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A.C. Nielsen International Bilingual/Multicultural Scholarship

Benefactor: A.C. Nielsen International

Purpose: This endowed scholarship was established in 1995 to provide support for students working to obtain a credential with the intention of working in bilingual education.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

The Barbara Lee Crocker Memorial Fund

Barbara Lee Crocker was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1947, the second daughter of Tom and Leora Doody. She attended Hunter College of the City University of New York, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English in 1970, doing her student teaching in the inner city. Shortly thereafter she came to Sacramento and worked for the state for many years as a Computer Programmer/Analyst. Always holding on to the hope of returning to her first love, teaching, she left state service to resume her education, and achieved a Master of Arts degree in Special Education (Learning handicapped) from Sacramento State in 1994 at the age of 47.

From childhood Barbara suffered from diabetes and its debilitating effects, but she was always a cheerful person who never complained about her disability. Completing her education was a heroic effort for her. She often went to class in a wheel chair, and struggled with frequent periods of severe illness that would have caused most people to quit. Her health deteriorated rapidly after graduation, but she had a brief period of substitute teaching for students with special needs before being confined to home and bed. She derived great joy from that short period of teaching and shared that joy with everyone around her. Barbara passed away in November 1997 at the age of 50.

Barbara was a kind, gentle person who touched the lives of everyone that met her. She had a special love for children, and was always loved by those she came in contact with. This memorial fund was created by her husband and many friends. It is fitting that Barbara will continue to touch the lives of children through the careers of struggling students who are helped by the scholarships provided by this fund.

Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to Ms. Suzy Crocker

Barbara R. Faught Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Elementary Student Teachers at Sacramento State

After living, working and raising a family in the Northwest and Hawaii, Bill Faught and his wife Barbara moved to Sacramento in their later years. Though neither was a Sacramento State alum, the Faught's, both life-long learners, were drawn to the campus. The relationship grew initially from Mr. Faught doing volunteer work in Sac State's career placement center, helping prepare students for the world of work. Their involvement grew when both Mr. and Mrs. Faught became involved in the arts program through the University Library. The experience proved so positive, Mr. Faught engaged several members of his River's Edge retirement community to get involved with the Library arts program. In addition, Mr. Faught has participated in Sac State's Renaissance Society, promoting learning in retirement. He has also audited classes on campus.

In the summer of 2006, when Mr. Faught lost his loving wife of 64 years, he wanted to do something special to honor her memory and celebrate a life well-lived. He turned to Sac State, trusting his "adopted" university to help him carry out his desire to ensure a lasting legacy. Mrs. Faught had a lifelong passion for teaching. She had grown up in very difficult circumstances, working through a special nursing degree program because she could not afford the education required to become a teacher at the time. Even after marrying, raising two children, and working as a nurse wherever Mr. Faught's sales and marketing career in the computer industry took them, Mrs. Faught never gave up on her dream of becoming a teacher.

At age 40, Mrs. Faught earned her master's degree at Whitworth College and her teaching credential at Gonzaga University. She was finally able to carry out her dream of becoming a teacher and taught second grade for the next ten years. Mrs. Faught's decade of teaching service made her eligible for a retirement pension, which she put away into a savings account.

After her death, Mr. Faught and their two adult children, Eileen and Bill III, decided to honor Mrs. Faught in the best way they knew. Working with Sac State's development office and using the money Mrs. Faught saved from her teaching pension, they established the Barbara R. Faught Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Elementary Student Teachers at Sacramento State. This wonderful and lasting tribute will assist students with financial need who are working toward their credential as elementary school teachers. Thanks to the Faught family's generosity and their connection with Sacramento State, Mrs. Faught's passion for teaching will live on through the careers of future teachers and the children they educate.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship

Brian Haight Memorial Scholarship

The Brian Haight Memorial Scholarship is created in the memory of Brian Haight This scholarship is intended to support students in the College of Education at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Doug and Sue Haight**



California Retired Teachers Association Scholarship Honoring Founder, Laura E. Settle

