



# PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARS

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## Conferral

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Saturday, October 12, 2019

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Kellogg West Conference Center

# Message from President SORAYA M. COLEY

The President's Scholars Program represents the finest of Cal Poly Pomona's traditions. Scholarship recipients not only succeed in the classroom, they are committed to make society better. They volunteer as tutors and fund-raisers. They work in their communities volunteering their time at animal shelters, churches, libraries, schools and theaters.

They are driven to assist the next generation of college students, especially those in underserved communities. Since 1983, more than 500 scholarships have been awarded. Today's celebration would not be possible without the generosity of our benefactors. Like the students we honor, they are difference-makers. It is with great pleasure that I take part in today's conferral.



# President's Council CONFERRAL PROGRAM

**11:00 a.m.**

**Registration and Reception**



**11:30 a.m.**

**Welcome**

**President Soraya M. Coley**



**Recognition**

**President's Scholarship Benefactors**



**Presentation**

**Scholarship Awards and Conferring of  
President's Scholars Medallions**

# President's Scholars

**MICHELLE L. RAVEL**

**ALBERT ZORASTER**

Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture



**DONIA GARS**

**MARK ALDRICH**

College of Business Administration



**JESSICA GUSMAN**

**MICHAEL AND EILEEN CONSIDINE**

College of Business Administration



**NHI TRAN**

**GREGOIRE FAMILY**

College of Business Administration



**KARINA TOSTADO**

**GWEN EVANS LA BOUNTY**

College of Education and Integrative Studies



**LORENA G. FLORES**

**ROBERTS FAMILY**

College of Education and Integrative Studies



**TRISTAN SHERMAN**

**CHANG FAMILY**

College of Engineering



**ZHIXUAN DING**

**OSCAR PERLAZA**

College of Engineering



**RYAN MELENDEZ**

**SHELTON FAMILY**

College of Engineering



**JENNY MARTINEZ**

**IANA WILLIAMS**

College of Engineering



**JOSEPH QUANG HUYNH**

**FRANK D. WHITEHEAD**

**(GRADUATE)**

College of Engineering



**JUVERIYAH SALAT**

**JAMES H. JONES**

College of Environmental Design



**ADRIAN C. TENNEY**

**RINEHART FAMILY**

**(GRADUATE & AT-LARGE)**

College of Environmental Design



# President's Scholars

**JACOB JOSHUA FRY**  
**AL LEVIE FAMILY**

The Collins College of Hospitality Management

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**ZANE LANDIN**  
**ARTHUR M. BERMAN**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**JULIA DOMINGUEZ**  
**BERNARD AND LUCIE BIDART**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**MONSERRAT CORIA**  
**ANNETTE F. AND MORTON J. BLUMNER**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**AUDREY MURRAY**  
**NICOLE CHRISTINE COTÉ**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**BEVERLY TERESA COTTER**  
**HUGH AND JUDY LA BOUNTY**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**ALEXIS KING**  
**LOWELL OVERTON**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**SHIFON FOSTER-BERUMEN**  
**BERNARD AND LUCIE BIDART**  
**(GRADUATE)**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**HOVIK KERVANBACHIAN**  
**NORMAN WILLIAMSON JR. FAMILY**  
**(GRADUATE)**

College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

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**BRANDON VAN PHAM**  
**DR. ANDREW G. CHONG**  
**(AT LARGE)**

College of Science

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**KHADIJA SHAFIQ**  
**SIU FAMILY**

College of Science

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**AARON ANGEL**  
**KIM FAMILY**  
**(GRADUATE)**

College of Science

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# President's Scholars

## BENEFACTORS

### Drs. Janet & W. Keith Kellogg II



**JANET "JEAN" KELLOGG AND W. KEITH KELLOGG II WERE LONGTIME SUPPORTERS OF THE UNIVERSITY. IN 1999,** the Kelloggs donated \$200,000 to match contributions to the President's Council Scholars program. Their gift inspired numerous individual and family donations, leading to the creation of a significant endowment fund.

W. Keith Kellogg II is the namesake and grandson of cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg, one of the university's founders. He and Janet were champions of the W. Keith and Janet Kellogg University Art Gallery, which was expanded because of their generous support. The Honors College was named the Keith & Jean Kellogg Honors College in 2006 after a generous bequest from the W. Keith Kellogg II Trust.

In 1994, W. Keith Kellogg II received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Cal Poly Pomona and was also recognized as an honorary university alumnus. He passed away in 2005; Janet Kellogg passed away in 2014.

