scholarship Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment Scholarship
\$13,000.00

Dr. Leon Bromberg Charitable Trust

Vandy Anderson Scholarship Award in Culinary Arts & Emergency Student Scholarship Program
\$13,000.00

Scott & Elizabeth Lawhorn Cryder

Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment Scholarship
\$10,000.00

Ippolito Charitable Foundation of Galveston

Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment Scholarship
\$10,000.00



Damian Ebirim, recipient of the Lawrence J. Del Papa Memorial Scholarship. Feb. 2020.



Easter-Wilson Scholarship sponsors Diane (l) & Dr. Gary (c) Wilson with Dr. Gaynelle Hayes (r), Universal Access Community Endowment donor and former Vice President for Administration at Galveston College. Feb. 2020.



Universal Access Endowment Scholarship recipient, Graciela Salinas, with donors Mrs. Olivia Meyer and Dr. Walter Meyer, III. Feb. 2020.



Dr. Sidney Young, Marlene Young, Catherine Darst-Knight and Dalia Orea. Sept. 2018.



Students (l-r) Scott Coggins, Alexis Labao with Regent and GCF Director, Fred Raschke (c), Julie Butler and Anisha Joubert. Alexis received a Universal Access Scholarship. All other students received the Drs. Charles Eric & Octavia Hall Nursing Endowment Scholarship. Feb. 2020.

2019-2020 Managed and Invested Scholarships

- Vandy Anderson Memorial Culinary Scholarship
- Marionette Beyah Memorial Scholarship
- Rob Brasier Memorial Award
- Sister Mary Agnesita Brosnan C.C.V.I. Memorial Nursing Scholarship
- Ben & Marjorie Brown Trust Scholarship
- Joan Cannady Memorial Scholarship
- Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing Assistance Endowment Fund Scholarship
- Chaine d'Rotisseur & Culinary Arts Scholarship
- Galveston College Culinary Arts Scholarship
- William Maury Darst Memorial Scholarship
- John Parker Davie Trust Scholarship
- Lawrence J. Del Papa Memorial Nursing Endowment Scholarship
- The Easter-Wilson Endowed Scholarship
- Edmonds/Nelson/Craft/Parker Scholarship
- Laura Mae Elrod Educational Scholarship
- Margaret E. "Kewpie" Schwedtfedger Gaido Resource & Digital Library Fund Scholarship
- Galveston College Foundation Universal Access Endowment Scholarship
- Galveston College Foundation Universal Access Plus Scholarship
- Galveston College Regents Emergency Scholarship Fund
- Galveston College Regents Institutional Scholarships
- Galveston College Regents Scholarship
- Galveston Community Memorial Scholarship
- Greater Texas Foundation Scholarship
- Greenwood/Mills/Pattinson Scholarship
- Drs. Charles Eric and Octavia Hall Endowment Fund Scholarship
- Sarah Hermes - Trudy Jordan Athletic Scholarship
- Michael Hodge Memorial Scholarship
- Friends of Trudy Jordan Scholarship
- Regent Carl Kelly Scholarship
- Cecile Kempner Vocational Technical Scholarship
- Fred B. Lane Scholarship
- Griff & Marc Lambdin Memorial Scholarship

David & Jeanette Lipson Trust Scholarship for Nursing and Health Sciences
 Sara R. and Harold E. Levy Memorial Scholarship
 John P. McGovern Endowed Scholarship for Nursing and Health Sciences
 Clelie Ann Moore Ceramics Scholarship
 Mr. & Mrs. Jesus Murillo Memorial Endowed Scholarship
 Nielson Music Scholarship
 Olga Olson Memorial Culinary Scholarship
 Larry Patton Music Scholarship
 Martin Rasmussen, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
 Monica Cecilia Ruiz Memorial Scholarship
 Betty M. Schocke Charitable Foundation Scholarship
 Janice Stanton Scholarship
 Texas Success Initiative Scholarships
 Jean Thompson Psychology Scholarship
 Rudy Tomjanovich Foundation Scholarship
 Hetta Jockush Towler Memorial Scholarship
 Francisco "Paco" Vargas/Galveston County Restaurant Association Culinary Arts Scholarship
 Windle Vocal Scholarship

PASS-THROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

Daughters of the American Revolution-George Washington Chapter Nursing Scholarship
 ExxonMobil Scholarship
 Texas Book Company Scholarship
 University Federal Credit Union Scholarship

NEWLY ESTABLISHED SCHOLARSHIPS 2020

Brown Vending Scholarship
 Letha M. Camp Memorial Scholarship
 Helen K. and Phillip A. Lohec Endowed Scholarship
 Zasu Mijares Memorial Scholarship
 Short-Term Rental Owners Association of Galveston (STROAG) Scholarship -
 Applied Technology Degree Program
 Short-Term Rental Owners Association of Galveston (STROAG) Scholarship -
 Culinary Arts Program



Donors Scott & Elizabeth Lawhorn Cryder and Dr. W. Myles Shelton, President of Galveston College. Mrs. Cryder serves on the Galveston College Foundation Board of Directors. The Cryders give to the Lynn Levin Cantini Memorial Nursing Scholarship and the Universal Access Non-Tuition Educational Expenses Endowment. Feb. 2020.