The Laura E. Settle Scholarship was established to honor Laura E. Settle, founder of the California Retired Teacher's Association. Settle retired as a teacher from the Pasadena School District in Pasadena, California. She served as president of the California Retired Teacher's Association for 16 years, from 1929 – 1945. Annual scholarships of \$2,000 are distributed to each of the 28 California State University and University of California campuses. These are awarded to students who are in their junior, senior, or graduate year preparing to become professional teachers in the State of California.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to:
California Retired Teachers Association,
Laura E. Settle Scholarship Committee**

California Retired Teachers Association, State Capital Division's Dolores L. Toto Memorial Scholarship

When Dr. Charles Toto's beloved wife, Dolores, passed away in September of 1997, he felt there was no better way to honor her memory than to provide "seed" money for a graduate scholarship at Sacramento State. This award is presented each year to a graduate student in the College of Education. The State Capital Division of the California Retired Teachers Association (CRTA) continues to contribute to this scholarship and attempts to maintain contact with the recipients.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to:
California Retired Teachers Association, State Capital Division**

CAPTIAL REGION SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

Benefactor: Capital Region School Psychologists Association Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1991 by the Capital Region School Psychologists Association to provide encouragement and financial assistance to deserving school psychology students attending Sacramento State.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

César Chávez and Dolores Huerta Memorial Scholarship

The César Chávez Memorial Scholarship was established by Duane Campbell when he served as department chair of the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Department (BMED). Funded with his contribution as well as those from other faculty in the College of Education, the fund was created the year after César Chávez passed away.

Duane Campbell served as the first chair of BMED and also worked with the United Farm Workers from 1972 – 1976 and then as a United Farm Workers volunteer from 1976 – 1980. He had occasion to meet César Chávez many times. Duane remarks that what he remembered most about César Chávez was that he was a man of quiet dignity and discipline. Duane believes the essence of César Chávez's contribution to U.S. society is embodied in the following quote:

“When we are really honest with ourselves, we must admit that our lives really belong to us. So it is how we use our lives that determines what kind of people we are. It is my deepest belief that only by giving our lives do we find life. I am convinced that the truest act of courage...is to sacrifice ourselves for others in a totally nonviolent struggle for justice.”

It is in the tradition of César Chávez and the United Farms Workers that the Bilingual/Multicultural Education Department embraces the spirit of self determination and building for a better future. The César Chávez Memorial Scholarship is created to benefit students who work for social justice within Mexican-American communities.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Dean Sasha Sidorkin**

CHARLES & LEORA KEASTER SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by the Estate of Charles and Leora Keaster, the scholarship was created to honor Sacramento State alumnus, Dr. Charles Keaster and his wife, Leora Keaster. Dr. Keaster was one of the founding members of the Sacramento State Alumni Association. This scholarship is intended to support students in the College of Education.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of
thanks to Mr. James Chase**

COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 2020 to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in any of the Counselor Education programs offered by the Sacramento State College of Education.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.

Dennis Grewer K-8 Student Teacher Scholarship

Dennis M. Grewer once stood in front of a classroom looking out on a sea of young faces, watching as their eyes searched his expectantly for answers. Grewer, who dedicated his career to the education of children, is now helping student teachers survive those first stressful, difficult months in the classroom.

“It was a long time ago,” remembers Grewer. “But yes, I was there, and now giving back to the profession, giving to those who need financial assistance, is very important, and we can do that by promoting quality education for kids.”

The Dennis Grewer Endowment for K-8 Student Teacher Scholarships was established to support quality education for students in kindergarten through eighth grade by providing financial assistance to deserving student teachers during a crucial and demanding period of their professional development. “I want to support beginning teachers at this very grueling time,” Grewer says.

An alumnus of Sacramento State, Grewer started out as an elementary school teacher, became a school principal and an assistant superintendent before retiring in November 2003 as superintendent of the River Delta Unified School District.

“There’s an ancient Chinese saying that I think about. It says, give a man a fish and you feed him for one day, teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime. I believe that. I hope this financial support will benefit student teachers, especially single parents who are trying to get into the profession.”

