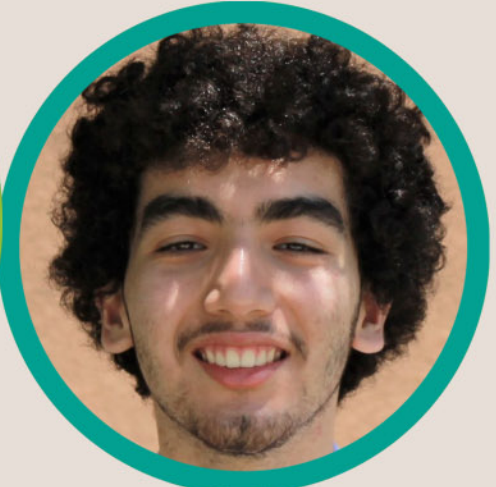




City of Commerce

Scholarship Program



Council Message

***H**ello students and community members,
On behalf of the City Council of the City of Commerce, I would like to thank you for participating in the annual City of Commerce Scholarship. We are honoring and recognizing the academic achievements of our next generation of leaders. Together with our generous community partners, we are able to provide these bright and ambitious Commerce residents with the financial and moral support needed as they enter the hallowed halls of academia.*

We are proud of each scholar and look forward to all of the positive contributions they will make to our society. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said “The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.” We certainly hope that our Commerce scholars not only grow as students, but also grow as well-rounded human beings.

We congratulate you on continuing your education and pursuing your academic goals. Remember that you have the City of Commerce here to support you in your journey into higher education. Good Luck!

Leonard Mendoza
Mayor

City Council



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Education Commission

*O*n behalf of the Education Commission we are so happy to recognize the 47 students who are pursuing their higher education.

We see your hard-work and perseverance in a year like no other. Your dedication to your own success is an inspiration.. Unfortunately, diligence is not always enough. The cost of college can be a barrier, but it is our deep and sincere hope that this scholarship helps Commerce college students achieve their academic goals and cut the cost.

For over 30 years, the City of Commerce Scholarship Program has shown that the City values higher education and the opportunity to help residents pursuing a college degree.

To our donors, we know this year has been a difficult one for many businesses, we are so grateful for your generosity and important donations. Only with your generosity is this program a success.

We also would like to acknowledge all of the work that our dedicated Library staff puts into making this scholarship programs a success year after year.

We also want to thank the City Council for their continued support of this invaluable program.

Congratulations again to the scholarship recipients and their families!

Director of Library Services

*F*elicidades/Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2021 City of Commerce Scholarship Program. You are points of light in a year with many challenges and difficulties. Your perseverance and dedication to look to the future and higher education. You make the City of Commerce proud by your examples. To the donors, **THANK YOU**, for your generosity and your commitment to help Commerce residents attain a college degree. This program can only be successful because of people like you. I wish you and your businesses much success as we look to a brighter future.

Congratulations to the parents of our scholarship award recipients for all you have done and do for your children. This day also belongs to you.

I wish you all the best as you begin your college career. Please remember that the Library is here for you with our many resources to help you.

Adelante!