# 2019-20 President's Scholars

## Michelle L. Ravel

ALBERT ZORASTER President's Scholar

### Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture

**MICHELLE, ANIMAL SCIENCE/PRE-VET, IS DRIVEN BY A BELIEF** that "a little bit of your time can make a world of impact in another's life." Cal Poly Pomona faculty inspire her through their investment of time and talent in preparing students for real-world career options. Michelle's goal before graduating is to "appreciate the experiences and education along the way that comes from my status as a first-generation student and having an endless desire to show the women in my family that higher education is a real, rewarding possibility." She plans to attend a veterinary school and enter a dual degree program for both a master's in public health (MPH) and a doctorate in veterinary medicine (DVM) to help maintain and rehabilitate wildlife.



**CHRISTINE AND ALBERT ZORASTER** joined the President's Council in 1992. Christine endowed this scholarship in the memory of her husband Albert. His life celebrated the ideals of hard work and determination; he was an advocate for his community, industry and children. The Albert Zoraster scholarship is awarded to the student who values hard work and is dedicated to the enrichment of their community.

In Memoriam  
**Albert  
Zoraster**



BENEFACTOR

**Christine & Albert Zoraster**

# Donia Gars

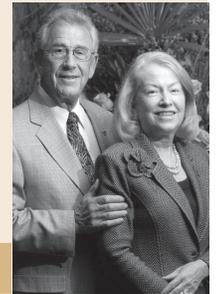
MARK ALDRICH President's Scholar

## College of Business Administration

**DONIA VIEWS ACCOUNTING AS THE LANGUAGE OF ALL BUSINESS,** allowing for expansive career specialties and a way to assist families in financial planning. She credits Beta Alpha Psi as her favorite CPP experience, developing close relationships with her faculty while also building professional essential skills. She serves as site coordinator for VITA, the volunteer income tax assistance program, and as president of Tau Alpha Chi. After graduation, Donia plans to pursue her CPA certification and a possible master's or doctorate in taxation. Noting that "there is no ceiling too high to reach with an accounting degree," Donia hopes to use her career toward charity work and to provide opportunities for her family. She is grateful for the President's Scholars scholarship, which has allowed her to pursue her educational dreams.



Long-time philanthropists and Cal Poly Pomona supporters, **JO AND TED DUTTON** generously established this scholarship named after their son, **MARK ALDRICH**. Mark is a Cal Poly Pomona alumnus who earned a bachelor's degree in finance, real estate and law in 1994. To recognize the contributions made by the fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, first consideration is given to its members for the Mark Aldrich scholarship.



BENEFACTORS

Jo and Theodore "Ted" Dutton

# Jessica Gusman

EILEEN AND MICHAEL CONSIDINE President's Scholar

## College of Business Administration

**JESSICA HAS LEARNED THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING** professionally production relationships as critical to successful teams. "After working in the dental field for nearly 10 years, I learned that the delivery of health care is dependent on business strategy and execution and how a well-managed health care clinic can efficiently provide services to patients. My education has enhanced my commitment to working with others to build a successful business that gives back to the community." She appreciates working as an HR intern for the CPP Foundation and volunteering as a Bronco Stampede Ambassador. She enjoys spending time with her two children, who motivate her to graduate and to demonstrate that anything is possible with hard work and perseverance. After graduation, Jessica plans to obtain a graduate degree in health administration and operate a community health care clinic.



Alumnus **MICHAEL CONSIDINE** and his wife **EILEEN** have been active supporters of Cal Poly Pomona. From industrial manufacturing to investment management and sod distribution, the Considines have been fortunate in their business endeavors. Students who demonstrate the ability to succeed and enhance the financial or banking industries are awarded the Eileen and Michael Considine scholarship.



