



City of Commerce

Scholarship Program



Council Message

On behalf of the entire City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2024 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Awards Breakfast.

To all the scholarship recipients here today, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Each one of you exemplifies the potential and promise within our city. Your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment have not only brought pride to our community but also served as an inspiration to others.

As you embark on your journey through higher education, know that the City Council stands beside you, supporting you every step of the way. We believe in your ability to make a difference in the world and have full confidence that you will excel in all your endeavors.

I would also like to express our gratitude to all the donors who have contributed to the City of Commerce Scholarship Program. Your belief in the power of education and your willingness to invest in the future of our students has not gone unnoticed. Your contributions have transformed lives, opening doors of opportunity that may have otherwise remained closed.

Your partnership with the City of Commerce is truly valued and appreciated. We applaud your commitment to making a positive impact in our community, and we wish you continued success in your respective businesses and endeavors.

Once again, congratulations to all the scholarship recipients. May your achievements today be the steppingstones to a bright and prosperous future. We are proud of each and every one of you, and we look forward to witnessing your continued success in the years to come.

Thank you all for joining us today and for being a part of this special celebration. Together, we can create a better tomorrow for the City of Commerce and its residents.

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Education Commission

The Education Commission is honored to congratulate this year's scholarship recipients. It is an honor to witness the talent and educational drive the residents of the City of Commerce possess. We as the Education Commission make it a goal to support the library in any educational components it provides.

We would like to thank the donors who have made a profound difference in the lives of our scholars, enabling them to pursue their educational dreams and achieve their goals. As we continue our mission to empower the next generation through education, we want you to know that your generosity is the driving force behind our success. Together we are creating a ripple effect of change that will be felt through years to come.

Again, congratulations to all and much success in your future educational endeavors.

Director of Library Services

On behalf of the Commerce Library, it is my immense pleasure to congratulate you on being selected as the recipient of our scholarship. generously funded by our local businesses and community. This achievement is a true testament to all your hard work, dedication, and academic excellence.

Receiving a scholarship does not only recognize your outstanding academic performance but also highlights your potential and promise for future success. We are immensely proud of your accomplishment and trust that this scholarship will serve as a steppingstone toward achieving your academic and career goals. We look forward to witnessing your continued accomplishments!

Our scholarships are generously funded by our local businesses and community. We are truly grateful to our donors for their continued support and investment in the education of our students.

We look forward to witnessing your continued accomplishments, and warmly remind you that your Commerce Library is always here for any educational needs you might have. Once again, congratulations on this well-deserved scholarship.

Sonia Bautista, 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. Scholarship increased both in the size of the award and in the number given. In 2024, scholarships ranging from \$1,000-\$4,000 will be awarded to 39 Commerce residents.

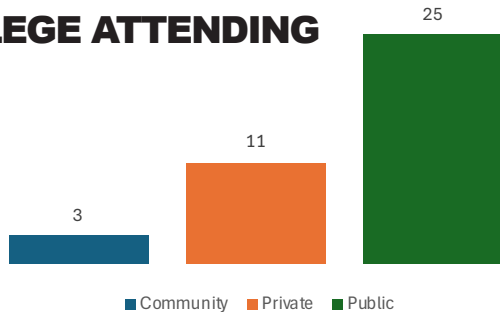
The Commerce City Council is dedicated to promoting education in the community and is happy to help make a college education more available to its residents. Statistics from the National Center for Education show that in 2020, the median earnings of those with a master's or higher degree were \$69,700, 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 (\$36,00).

Winners... at a Glance

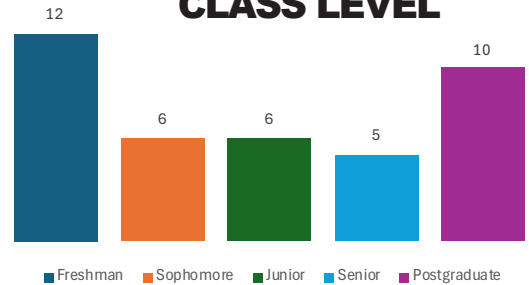
Thirty-nine Commerce residents were awarded scholarships for the year 2024. They represent a wide array of backgrounds, interests, and talents. They represent our heritage and give us reason to be proud. They have many experiences and dreams set before them. Collectively, they represent our future.

“Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardor and attended to with diligence.”
— Abigail Adams