Grewer created the endowment as a way to give back to his college and to the teaching profession for years to come. He hopes to make a difference in the lives of others who stand at attention in front of the class hoping to make the grade.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Dennis Grewer**

DR.A.MAURICE POE MEMORIAL AWARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Established in 2007 by his family, many friends and colleagues, the Dr. A. Maurice Poe Memorial Award of Academic Excellence is an annual award presented to a graduate student whose thesis or project focusing on language arts, reading, or children's literature is judged most outstanding by the faculty in that area.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of
thanks to the Children of Dr. A. Maurice Poe**

Dr. Carole L. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship

Dr. Carole O'Brien was born the first child to Henry and Mildred Nelson of Omaha, Nebraska where she graduated from high school and college. In 1958, she married Dennis O'Brien. She began teaching in Missouri and in 1970 began teaching in the Rocklin School District. In 1980, she received her master's degree from Sacramento State and in 1989, her doctorate from the University of San Francisco. In 1998 she retired from the Rocklin School District and became a full professor at National University. Beside her family, she devoted her life to education both as a student and beloved teacher. In her 21 years with the Rocklin School District and her 5 years with National University, she shared her passion for life and learning with many generations of students.

The Dr. Carole L. O'Brien Memorial Scholarship was established to celebrate her strong presence in the lives of her children and the many people whose lives she touched. The scholarship is intended to aid single parents who are seeking to further their studies in the field of education.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter or thanks to
Ms. Pamela O'Brien**

Chuck Toto Memorial Scholarship

A third generation Italian, Dr. Charles “Chuck” Toto has dedicated his life to teaching. He graduated from San Francisco State with a Bachelor’s degree and teaching credential and got his Master’s in Educational Administration. He received his doctorate in educational administration and got his administration credential at University of California Berkeley.

During World War II, Toto served with the U.S. Army Air Corps as an instructor for instrument flying and navigation. He started his teaching career at El Camino High School located at El Camino and Eastern Avenue. He recalls “in those days, the school was located out of town amongst farm fields.” He worked at Sacramento State for 15 years from 1968-1983 where he was a supervisor for foreign language teachers. Having attained full professorship in a mere 5 years, he recalls that his favorite course was Contemporary Educational Thought.

Dr. Toto speaks four languages, English, Spanish, French, and Italian and is a master in the history of words and their origins. He also studied Latin, Anglo Saxon and medieval Spanish. He recounts how, throughout his life, he has always been fascinated with where different words come from. He admits to having read the dictionary from cover to cover as he got “lost” in his exploration for words.

Dr. Toto believed as a faculty member his job was to teach his students to question, to analyze and to critically think about what they were learning. He was well-liked by his students and even today, at 85, enjoys life long friendships with many of them. He states, even at his age, he still doesn’t know what he wants to be when he grows up!

Dr. Toto states that throughout his life, he saw no reason to look for the right answers; instead he always looked for the right questions. It is his hope that this scholarship will help a deserving student attain their teaching credential and begin their own quest for knowledge.

Dr. Toto also supports two scholarships through the Carmichael Elks Lodge; one for a high school student going to college and one for a high school student who is attending an alternative school to learn a trade.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Karen Toto**

Dr. Nona G. Sall Memorial Scholarship

The **Dr. Nona G. Sall Memorial Scholarship** was created to support master's degree students in the College of Education.

Dr. Nona G. Sall (De Fuentes), EdD was born in Rocklin, the daughter of a Spanish immigrant father, in 1932. As a young girl, Nona recognized the importance of education, becoming the first Hispanic girl to be class valedictorian for Roseville High School. Nona believed education was the path to an enriched life for those she loved and those she influenced. She devoted her life's career to serving this calling as a spouse, parent, teacher, mentor, educator, and Deputy Superintendent of San Juan Unified School District. Nona's husband, Donald L. Sall, supported her in every way through life and through Nona's career pursuits, all while raising their three children together. As a Master's degree alumni of CSUS, Nona appreciated the many milestones along her path in education and felt a desire to gift to the university she appreciated so and to deserving future education students.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of
thanks to Ms. Toni Sall**

EDD Pay-It-Forward Scholarship

The EDD Pay-It-Forward Scholarship was created by the alumni of the Doctorate in Educational Leadership program to current and future students in the doctoral program.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your thank you letter to:
EDD Program Director**



DR. ROBERT F. DAVIS & DR. JEAN NIX DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

Emeritus faculty member, Dr. Robert Davis and his wife Dr. Jean Nix Davis, established this endowed scholarship in 1998 to support graduate students at Sacramento State enrolled in the College of Education credential programs.