BENEFACTORS

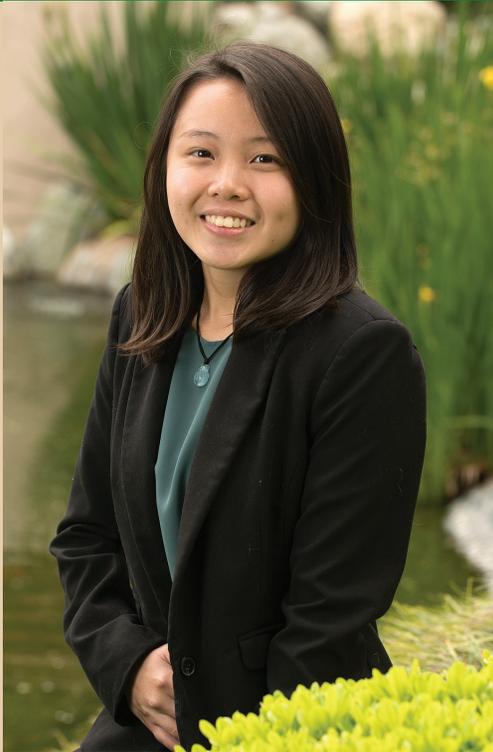
Michael and Eileen Considine

# Nhi Tran

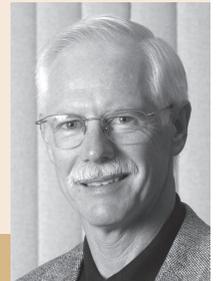
GREGOIRE FAMILY President's Scholar

## College of Business Administration

**NHI HAS EMBRACED A VARIETY OF LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AS** an accounting student. After serving as budget analyst assistant for her college, Nhi was elected Secretary of Beta Alpha Psi in 2018 and is vice president this year. She also serves as the managing director of the Student Management Investment Club, which gives her experience in real world investing. She volunteers as a tax reviewer and site coordinator for the VITA program, and she interned at Esri. "People may think accounting is monotonous, but my experience has proven that the work everyday is pretty exciting. The tasks vary and challenging situations are always happening." Nhi, who will be the first in her family to earn a bachelor's degree, plans to take the CPA exam, pursue her master's, and become an auditor for a public accounting firm.



**RONALD GREGOIRE** began his impressive career in the auto dealership business by joining an accounting firm after graduating with honors from Cal Poly Pomona in 1971. Following many successful years in the auto industry, Ron sold his business to enjoy time with family and friends. The Gregoire Family scholarship is presented to the student who exhibits strong leadership abilities and a determination to succeed.



BENEFACTOR

Gregoire Family

# Karina Tostado

GWEN EVANS LA BOUNTY President's Scholar

## College of Education and Integrative Studies

**KARINA, LIBERAL STUDIES, CREDITS THE FACULTY FOR INSPIRING** her best efforts. "They are interested in how I think and the opinions that I have, which made me comfortable enough to be expressive. The pivot in my education was when I cared more about what I had gained from my courses than I did my grades — and that shift in mindset has fostered a growth mindset." Karina wants a career focused on assisting students to pursue their passions. She is a NUFPP Fellow, an assessment coordinator for Bronco LEAD, and historian/secretary and president of the National Society of Leadership and Success. Karina, who will be the first in her family to graduate from a university, hopes to demonstrate to others that it is possible to achieve their dreams.



The first lady of Cal Poly Pomona from 1977 to 1985, **GWEN EVANS LA BOUNTY** was a devoted wife and mother; she embraced the university community until she passed away in 1985. As an advocate for education, Mrs. La Bounty pursued her teaching credential, served as a PTA president and was involved in a local preschool program. Mrs. La Bounty served as a role model of charity and compassion, and the Gwen Evans La Bounty scholarship is awarded to the student who represents these attributes and is committed to educational excellence.



In Memoriam  
Gwen Evans La  
Bounty

BENEFACTOR

Friends and Family of Gwen Evans La Bounty

# Lorena G. Flores

ROBERTS FAMILY President's Scholar

## College of Education and Integrative Studies

**LORENA'S PASSION FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT HELPED HER TO** choose her major in gender, ethnicity and multicultural studies, where she has had the opportunity to learn and share in classroom settings. "Students all manage to navigate through different spaces, and classes here foster security and confidence when asking questions while learning about challenging topics." Lorena is motivated to help those who find themselves in difficult conditions, and after graduation, she wants to pursue a master's degree in women's studies and work with a nonprofit focused on helping survivors of facing domestic violence or homeless LGBT youth. Lorena is appreciative of the faculty within her department "whose collective knowledge and experience has allowed me to thrive as a student pursuing higher education and to develop my own theories in regard to the subjects taught within the classroom."



## DOROTHY AND KENT ROBERTS

have been members of the President's Council since 1985. As past owners of an English language development publishing business for 26 years and active participants in several educational nonprofits in their community, the Roberts demonstrate their dedication to the educational process on a daily basis. The Roberts Family scholarship is intended to recognize promising students who are seeking educational careers, have demonstrated superior scholastic performance and want to make a difference in the world.



BENEFACTORS

Dorothy and Kent Roberts

# Tristan Sherman

CHANG FAMILY President's Scholar

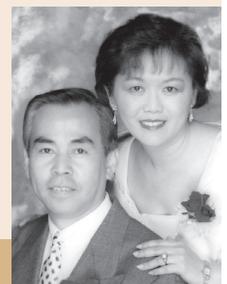
## College of Engineering

**TRISTAN, AEROSPACE ENGINEERING, IS DEDICATED TO THE** College of Engineering's unmanned aerial vehicle laboratory, where his lifelong interest in aircraft control is enriched by his roles as the lab manager, researcher and program manager for the Northrop Grumman Collaboration Project. Tristan credits the multi-disciplinary environment for learning critical skills while also expanding his perspectives outside of aerospace. His passion for music and songwriting has led to a minor in music, and he makes time for Lindy Hop, East Coast swing while also developing his interests in digital audio work spaces (DAW) to learn music recording and production. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in aerospace, focusing on novel aircraft development techniques. He hopes to start a business in UAV technology development to help solve challenges in UAV technology.



