



City of Commerce

Scholarship Program



Council Message

On behalf of the entire City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Awards Breakfast.

We are thrilled to be able to celebrate you all in person once again! These past two years have been challenging, especially for our youth here in Commerce. You are all the best representation of our City and give us all an example of how through your determination and perseverance you can pave the pathway to success!

I want to applaud all the scholarship recipients today; you have instilled pride to our city and hope to continue witnessing your success in years to come.

I would also like to recognize all our donors, your contributions helped make today possible. It is through your generosity during these difficult times that your donations can positively impact the lives of our students and help them succeed through college and beyond. I wish you all much success in your respective businesses and endeavors. Thank you!

Por último, pero lo más importante, gracias a los padres y familiares que están aquí con nosotros hoy. Ustedes son los que ayudan a motivar e inspirar a nuestros jóvenes que continúen a realizar sus sueños.

Enjoy your morning and keep reaching for the stars!

Mayor

Oralia Y. Rebollo

City Council



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Councilmember*

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Vice Mayor*

*Oralia Y. Rebollo
Mayor*

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Councilmember*

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Councilmember*

Education Commission

*O*n behalf of the Education Commission we are so happy to recognize the 48 honorary students as they matriculate in their academic career.

After a tumultuous two years following the pandemic, your zest for higher education and drive for success has not gone unnoticed. Although determination and stellar grades do not always suffice, we are ecstatic about the City of Commerce providing some monetary assistance to keep you laser focused on your path to success.

The City of Commerce has proven for over 30 years the importance of achieving your academic goals and completing your educational tenure at the highest degree.

To our donors and sponsors, your generosity will foster the education of these deserving students. The arduous road to obtain a college degree will have one less obstacle, for that we greatly appreciate you and for making this programs such a success.

We would also like to thank the library staff for investing in the scholarship program. It goes without saying that your passion is the backbone for this lucrative give-back program.

Lastly, a big appreciation for the City Council and their continued support for this community-based program that helps reduce the cost of college.

Congratulations again to the scholarship recipients and their families. Cheers to achieving another milestone!

Director of Library Services

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the 2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program. I am so happy to see you all in person after 3 years!

This is always a special day of the year for me and for the Library to be able to award scholarship money and to be a part of your academic journey. For those receiving a scholarship today, it is a sign of your hard work and that your city and community are with you today and tomorrow. You make us all very proud.

Parents, today is your day too. Your support of your children as they soar to great heights and earn a college degree is invaluable. You are what make the City of Commerce a wonderful place to live.

Donors, wow, a round of great applause for your generosity in the times we live in. Your commitment to higher education in Commerce is admirable. Thank you for joining us today and I wish you all the best in your businesses. You make the City of Commerce great!

To the Commerce Library staff, Evelyn, Susie and Abby, thank you for your hard work this year and the last two. During the pandemic you still made the Commerce Scholarship program happen. You got creative and made the handing out of scholarships a joyous occasion. I am so grateful and blessed to work with such amazing people.

Enjoy the morning everyone!

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 2022, scholarships ranging from \$500-\$5000 will be awarded to 48 Commerce residents.

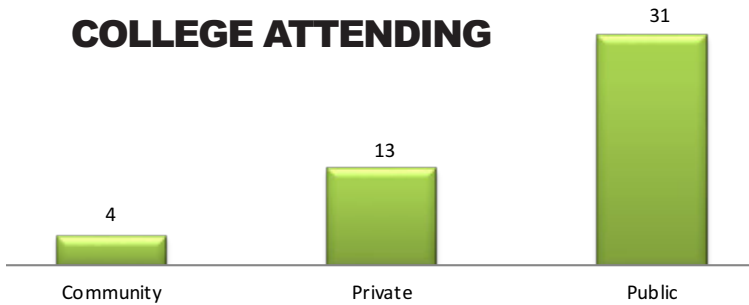
The Commerce City Council is dedicated to promoting education in the community and is happy to help make a college education more available to its residents. Statistics from the National Center for Education show that in 2020, the median earnings of those with a master's or higher degree were \$69,700, some 17 percent higher than the earnings of those with a bachelor's degree (\$59,600). In the same year, the median earnings of those with a bachelor's degree were 63 percent higher than the earnings of those who completed high school (\$36,600).

Winners... at a Glance

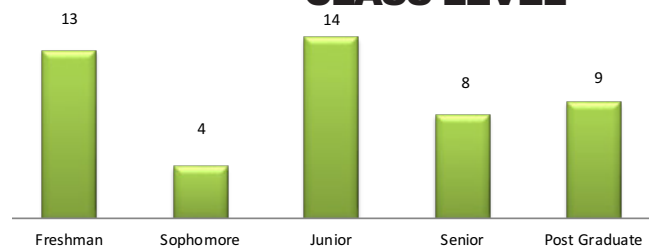
Forty-eight Commerce residents were awarded scholarships for the year 2022. They represent a wide array of backgrounds, interests, and talents. They represent our heritage and give us reason to be proud. They have many experiences and dreams set before them. Collectively, they represent our future.

“Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation.” - John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States

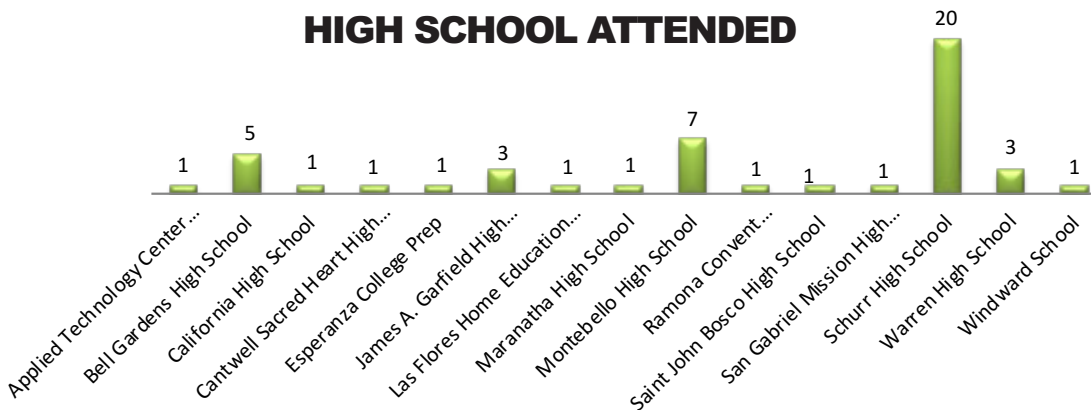
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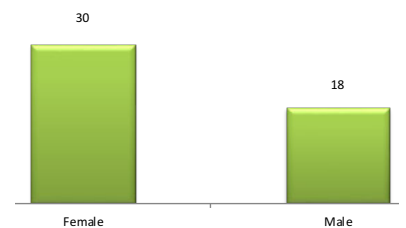
CLASS LEVEL



HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED



GENDER



2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Scholars

Commerce Casino & Hotel Scholars



Alexander J. Frias
California State University, Long Beach
Junior
Economics
Commerce Casino Scholar
\$3,000



Kelise K. Jackson
University of Norte Dame
Freshman
History
Commerce Casino Scholar
\$5,000



Karla J. De La Cruz
University of Southern California
Postgraduate
Teaching
Commerce Casino Scholar
\$2,000

9th St. Partners, LLC Scholar



Daniel J. Canales
University of California, Berkeley
Freshman
Economics
9th St. Partners, LLC Scholar
\$5,000

TransTech Scholar



Melody J. Flores
Rio Hondo College
Freshman
Undeclared
TransTech Engineering, Inc. Scholar
\$1,750

Link Logistics Real Estate Scholar



Gabrielle R. Ortega-Chavez
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Senior
Human Resource Management
Link Logistics Real Estate Scholar
\$3,000

The GEHR Group Scholar



Bryant K. Espinosa-Pineda
University of California, Berkeley
Freshman
Chemical Engineering
The GEHR Group Scholar
\$3,000

Johannessen Trading Co. Scholar



Valerie M. Guerrero
San Jose State University
Freshman
Nursing
Johannessen Trading Co. Scholar
\$3,000

Harvey Capital Scholar



Mark A. Jimenez
Colorado State University Global Campus
Postgraduate
Finance
Harvey Capital Corp. Scholar
\$2,000

2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Recipients



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



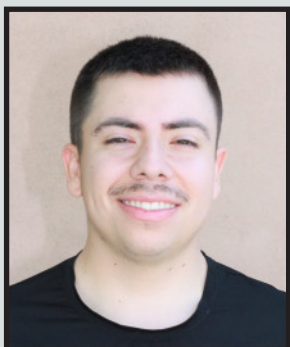
Michael A. Sanchez
California Polytechnic State
University, San Luis Obispo
Junior
Mathematics
\$1,000



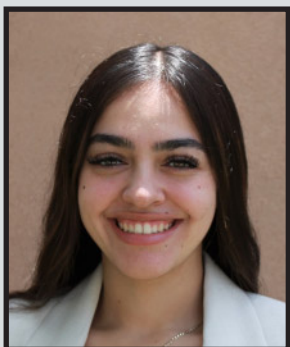
Diego Castañeda
California State Polytechnic
University, Pomona
Sophomore
Biology
\$1,000



Emmanuel A. Gomez
California State Polytechnic
University, Pomona
Senior
Nutrition Science
\$1,000



Bryan R. Canales-Flores
California State University, Fullerton
Junior
Political Science
\$1,000