“ Galveston College is an important part of our community and I am so blessed to be part of it. My connection to Galveston College goes way back to the 70s when I graduated with an associate degree which allowed me to go forward and receive my Baccalaureate and Master's degrees.

When I think of Galveston College, I have nothing but good memories. As an alumna, a supporter, and Foundation Board member, I am pleased to donate to UA+ (non-tuition assistance) and help fund the UA+ Endowment.

Many students need this support to succeed as they struggle to find funds to cover additional expenses of books, supplies and tuition, or they may have concerns about paying off loans after they graduate.

UA+ allows scholars to focus entirely on their studies instead of being concerned by the cost of books and supplies. Giving back helps the next generation of students which is so important and ensures that students can manage costs while getting a great education.

- Elizabeth Lawhorn Cryder

STUDENT STORIES



Mariluz McGrath

I am writing to thank you for providing me with a Culinary Scholarship that is offering me \$1,426.00 towards my tuition, fees and books for the Spring 2021 semester. I am in the Culinary Arts class degree program. These scholarship funds will be applied towards my Spring 2021 tuition in the Culinary Arts class at Galveston College.

I cannot begin to describe my amazement upon reading your letter naming me as a recipient of the scholarship. I was so overjoyed that I contacted my husband immediately and told him the good news. This will help tremendously in making my dream of being a restaurant owner come true.

I am originally from Cali, Colombia. I have always enjoyed cooking from a very young age when my mother began teaching me how to cook. It has now turned into a passion and is the reason I am a part of the current Culinary Arts class at Galveston College. I was at an impasse as to which college to choose for the Culinary Arts. A colleague of my husband spoke to me of the benefits and the superiority of the class at Galveston College and her experiences from programs at various other campuses swayed my decision.

My future plans after graduation are to open a Colombian Food restaurant in Clute, Texas. There are many Tex-Mex, Chinese and Italian restaurants nearby, but no Colombian or South American cuisine. The scholarship that you have blessed me with will help me accomplish my goal of opening a restaurant that will introduce my community to the cuisine from my native country and to the cuisine from around the globe.

As previously mentioned, I am truly blessed and humbled at your selection of me as a recipient. I am owe you a debt of gratitude. I can see my dreams beginning to come true and my future becoming brighter. Dreams do come true.

I look forward to sharing my experience of my time at Galveston College and recommending Galveston College to potential students that are trying to decide where to go for their studies.



Navid Ganjalie Dashti

I am grateful to be a recipient of the Galveston Community Memorial Scholarship which awards me \$275 for Spring 2021. I am certain that many hardworking and deserving students had also sent in their applications, therefore I would like to express to you that I do not take this honor for granted. Being the recipient of this scholarship will provide me relief from the economic burdens that comes with being a student as I will use the funds to partially cover my tuition fees.

I am an international student from Sweden with roots from Iran. My parents left their native country during the 1980s with the intention of providing a better life for me in Sweden where I would be safe and have the freedom to strive after whatever goals I may have in mind. Whenever I feel overwhelmed and begin to have doubts regarding this pursuit, thinking

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of my dear parents' struggle to provide me the comfortable life and opportunity I have helps put those doubts to rest.

I was initially enrolled at Galveston College for the Spring 2019 semester as a student majoring in Psychology. I have since gladly participated in several events organized by the college, such as the food distributions. I am currently a member of the Galveston College E-sports club, a student organization active on campus. Being a student at Galveston College, my experience with students and professors have generally been pleasant, friendly and cordial.

I plan to graduate from Galveston College after the Spring 2021 term. As a psychology majoring student, my goal is to eventually obtain a doctorate in Clinical Neuropsychology which will allow me to work as a Clinical Neuropsychologist. I personally find this area of Psychology to be the most interesting as I am fascinated with the relationship between an individual's mind and behavior. I also am interested in being able to treat and offer assistance to people, as I consider this to be a noble action.

As a result of being involved with campus events, I have become acquainted with the Student Life Coordinator who was kind enough to offer me a job for the upcoming semester as his assistant. I have happily accepted his offer as I look forward to being able to help create an enjoyable college experience for my fellow students. I once again sincerely thank you for this great honor.