## WEN and MEI LIEN CHANG

are outstanding supporters of their community and Cal Poly Pomona. Wen and Mei Lien firmly believe that education is the most effective tool to aid all social classes in the pursuit of their dreams. The Chang Family scholarship was established to assist outstanding engineering students in their pursuit of scholastic excellence.



BENEFACTORS

Mei Lien and Wen Chang

# Zhixuan Ding

OSCAR PERLAZA President's Scholar

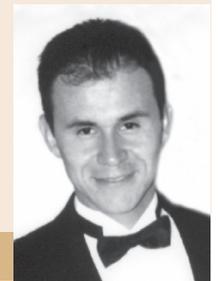
## College of Engineering

**ZHIXUAN "VICTOR" DING, AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT STUDYING** industrial engineering, credits Cal Poly Pomona's diversity and inspirational professors for providing a wealth of educational resources. "My professors always lead me to try different things so that I can have a better understanding of opportunities. No matter how busy they are or what my questions are, they are always willing to help." Victor is interested in mathematical models that he values for optimizing systems and eliminating unnecessary resources. After graduation, he plans to obtain a master's degree and doctorate in business analytics and operations research, and utilize his interest in entrepreneurship to consult with small businesses. Victor also hopes to mentor underrepresented students, and the President's Scholars scholarship motivates him to achieve his goals and to one day provide scholarship support to the university.



As the former director of the Maximizing Engineering Potential (MEP) program, **CATHARINE HUDSPETH** has helped countless students on their way to successful careers in engineering. The Oscar Perlaza scholarship was created to recognize the outstanding leadership and perseverance of a highly motivated MEP civil engineering alumnus whose life ended too soon. The Oscar Perlaza scholarship is awarded to the student who exemplifies leadership and dedication to the development of others.

In Memoriam  
**Oscar Perlaza**



BENEFACTOR

**M. Catharine Hudspeth**

# Ryan Melendez

SHELTON FAMILY President's Scholar

## College of Engineering

**RYAN, AN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING STUDENT, CREDITS CAL POLY** Pomona's technical labs and lecture classes for their practical application of critical thinking and problem solving, which led to his part-time work at JPL as an electronics engineer for the radiation effects group. "At JPL, I am often required to build test fixtures to ensure proper operation before we can begin irradiating them. When given the chance to successfully construct a test circuit after two months there, my coworkers were surprised and impressed that I had already worked on similar devices in one of my first year labs." Ryan also works mentors students in the Norco College STEM Engineering Pathways program. Motivated by family, Ryan hopes to work in ASIC design engineering for flight projects and obtain a master's degree in computer engineering.



**MICHAEL AND TINA SHELTON** have been part of the campus community for more than 30 years. The Sheltons are each the first member of their respective families to achieve a college education. This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Doc's parents, Otto and Lois Shelton, who grew up during the Great Depression and were only able to attend school through the eighth grade. The Shelton Family Scholarship is designed to provide recognition and assistance to an outstanding student who is first in their immediate family to attend college.

BENEFACTORS



**Tina and Michael "Doc" Shelton**

# Jenny Martinez

IANA WILLIAMS President's Scholar

## College of Engineering

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING HAS TAUGHT JENNY THE IMPORTANCE** of dedication, patience and persistence in her research of quantum mechanical behavior in nanomaterials. She credits the McNair Scholars Program and mentor professors Winny Dong and Shayda Kafai for her accomplishments, including a research fellowship in the Rutgers RISE program and Caltech's WAVE program and publication in the April 2019 edition of "Nature." She volunteers with the Society of Women Engineers and Pomona's Farmers Market. "My desire is to reach out to our community and be an example for future generations," Jenny says. Proud to inspire her nephews, Jenny feels honored to receive the President's Scholars scholarship, which has made her challenging pursuit worthwhile. She plans to pursue a doctorate in materials science and applied physics and eventually work in research academia.



As the former director of the Maximizing Engineering Potential (MEP) program, **CATHARINE HUDSPETH** has helped countless students on their way to successful careers in engineering. The Iana Williams scholarship was created to remember the outstanding leadership of a highly motivated MEP electrical engineering alumna whose life was cut short. The Iana Williams scholarship is intended to bring recognition to a student who has continued in Iana's tradition of furthering the development of technical expertise in their community.