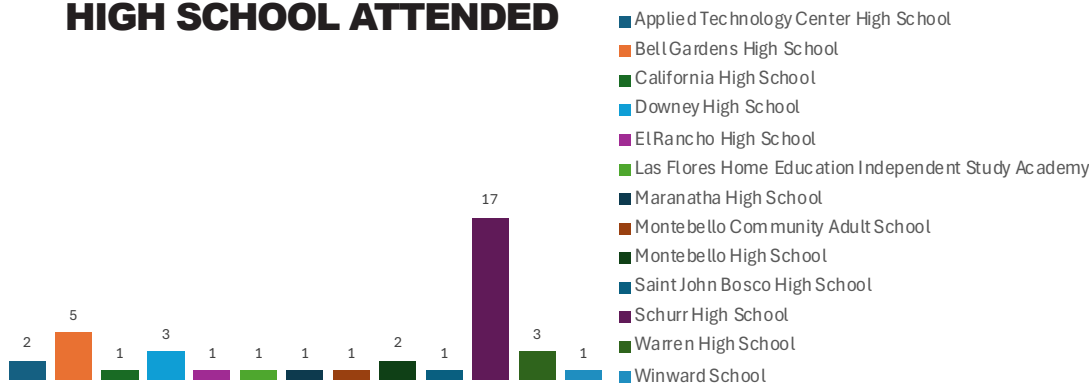
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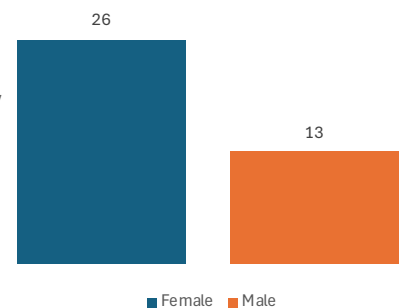
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2024 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Scholars



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CASINO & HOTEL

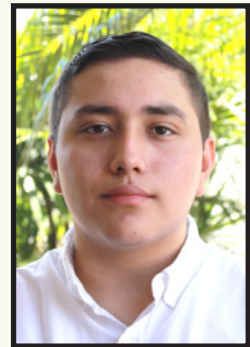
Commerce Casino & Hotel Scholars



Dianne D. Chevez Hernandez
East Los Angeles College
Freshman
Forensic Psychology
\$1,500



Kelise K. Jackson
University of Notre Dame
Junior
History
\$3,000



Joseph A. Sainz
University of Southern California
Freshman
Film Production
\$4,000



Link Logistics Real Estate Scholar



TransTech Scholar



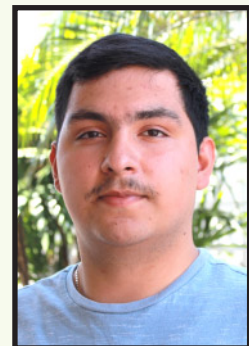
Erik E. Herrera
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Mathematics
\$2,000



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Sophomore
Computer Science
\$2,000

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Freshman
Mechanical Engineering
\$4,000

2024 City of Commerce Scholarship Program Recipients



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A.T. Still University
Postgraduate
Occupational Therapy
\$1,000



Mark A. Jimenez
Arkansas State University
Postgraduate
Public Administration
\$1,500



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Freshman
Health Science
\$2,500



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Sophomore
Health Science
\$1,000



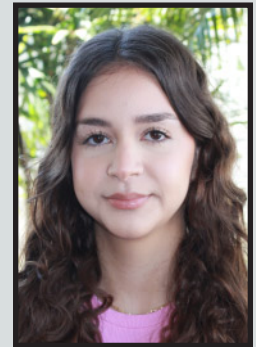
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Senior
Biology
\$1,000



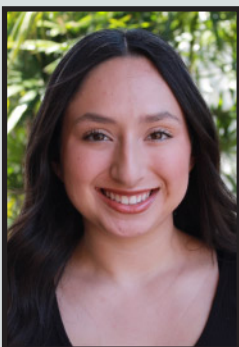
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Freshman
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Jonathan A. Montes
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Sophomore
Business Administration
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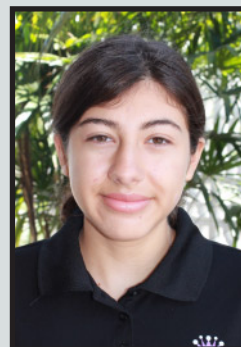
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Biology
\$2,500



Jazmine Diaz
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Los Angeles
Freshman
Kinesiology
\$2,500



Laryssa A. Gomez
California State University,
Los Angeles
Senior
Marketing Management
\$1,500



Isabella A. Loya
California State University,
Los Angeles
Freshman
Psychology
\$1,000



Antonio R. Montes III
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Los Angeles
Postgraduate
Teaching
\$1,000

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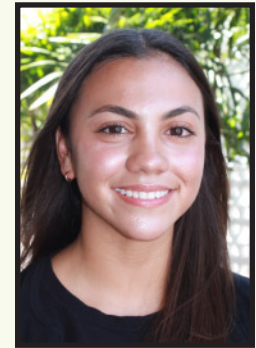
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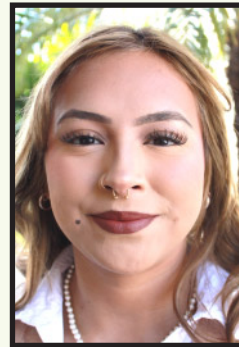
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Biology
\$1,000



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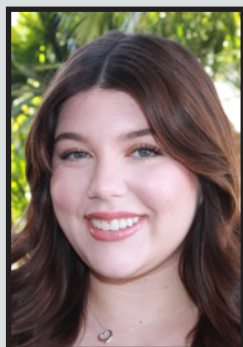
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\$1,500



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\$1,500



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Psychology
\$1,000



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Human Biology
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Freshman
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