Celeste M. Lugo
California State University, Fullerton
Junior
Undeclared
\$625



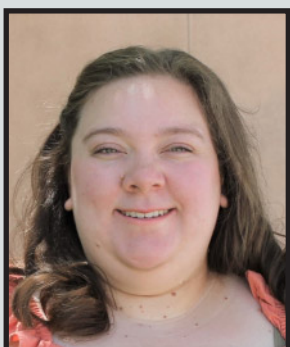
Jorge R. Montes, II
California State University, Fullerton
Senior
Kinesiology
\$625



Paulina Ramirez
California State University, Fullerton
Freshman
Undeclared
\$1,000



Gabriel A. Segura
University of California, Fullerton
Sophomore
Biology
\$1,250



Cassandra Gama
California State University,
Long Beach
Postgraduate
Education
\$1,000



Jovanny Mata
California State University,
Long Beach
Postgraduate
Physical Education
\$1,000



Laryssa A. Gomez
California State University,
Los Angeles
Junior
Business Administration
\$1,000

2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Recipients



Amber R. Martinez
California State University,
Los Angeles
Postgraduate
Nutrition & Dietetics
\$1,000



Citlalli Ortiz
California State University,
Los Angeles
Freshman
Biology
\$1,000



Daniel A. Salazar
California State University,
Los Angeles
Junior
Education
\$1,000



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



Natalia A. Rodriguez
Cypress College
Freshman
Diagnostic Medical Sonographer
\$1,000



Avril J. Kester
Dixie State University
Freshman
Marketing
\$2,000



Nick O. Garcia
East Los Angeles College
Freshman
Accounting
\$500



Mia M. Quintero
East Los Angeles College
Junior
Nursing
\$750



Xochitl Baltazar
Grand Canyon University
Senior
Behavioral Health Science
\$1,000



Mia L. Casillas
Loyola Marymount University
Freshman
Psychology/Psychiatry
\$1,000



Aileen L. Madrigal
Mount Saint Mary's University
Freshman
Criminology
\$1,000



Kevin R. Espinoza Pineda
University of California, Berkeley
Junior
Business Administration
\$1,000

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Erik E. Herrera
University of California, Berkeley
Postgraduate
Mathematics
\$1,500



Juan C. Mena, Jr.
University of California, Davis
Junior
Chemical Engineering
\$750



Jimena Vargas
University of California, Irvine
Freshman
Undeclared
\$2,000



Angel Mendoza
University of California, Los Angeles
Junior
Cognitive Science
\$1,500



Mayra Olivas Silva
University of California, Los Angeles
Postgraduate
Pre-Med
\$500



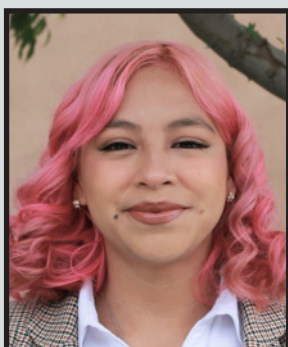
Erika E. Silva
University of California, Riverside
Sophomore
Computer Science
\$1,000



Genoveva Gama-Lopez
University of California, San Diego
Freshman
Social Sciences
\$2,000



Jayda L. Silva
University of California,
Santa Barbara
Junior
Psychological & Brain Sciences
\$1,250



Jennifer P. Reyes
University of La Verne
Junior
Political Science
\$1,000



Smyrna Caraveo
University of Southern California
Postgraduate
Urban Planning
\$1,500



Kiana M. Hernandez
University of Southern California
Senior
Lifespan Health
\$1,250

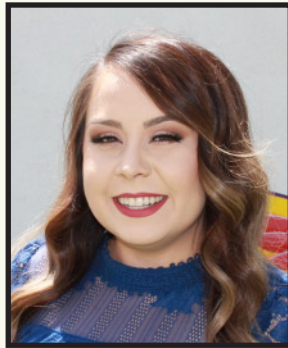


Cynthia Sanchez
University of Southern California
Senior
Biology
\$500

2022 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Recipients



Chantal Y. Sotomayor
University of Southern California
Postgraduate
Occupational Therapy
\$1,000



Brittany Betancourt
West Coast University
Senior
Nursing
\$1,250



Michelle Perez
Whittier College
Junior
Child Development
\$1,250



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CLASS OF 2022



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Thank you to those who purchased a college banner for their high school senior.

All proceeds collected benefit the City of Commerce scholarship program.

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

Interview Panel



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Commerce, CA 90040
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PARTNERS**
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Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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Los Angeles, CA 90064
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Commerce, CA 90040
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Commerce, CA 90040
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\$4,000*



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5819 E. Telegraph Road
Commerce, CA 90040
\$2,000*



*AMVAC Chemical Corporation
4100 E. Washington Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90023
\$1,100*



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2311 S. Eastern Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040
\$1,000*



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5801 Sheila Street
Commerce, CA 90040
\$500*

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7039 E. Slauson Avenue
Commerce, CA 90040
\$500*



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6000 Sheila Street
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5811 E. Washington Boulevard
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*Sister City Association of
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\$500

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Rapid Document Services
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