Catharine  
"Kay"  
Hudspeth



BENEFACTOR

M. Catharine Hudspeth

# Joseph Quang Huynh

FRANK D. WHITEHEAD President's Scholar (graduate)

## College of Engineering

**"GRADUATING FROM CAL POLY POMONA HAS CHANGED MY** life," Joseph says. "Thanks to the challenge of the undergraduate civil engineering program, I pursued a career in my dream field of geotechnical engineering, returned for my master's and can give back to my family friends, and the many communities whom have given so much to me." In addition to his position at Giles Engineering, he is an active leadership member of the American Society of Civil Engineers' Orange County Younger Member Forum. Outside of his studies, Joseph enjoys community service, mentorship, basketball, writing, and performing in song and dance. After graduation, he plans to pursue a doctoral degree in civil engineering to research the development of sustainable practices in land and its associated infrastructure, specifically in the area of California housing.



**HELEN AND FRANK (DON) WHITEHEAD** co-founded LOUD Engineering in 1967 with just three employees, including Helen and Don. By the time they retired, their company was renowned for its skill and efficiency in the design, overhaul, and manufacture of airplane and helicopter landing gears. The Frank D. Whitehead Family scholarship is provided to recognize the achievements of outstanding graduate engineering students.

BENEFACTORS



Helen and Frank D. Whitehead

# Juveriyah Salat

JAMES H. JONES President's Scholar

## College of Environmental Design

**ARCHITECTURE STUDENT JUVERIYAH APPRECIATES CAL POLY** Pomona's student focus that fosters individual talent and skills. "The community that Cal Poly Pomona has cultivated is one to help enrich their students in a variety of education pathways, one that has ensured that I am able to step out as a well-rounded, workforce-ready graduate." She serves as secretary of the Muslim Students Association and social justice leader at the Asian Pacific Islander Student Center. As president of the American Institute of Architecture Students, she developed a mentoring program for lower division students to increase career readiness, fulfilling her passion to connect students to resources. Juveriyah credits her exposure to various cultures as a strength that has enriched her knowledge of architecture. She hopes to work on public works projects and obtain her architecture license.



The late **LT. COL. JAMES JONES** was a longtime university supporter who established two major art collections for Cal Poly Pomona. After serving in World War II, Jones studied citrus fruit production at the Cal Poly Voorhis campus and finally received his degree from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1951. The James H. Jones scholarship is presented to an exceptional environmental design student who seeks to improve the community.

In Memoriam  
**James H.  
Jones**



BENEFACTOR

**James H. Jones**

# Adrian C. Tenney

RINEHART FAMILY President's Scholar Graduate

## College of Environmental Design

**ADRIAN CHOSE THE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE MASTER'S PROGRAM** for its rigor and commitment to social justice. Landscape architecture is a new language in which "I have learned to read natural and built environments, and to interpret and translate environmental conditions into something that everyone can understand," inspiring connections with other professions to collaborate for positive social change. Adrian's extracurricular activities include volunteer work as drum and band coach for Queer Rock Camp Southern California; co-organizer of the Downtown Women's Center/Domestic Violence Center of Santa Clarita/Gender Justice LA benefit; a member of the organizing committee of "Building Strength Through Diversity: Santa Clarita Community Forum"; and class representative for landscape architecture. After graduation, Adrian plans to work in environmental restoration and share knowledge to empower others to adopt sustainable practices.



**LARRY RINEHART** is the former president and chief executive officer of PFF Bank & Trust in Pomona and is a member of the President's Council. As a graduate from Pomona High School and the University of La Verne, Rinehart has been involved in the local community for many years. He has actively participated on various boards such as the Pomona Valley Red Cross, Mt. Baldy United Way, Fairplex, Casa Colina and the Cal Poly Pomona University Educational Trust. The Rinehart Family scholarship was established to recognize an outstanding student who is committed to the university and their local community.

BENEFACTOR



**Larry Rinehart**

# Jacob Joshua Fry

AL LEVIE FAMILY President's Scholar

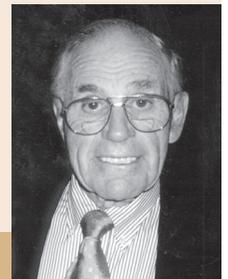
## The Collins College of Hospitality Management

THROUGH STUDYING HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT, JACOB HAS a deeper understanding of the diversification of jobs within the industry, which has strengthened his motivation to owning a restaurant. A cookbook author, avid concert goer and chef, Jacob appreciates Cal Poly Pomona's emphasis on building educational and professional experiences. "Joining the Pineapple Club as a freshman helped me meet fellow students and faculty members, and Ann, the college's Career Services coordinator, who is an inspiration as she walks students through career fairs, interviews and answers any all questions about campus." After graduation, Jacob would like to start his own food truck to experiment with his own cuisine, and he is grateful for the scholarship support that allows him to save toward this dream.



In memory of **AL LEVIE**, who passed away in 1999, this President's Council Scholarship is named after the man who was instrumental in the initial fund-raising efforts of what is now known as The Collins College of Hospitality Management. Levie brought his leadership and expertise along with a vast network of industry executives to the young school in the '80s. The Al Levie Family scholarship was established to recognize high-achieving students in the hospitality management program.