Beatriz Sarmiento, Director of Library Services



History of the City of Commerce Scholarship Program

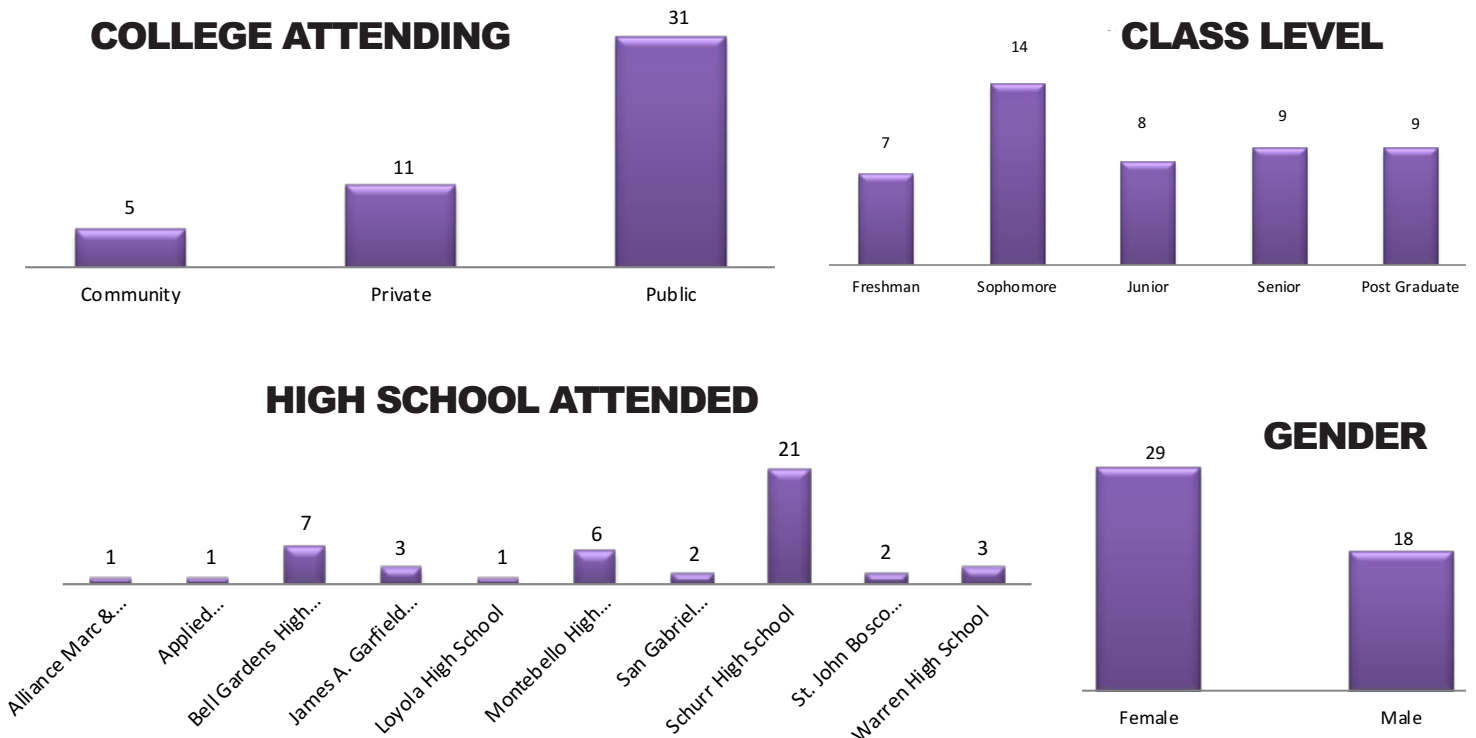
The City of Commerce Scholarship Program began in 1980. In its earliest years, donations were given from local civic organizations and service clubs. Scholarships ranged from \$50-\$300. The program proved to be very successful and well received. Before long, contributions began coming in from the business community, as well as from civic groups. Scholarships increased both in the size of the award and in the number given. In 2021, scholarships ranging from \$500-\$3000 will be awarded to 47 Commerce residents.

The Commerce City Council is dedicated to promoting education in the community and is happy to help make a college education more available to its residents. Statistics from the National Center for Education indicate in 2016 the median earnings of young adults with a master's or higher degree were \$64,100, some 28 percent higher than those of young adults with a bachelor's degree (\$50,000). In the same year, the median earnings of young adults with a bachelor's degree were 57 percent higher than those of young adult high school completers (\$31,800).

Winners... at a Glance

Forty-seven Commerce residents were awarded scholarships for the year 2021. They represent a wide array of backgrounds, interests, and talents. They represent our heritage and give us reason to be proud. They have many experiences and dreams set before them. Collectively, they represent our future.

“If a man empties his purse into his head, no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest.” - Ben Franklin



2021 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Scholars

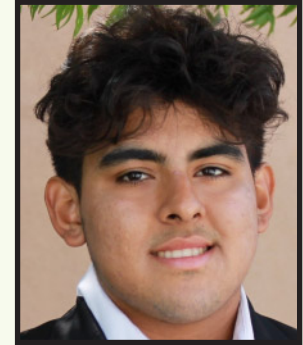
Commerce Casino & Hotel Scholars



Erik E. Herrera
University of California, Berkeley
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Mathematics
Commerce Casino Scholar
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Jannine Mancilla
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Commerce Casino Scholar
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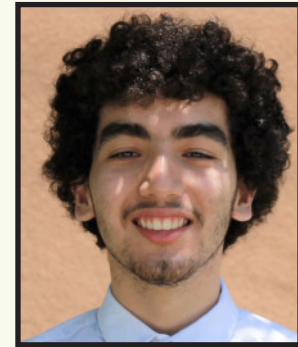