Rebecca Miranda

I would like to begin by sending you my gratitude for supporting Galveston College and making this scholarship available to nursing students like me.

I am currently enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing Program at Galveston College as a second-year student and serve on the Student Nursing Association board as treasurer.

In 2016, my daughter was born with a heart defect that required corrective surgery. This experience would prove to be a life changing event for me! You see, I did not think about

becoming a nurse until my child needed care. After our hospital stay, I envisioned myself as a pediatric nurse. Within weeks I decided to enroll in school and pursue a career in nursing.

A pandemic, natural disasters, and politics have brought fear & financial hardships to most Americans. My family has been affected financially during these times. Being selected as a recipient for the Spring 2021 Daughters of the American Revolution George Washington Chapter Nursing Scholarship has helped alleviate some of my financial stress. I have allocated these funds to purchase required textbooks for my final semester.

Nursing school has been a challenge, but it has also been a joy. I have learned lifelong skills and made lifelong friends. I have never been so stressed in my entire life, but with hard work and dedication I will graduate in May. I look forward to obtaining my Associate

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Degree in Nursing, and have plans to continue my studies by pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Galveston College. I am a volunteer in my community through the Houston Food Bank, Special Olympics, and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. After graduation I will continue to serve my community as an active volunteer.

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Lilia Ramirez

I am writing this letter to thank you for the generous \$150 from the Janice Stanton Scholarship that I received for the Spring 2021. I am very blessed and thankful to learn that I was selected to receive this scholarship. This scholarship will help me towards continuing a higher education with Galveston College.

I am currently an undergraduate entering my third year majoring in a Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Management. Throughout my degree, I have been able to maintain a 3.4 GPA and will continue to do so as I try to reach a higher GPA upon graduation.

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I grew up in Galveston and lived here my whole life. I now have four children and want to be a great role model for them as I reach my goal to graduate with my Bachelors in 2023. I've had the opportunity to work in healthcare for five years at an urgent care as a billing specialist, but due to Covid-19 many of the employees were furloughed. I choose to take this time to further my knowledge and advance my career to make a better life for my children and I.

Awarding me with the Janice Stanton Scholarship, I can continue to study at Galveston College. The financial support from your foundation has allowed me to get closer to accomplishing my goals to graduate with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Health Management. I will continue to maintain a high GPA and complete my degree to one day pursue my dream career. I believe one day when I am able I will do the same and support and guide others to achieve their goals. Once again, thank you for your help and support, it is greatly appreciated.



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Tammy Walker

I am writing to express my gratitude for the generous Letha M. Camp Memorial Scholarship I received for the 2020-21 academic year. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was the recipient of the \$1,800 award.

I am a 46-year-old mom and wife from Harris County. In 1988, my dad had a 3300-pound steel wall fall on top of him. As a result, his body was crushed. He survived. I would help the nurses care for my dad. It was during this time that my interest in the medical field began. When I turned 16, my brother and I decided we wanted to join the local volunteer fire department.

We did not live far from it, so we would walk over there to hang out with the members. They told us that we could become junior members if we got a form signed by our parents. We were afraid that our parents would not sign it, so I forged my mom's signature on both of our forms.

Our fire department journey began. Instead of going to band practice, we would go to drill. We found every reason possible to go to the fire department and train. My brother also played football. During a game, he got injured. This is when our parents found out that we

had become junior members of the department. When I turned 18, I became an ECA and moved from the fire side of the department to the EMS side. In 1997, I obtained my AEMT through Sam Houston State University. Life kept getting in the way after that, and I was not able to get my paramedic certification.

In December 2016, I lost my dad due to a brain bleed he obtained from a fall. I lost my Mom in March 2017 due to a broken heart and lung cancer. I lost my only brother in January 2018.

After this, I hit bottom. It was a struggle to make it back to the top. One of the main things that helped me was EMS. Being able to go out and help someone else, helped me to cope.

That is when I decided it was time to get my paramedic certification. I am currently still a volunteer with Deer Park Fire Department, and work part-time with Friendswood EMS. The Letha M. Camp Memorial Scholarship award will be a tremendous help in allowing me to finally achieve my dream of becoming a paramedic after all these years.



I would like to thank scholarship donors for their investment in students like myself and in our education. By awarding me the Letha M. Camp Memorial Scholarship, you are allowing me to focus on the most important aspect of school, learning. I hope that one day I will also be able to help a student achieve their goals, like you have helped me. Continuing my studies would not be possible without the generous support from scholarship sponsors. Thank you for making this possible.



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