In Memoriam  
**Al Levie**



BENEFACTOR

Friends of the Al Levie Family

# Zane Landin

ARTHUR M. BERMAN President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

ZANE, WHO IS DOUBLE MAJORING IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, and society and communication, is inspired by the engagement and collaborative nature of communication work. His classes in the interdisciplinary general education program led to volunteer and leadership roles in the College of Education and Integrative Studies, the Ahimsa Non-Violence Club, the Men Against Violence student organization, the role of Secretary of Education for ASI, a LEAD internship, and a government internship in Orange County. A McNair scholar, Zane also serves as the marketing consultant for the Student Innovation Idea Lab and was elected ASI's Mr. Cal Poly Pomona in 2018-19. Noting that "I constantly love learning new things, and applying that to my life or job," Zane plans to earn a graduate degree in communications or science and technology studies.



**MICHAEL BERMAN** was formerly employed at Cal Poly Pomona as the vice president for instructional and information technology. His family and friends established this scholarship in honor of Mike's late father, Arthur M. Berman. Art Berman worked for the Los Angeles Times for more than 30 years; he served as a mentor for many people in the newspaper industry and strongly believed in encouraging young people to determine their own futures. He saw education, and higher education in particular, as the most important tool for self-development. The Arthur M. Berman scholarship will honor a student who is working toward a career in journalism or public service.

In Memoriam  
**Arthur M. Berman**



BENEFACTOR

Ann Walker and A. Michael Berman

# Julia Dominguez

BERNARD AND LUCIE BIDART President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**AS A PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT, JULIA HAS EMBRACED** opportunities that motivated to expand her current career as a trained interpreter for the deaf to become a mental health provider. Julia credits Professor Shayda Kafai for helping her step out of her comfort zone, find value in her voice and implement change. "When I decided to remove the label of 'commuter student' and embrace the culture of this campus, a whole world opened for me. Whether it is a Psi Chi meeting or a conversation with a professor, I am re-energized that my career goals are attainable." Julia plans to pursue a master's degree, saying "I am determined to make a difference and provide service to the deaf community. This scholarship support means more to me than I can put into words, but I hope 'thank you' can suffice."



A partner with the law firm of Shernoff, Bidart & Darras in Claremont, **MICHAEL BIDART** is an alumnus with a degree in economics. It was Bidart's parents, Bernard and Lucie, who inspired him to be an attorney. His parents encouraged their sons to pursue college degrees, knowing firsthand the hardships of life without a college education. The Bernard and Lucie Bidart scholarship has been established to help others fulfill their own educational dreams.



BENEFACTORS

Jeannette and Michael Bidart

# Montserrat Coria

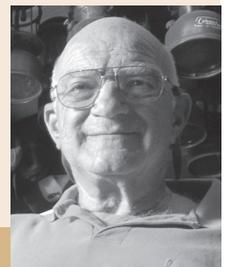
ANNETTE F. AND MORTON J. BLUMNER President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**MONSERRAT, A PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT, APPRECIATES FACULTY** who have been willing to guide and support the academic and life experiences of each student. Monserrat considers Professor Alejandro Morales as an inspiration "who motivates me every step of the way" as well as the McNair Scholars Program, which provides a community across disciplines as participants support one another. Monserrat is a member of Cal Poly Pomona's Psi Chi club and volunteers for JustUs4Youth, a non-profit organization to support continuation school students. Monserrat is excited to be the first in the family to receive a bachelor's degree, and plans to pursue a graduate degree and become a counseling psychologist to help the Latinx community have access to bilingual counseling services.



**DR. SIDNEY BLUMNER** established the Annette F. and Morton J. Blumner CLASS President's Council Scholarship in honor of his parents. Professor Blumner and his mother, Annette Blumner, have supported Cal Poly Pomona's College of Letters, Arts & Social Sciences for many years because of their belief in education and youth. "I am a product of public education," Blumner says. "I support public schools because they need help, and the students need help. People need to give back to society." This scholarship supports high performing students in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences, where he spent 33 years as a tenured faculty member, chair of the Department of Economics, and is now a donor.



BENEFACTORS

Annette F. and Sidney Blumner

# Audrey Murray

NICOLE CHRISTINE COTE President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**AUDREY'S FAVORITE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN THE INTERDISCIPLINARY** general education program. "My classes allowed me to foster relationships with other students in a way that no other classes have. The program gave me a community of like-minded people that connected me to campus and practical skill I can apply to my life beyond college." An anthropology student, she is a member of the Kellogg Honors College and the Anthropology Society, as well as president of the IGE Student Organization. Her interest in diverse cultures led her to study abroad in Chiapas, Mexico. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in either teaching English as a second language or social work. She is appreciative of her parents' support. "I can't wait to show them that all of my hard work and their support and guidance has truly been worth it."