Gabriel A. Segura
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Cell Development
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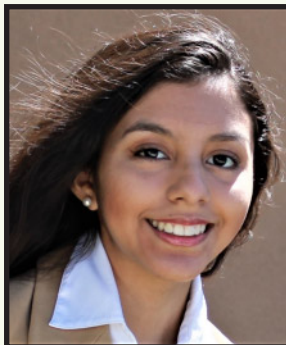
Tony T. Trandafir
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Sophomore
Law
Trojan Storage Scholar
\$3,000

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David Pitones
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Freshman
Astrophysics, Aerospace Engineering
Trojan Storage Scholar
\$3,000

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Natalia A. Rodriguez
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Freshman
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
TransTech Scholar
\$1,250

Harvey Capital Scholar



Erika E. Silva
University of California, Riverside
Freshman
Computer Science
Harvey Capital Scholar
\$3,000

2021 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Recipients



Allyssa A. Rodarte
Biola University
Junior
Psychology
\$1,500



Diego Castañeda
California State Polytechnic
University, Pomona
Freshman
Biology
\$,1500



Gabrielle Ortega
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University, Pomona
Junior
Management in Human Resources
\$1,750



Ariana Sainz
California State University,
Channel Islands
Senior
History
\$1,750



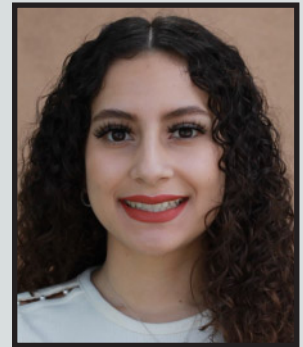
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Applied Mathematics
\$1,250



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California State University, Fullerton
Sophomore
Undeclared
\$500



Jorge R. Montes, II
California State University, Fullerton
Senior
Kinesiology
\$500



Sabrina Quintero
California State University, Fullerton
Senior
Child and Adolescent
Studies/Social Work
\$750



Alexander J. Frias
California State University,
Long Beach
Sophomore
Nursing
\$1,500



Crystal M. Nerio
California State University,
Long Beach
Post Graduate
Social Work
\$2,000



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Los Angeles
Freshman
Urban Learning
\$1,000



Laryssa A. Gomez
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Los Angeles
Sophomore
Business Administration
\$1,000

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Los Angeles
Postgraduate
Business Administration
Human Resources
\$1,000



Nicholas S. Sanchez
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Los Angeles
Junior
Sociology
\$1,250



Esahu Villalvazo
California State University,
Los Angeles
Sophomore
Criminal Justice
\$750



Anthony J. Rivera
California State University,
Northridge
Freshman
Civil Engineer
\$2,000



Gianna J. Solorzano
Cerritos College
Sophomore
Kinesiology
\$500



Cassandra Martinez
East Los Angeles College
Junior
Speech Disorders
\$500



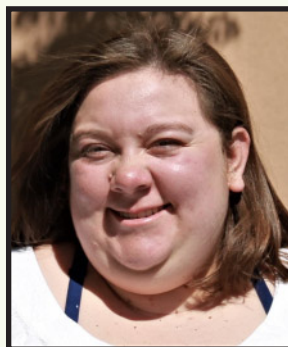
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\$750



Xochitl Baltazar
Grand Canyon University
Junior
Behavioral Health Science
\$750



Desirae B. Kester
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Sophomore
Childhood Education
\$500



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Senior
Liberal Studies
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Senior
Criminology and Law Studies
\$500



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National University
Postgraduate
Communications
\$1,000

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Sophomore
Political Science
\$500



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Sophomore
Business Administration
\$1,250



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Sophomore
Biology
\$750



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University of California, Davis
Sophomore
Chemical Engineering
\$1,000



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Postgraduate
Education and Math
\$2,000



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Senior
Public Affairs
\$1,750



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Senior
Philosophy/Political Science
\$1,250



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Postgraduate
Pre-Med
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Sophomore
Biology
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Political Science
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\$1,500



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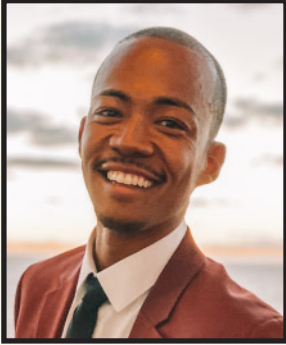
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Junior
Lifespan Health
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Our special thanks to this year's Interview Panel and Appeals Board for their time and dedication to this year's scholarship program.

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