**Scholarship recipients, please address letter of thanks to
Drs. Davis**

ELIZABETH ANNE LUTTRELL AND DAVID FEDER EDUCATIONAL COUNSELING SCHOLARSHIP

Created in 2012 to honor alumna, Elizabeth Anne Luttrell. The scholarship is intended to support students seeking their Masters of Science in Counseling concentrating in the College of Education.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Luttrell & Dr. Feder**

Erma Anderson Memorial Scholarship

Erma was born in the small farming community of Uniontown, Kansas in 1913. Inspired by an Aunt, she attended Fort Scott Junior College and began her career in a one room school teaching all eight grades to 17 students. Her first contract was for teaching, cleaning and keeping the wood stove stoked; it paid twenty dollars a month.

After moving to California, she began working at the McClellan Air Force Base during World War II packing parachutes for grateful paratroopers. When released from service she began teaching in the North Sacramento School District, retiring in 1979 after 32 years. She spend most of her years teaching in the primary grades believing that these were the most important foundation years of learning. While teaching on a Provisional Certificate she earned her AA at Grant Technical College. She continued at Sacramento

State College, earning a BA with Honors in 1957. She continued to study at Sacramento State until she retired.

In acknowledgment of the challenging of raising a family, working full time, and going to school, this scholarship is presented to address those challenges.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Ramona Anderson**

The Escalameza Scholarship in Bilingual Multicultural Education

In honor of her parents, Dr. Alicia Meza established the Escalameza Scholarship to encourage students preparing to be bilingual teachers. Her parents' last names were Meza and Escalante and so the endowment's name combines them into "Escalameza" which roughly translates into working hard to reach a goal.

Born in the Imperial Valley, Alicia's mother was a hard working housewife who also worked as a sales clerk at the local department store. In her later years, she pursued her other talents by sewing, crocheting, and knitting for her family and friends. Alicia's father served in the Armed Forces during World War II. After the war, he worked as a "jack-of-all trades" who retired as a maintenance manager for the school district in the town of Calexico. Thereafter, he followed his dreams and played in a well-known Imperial Valley orchestra.

Alicia is an alumnae and retired faculty member of the Sacramento State College of Education. She received her bachelor's and doctoral degree from the University of the Pacific and her master's from Sacramento State.

The Escalameza Scholarship assists bilingual educators who come from a migrant farming background and have demonstrated a commitment to social action in the Mexican American community. "I've become aware of how difficult it is these days for students to stay in school. This gift will enable students to receive a strong network of support in the College of Education. I want to do my part for the community."

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Alicia Meza**

Family Ruedas Scholarship

The Family Ruedas Scholarship is intested to support students pursuing a Master's of Counselor Education in the College of Education at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Manuel and Sandra Ruedas**



The Frances Galano Memorial Teaching Scholarship

The Frances Galano Memorial Teaching Scholarship Endowment was established in honor of Leona Cotsakos' beloved mother, Frances Galano. Frances Galano worked all of her life in the textile factories as a seamstress in Paterson, New Jersey. A widow for many years, she made many personal sacrifices during very difficult times to ensure that her only daughter realized her dreams to become an elementary school teacher. To quote, John, husband of Leona, "Frances Galano realized Leona's potential of becoming a teacher and nourished it!" This personal sacrifice became a tremendous source of strength and comfort to her until her passing. It is hoped that this scholarship will touch the lives of many other talented students to realize their dreams of becoming a teacher and allow Frances Galano's spirit of giving to continue through the years.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. John & Mrs. Leona Cotsakos**

FUTURE TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP

Established in 1986, this fund assists applicants seeking teaching credentials in Math, Science, Special Education, and Bilingual Education.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.



Gale Beeman Scholarship

Gale Beeman was born October 18, 1911 in Portland, Maine. She grew up in Hawaii, where her father was principal of Maui High School, and in Burlingame, although she later lived over 50 years in Sacramento. Gale completed the coursework for her bachelor's degree at Mills College, University of Arizona and San Jose State, with a collection of courses her advisors warned her would never lead to employment. She received her master's degree from Stanford University.