The **COTÉ FAMILY** endowed this scholarship in honor of Nicole Coté, who passed away during her senior year at Cal Poly Pomona in 1999 at the age of 21. Nicole was the recipient of the 1999-2000 Lowell Overton President's Council Scholarship. Nicole felt strongly that academic scholarships should be awarded based on merit, and it is with that in mind that the Coté family has made this scholarship available to a very qualified student in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences.

In Memoriam  
**Nicole  
Christine Coté**



BENEFACTORS

**Marguerite and Robert Coté**

# Beverly Teresa Cotter

HUGH AND JUDY LA BOUNTY President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**BEVERLY'S PSYCHOLOGY CLASSES ALLOW HER TO EXPLORE** neuroscience, specifically the cognitive science that examines how bilingual populations process and respond to language. She has worked in a variety of research positions, beginning with Psychology Professor Eleonora Rossi in the field of psycholinguistics and assisting Dr. Mary Yu Danico, Dr. Anthony Ocampo and Dr. Faye Wachs. Other activities include serving as an instructional student assistant for Dr. Viviane Seyranian; Student Success Ambassador for CLASS; executive board of Psi Chi; and Peer Mentor Lead for the psychology and sociology departments. "Cal Poly Pomona has fostered an environment where I feel supported, welcomed, and that I can truly make a difference in the community, giving me opportunities I never imagined would be possible." She plans to enter a doctorate program in and ultimately become a professor.



**HUGH O. LA BOUNTY** joined the faculty of Cal Poly Pomona in 1953 as an instructor in the English department. He served as the university's third president and was responsible for transforming a regional institution into a major comprehensive university. President La Bounty's legacy includes having established the President's Council in 1980 as well as the President's Scholars program in 1983. The Hugh and Judy La Bounty scholarship is awarded to students who have distinguished themselves as excellent scholars in the College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences.

BENEFACTORS



**Hugh & Judy La Bounty**

# Alexis King

LOWELL OVERTON President's Scholar

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**ALEXIS' DESIRE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED HAS MOTIVATED HER TO** study sociology. Through peer mentoring, she helps students adjust to college while also expanding her knowledge of resources available on campus. "Peer mentors are essential in creating a safe, inclusive community and have provided me the experience needed to thrive as a licensed clinical social worker," she says. "My motivation is to make a change for future generations, and I want to create a pathway for others in my family." She appreciates the rigorous foundation and curriculum of the sociology program at CPP and is also inspired by her fellow students and professors. "Cal Poly Pomona has helped open so many doors into my future, helping me gain knowledge, skills and experience. I want to thank the donors whose generosity allows me to more fully focus on my education."



**LOWELL OVERTON** is a friend of education. He credits his education at Cal Poly Pomona for his success as a nationally recognized real estate broker. As an active alumnus and founding member of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences alumni chapter, Lowell is engaged in the campus community and various alumni activities and programs. The Lowell Overton scholarship is intended to recognize exceptional students who are engaged in their communities and value their educational opportunities.



BENEFACTOR

Lowell Overton

# Shifon Foster-Berumen

BERNARD AND LUCIE BIDART President's Scholar (graduate)

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER WITH A LIFELONG PASSION FOR CURRENT** and past events, Shifon is motivated by all that she has learned in her master's program to bring history to life to students and affect positive change. "I chose to pursue history because it provides explanation of how we arrived at the present and how we must not forget the hard-won lessons of the past. The program has made me much more proficient in designing my curriculum while growing my understanding of U.S. and World history exponentially," she notes. In addition to raising her two sons, Shifon volunteers at the African-American Museum of Beginnings in Pomona. She plans to continue to teach and plans to utilize her research and writing skills to pursue a doctorate to lecture and publish on historical and social topics.



A partner with the law firm of Shernoff, Bidart & Darras in Claremont, **MICHAEL BIDART** is an alumnus with a degree in economics. It was Bidart's parents, Bernard and Lucie, who inspired him to be an attorney. His parents encouraged their sons to pursue college degrees, knowing firsthand the hardships of life without a college education. The Bernard and Lucie Bidart scholarship has been established to help others fulfill their own educational dreams.



BENEFACTORS

Jeannette and Michael Bidart

# Hovik Kervanbachian

NORMAN WILLIAMSON JR. FAMILY President's Scholarship (graduate)

## College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences

**Hovik, an English graduate student, credits his professors for his academic success.** "My writing professors in particular have an especially profound effect on me. They challenged me and gave me the encouragement I needed to meet their high expectations. It was witnessing the positive effect they had on my life that made me realize I want to be a community college writing instructor myself." He earned an associate's degree in social and behavioral sciences with high honors from Glendale Community College, then earned his bachelor's of arts with distinction at UC Berkeley, where he co-founded SoBears: Students for Recovery. At Cal Poly Pomona, he has utilized his educational experiences as a writing tutor and a thesis consultant at the Writing Center and is an English Teaching Associate for 2019-20.



**NORMAN WILLIAMSON JR.** was the son of W.K. Kellogg's only daughter, Elizabeth Kellogg Williamson. His ability to retain and document the history of the Kellogg family was one of Williamson's legacies to his family and the university. Because of his active involvement with Cal Poly Pomona, the Norman Williamson, Jr. Family scholarship was established to honor those dedicated students who are committed to making a difference in their communities.

In Memoriam  
Norman  
Williamson Jr.



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Helen and Norman Williamson Jr.

# Brandon Van Pham

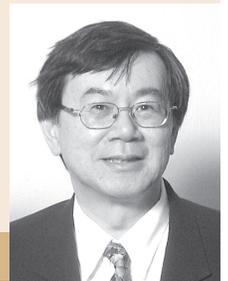
DR. ANDREW G. CHONG President's Scholarship (at large)

## College of Science

**BRANDON IS DRAWN TO CHEMISTRY BECAUSE OF ITS LIMITLESS applications, an "endless frontier in which I continually learn something new" and his inspiration to pursue a career goal of a becoming a dentist.** His laboratory experiences with Dr. Alex's research group inspired a passion for designing and carrying out experiments while developing hands-on foundational skills in laboratory preparation, planning and timing. Brandon is treasurer for the Kellogg Honors College, and is an active member of the American Chemical Society Club and the Pre-Dental Society Club, while also volunteering at Cal Poly Pomona's career fairs. "My motivation toward graduating is the overwhelming support received from my family and friends. By pursuing dental school, I may be able to properly give back to my community as a way to say thank you for all of the help and support that I have received."



**DR. ANDREW CHONG** knows how important it is to see things clearly. As a successful optometrist in the San Gabriel Valley, he owns and operates two businesses. With a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, a master's degree in business administration and a doctorate in optometry, Chong values the educational opportunities provided to him. The Dr. Andrew G. Chong scholarship is awarded to recognize exceptional students from any major.



BENEFACTOR

Dr. Andrew Chong

# Khadija Shafiq

SIU FAMILY President's Scholarship

## College of Science

**BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENT KHADIJA EMBODIES THE SPIRIT OF** President's Scholars with a work ethic equally matched by a passion for service. Her work as an Academic Excellence Workshop (AEW) Facilitator led to a role as WileyPlus Student Partner in Organic Chemistry. She serves on the university's Executive Board of Science Council, which led to the creation of Research Scholars Association (RSA) to provide research support for undergraduates. "Cal Poly Pomona has provided me with the support to believe in myself. My classes expose me to amazing faculty and brilliant peers who've helped me construct my pathway to a PhD and hopefully a career as a professor." Motivated to be the first female in her family to earn a college degree, Khadija hopes to inspire her siblings. The scholarship will allow her to focus on applying to doctoral programs.



The **SIU FAMILY'S** involvement with education is longstanding, as evidenced by their generous contributions to the university. Both retired, Annie was an orthodontist and Tim, who passed away, was an anesthesiologist. The Sius enjoyed successful careers in their respective professions. The student who aspires to enrich quality of life through science will be awarded the Siu Family scholarship.



BENEFACTORS

**Drs. Annie Chin and Tim K. Siu**

# Aaron Angel

KIM FAMILY President's Scholarship (graduate)

## College of Science

**AARON, A GRADUATE BIOLOGY STUDENT, IS MOTIVATED TO EFFECT** change in ecological conservation policy, especially for at-risk species. "Studying the effects of environmental toxicology is learning the physiologic effects that anthropogenic contaminants have in wild populations of animals," and undergraduate ornithology and herpetology laboratory classes at Cal Poly Pomona ornithology developed a passion for field research. Aaron volunteers at Planet Rehab, a local nonprofit dedicated to increasing awareness about conservation. Scholarship support has enabled travel to present at conferences and building professional networks toward a goal of a dual Ph.D./D.V.M. degree. Aaron hopes to practice field medicine in environmental toxicology with bird populations. "I am grateful to the advisors in my undergraduate and graduate career who have been extremely influential on the scientist that I am becoming."



Alumnus **KEITH SOON KIM** and his wife, **SUNG**, have long supported Cal Poly Pomona. As a math and electrical engineering double major, Keith valued his educational opportunities and actively participated in campus clubs and programs. The Kim family demonstrates its commitment to education by providing opportunities for other students to succeed at Cal Poly Pomona. Outstanding engineering and science students are recognized by the Kim Family scholarship.



BENEFACTORS

**Sung and Keith Soon Kim**