Gale worked as the Supervisor of Speech and Guidance in the Burlingame Schools, using her speech and teaching credentials and overseeing remedial reading. She was the first school psychologist in the Sacramento City Schools, and we suspect she may have been the first school psychologist in California, following 1948 legislation creating the credential and the role, to regulate the placement in classes for students with mental retardation.

Gale Beeman never married or had children and never used the title "Ms." but it certainly would have suited her. Her accomplishments were such that clippings in her scrapbook sometimes refer to her as "Dr. Beeman" although she did not complete her PhD. She did, however, explore a plethora of other interests, including international travel, oil painting, writing poems, creating a children's board game, and attempting to patent a chemical substance the purpose of which has been lost. She built much of her second home in Tahoe by hand. To top all this off, Gale got her Screen Actors' Guild card while in her 70's and appeared in a few commercials, plus a 1987 movie.

Gale passed away in November of 2005 and was buried on a windy hillside in Colma, California. Her family considers her a Renaissance Woman and is proud that she chose to bequeath a scholarship to the School Psychology Program at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Ardell Beeman**

The George and Helena Webb Teachers of Tomorrow Scholarship

The George and Helena Webb Teachers of Tomorrow Scholarship was established as a result of a bequest to the university by George and Helena Webb to establish this scholarship. Mrs. Webb was 94 at the time of her death and wanted her estate to benefit education in the memory of her and her husband. We are grateful for the faith these two individuals have placed in the value of education.

Scholarship recipient, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

The George Royal Annual Scholarship in Education

George “Gilbert” Royal passed away on March 23, 2004 at the age of 90. Born around the San Antonio area, George spent his boyhood years in Texas and attended San Marcos College. He had nearly finished college when the Great Depression hit. He struggled to pay his tuition. He liked to tell the story how one year he lacked \$1.00 and thought he might have to drop out, that he couldn’t pay for his room and board. But the owner of the house he lived in said that if his Dad would send some of the sausages he made, George could consider his board paid. So that’s what George did – he had his father send the woman some sausages and he managed to make his way through another semester of college.

The Depression hit many people hard and George was no exception. Turning down an offer of help from an uncle he barely knew, he explained that he didn’t know how he’d ever pay the uncle back. George made the decision that his education was no longer affordable and he would have to drop out.

So he “rode the rails” to Colorado and eventually to California. Along the way he served in the Civilian Conservation Corps, working on government projects, traveling with the CCC. After a couple years, he moved to California and landed a job in the glass industry. He stayed with the same manufacturing company – Latchford Glass – for 40 years rising to the position of superintendent of his division. George’s employment was interrupted by WW II when he joined the Navy and served as a Chief Petty Officer.

When he returned to California and his job, he met Ruth Wetterstroem, whom he married. Ruth was an educator, a woman of talent in the field of education, a truly dedicated teacher; someone looked up to by her family and those she touched through teaching. Working for 17 years in the Montebello School District, she enabled George to pursue ventures outside of his successful career in the glass industry, as a realtor/speculator and cattle rancher. George was a deacon and active member of two Baptist churches in Southern California. With Ruth he had two children, Mark G. Royal and Cecelia C. Royal. In addition, he is survived by four grandchildren, Joshua, Jaclyn, Zachary, and Annabel.

The embodiment of those qualities associated with the “greatest generation”, George was strong, determined, and experienced in facing some of life’s greatest challenges. His family loved and admired him very much. He would feel great satisfaction in knowing his life made a difference in helping others pursue the education he had missed.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Cecilia Royal**

Harold and Linda Murai Racial/Social Justice and Access Teaching Credential Scholarship

The Harold and Linda Murai Racial/Social Justice and Access Teaching Credential Scholarship was established to honor the life and work of emeritus professor, Dr. Harold Murai and his wife Ms. Linda Murai. Funded by their many colleagues and students touched over their many years of service to the Sacramento State Credential program, this scholarship is intended to support students who are pursuing a California elementary or secondary teaching credential with a Bilingual (either Spanish or Hmong) Authorization and with the expressed goal of working in an urban or rural Title I school, with students from low-income and culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

**Scholarship recipients please address your letter of thanks to:
Dr. Jose Cintron**

Harold F. Smith Memorial Scholarship

Harold Smith was truly a “Renaissance Man.” His love of science and the arts formed a life of inspiration and accomplishment.

Harold’s talents led him to explore many fields. During his war years, his love of tool making enabled him to make smoking pipes and to put a positive edge to the horrors of war. Later his inspirations led him to wood sculpting and engraving, furniture design and construction, classical guitar making, and harpsichord building. Although he made his living as a tool and die maker, he also worked in painting, silversmithing, jewelry, and his last love, hand printing. The “harma” press is a hand press he designed and built. Of the 16 presses he made, some are currently being used in universities to teach printing. He and his wife, Alma, worked closely together authoring and creating beautiful books and printed writings which will be cherished for generations to come.

This remarkable man is described as a genius, a loving husband, a caring father and grandfather, a very spiritual being, an extraordinary inventor, and a mentor to many. Harold Smith has made the world a better place with his many influences before his death on February 6, 1999.

Ms. Rita Singer Brandeis is the contributor who established this endowment in her dear friend’s honor.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

The Jane Ducey Memorial Scholarship

The Jane Ducey Memorial Scholarship fund was established by Dr. Nancy Lee Cecil, in memory of Jane, who was her beloved mentor, and who was instrumental in helping her to learn about the Cruxian people and how best to help their children learn.

Jane Ducey was a science educator who moved to the island of St. Croix in the U. S. Virgin Islands and taught there for over twenty years. She demonstrated a deep love and compassion for the island people, flora, and fauna, that allowed her to transcend the racial strife and political turmoil that existed within an island that was experiencing many of the difficult growing pains that occur in a cutting-edge third world country.

The scholarship is to be awarded to a future teacher who manifests a passion for learning, but who also sees the celebration of linguistic and cultural diversity as a core value in his or her life. Thus, such a recipient will be seeking a teaching position in the classroom where there are the greatest challenges but the largest opportunities to make a difference in this world.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Nancy Cecil**

Jeanada Nolan Scholarship in Early Childhood Education

Jeanada Nolan was born in Fresno, California where she attended high school and Fresno State during the years of the Great Depression. She graduated in 1938 with her B.A. degree in psychology and art. At that time, she was one of two married women attending college at Fresno State. She received her master's degree in education from Sacramento State in 1953. She received her doctorate in early childhood administration in 1977 from Union Graduate School. Jeanada was the first in her family to complete college. She became a registered Social Worker in 1945.

She began her career as a social worker with the Fresno County Welfare Department and had her first child. She later became divorced and during World War II remarried and worked in a parent participation preschool at Sacramento City Schools while her husband attended law school. Within a few months she was asked to be a teacher and within a year was coordinator of the program. Jeanada's life has been dedicated to working in the field of early childhood education and parent education. Jeanada describes parent education as simply "preventative social work."

From 1966-1972, she was Chief of the Bureau of Preschool Education for the state of California and worked with Wilson Riles, Superintendent of Public Instruction. Under Wilson Riles, she also served as Coordinator of the Statewide Task Force on Early Childhood Education from 1971-1972. In addition, when funds first became available for Head Start, Jeanada was actively involved in the planning and implementation of Head Start at both the national and local levels. During her career she served on a number of advisory committees for several California governors and was an active member of the California Congress of Parent and Teachers, serving as an Advisory Board Member from 1971-1974.

The Jeanada Nolan Scholarship in Early Childhood Education reflects Jeanada's determination to succeed in accomplishing what others had told her could not be done and her desire to help students who will work in the field of early childhood education. Afflicted with macular degeneration in her retirement, Jeanada would also prefer students who are visually impaired and/or single parents be given first consideration for the scholarship.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

The Judith R. (Waldeck) Wolfe Scholarship Endowment in Teacher Education

Judith Wolfe graduated from Sacramento State in 1965 with a bachelor's degree in education. After graduation, she taught at several Sacramento area schools, eventually spending the majority of her teaching career as a reading specialist in the San Juan Unified School District. Judith created this endowment to ensure that talented students are encouraged to pursue a career in education. The Judith R. (Waldeck) Wolfe Scholarship Endowment in Teacher Education is granted to outstanding students from the Sacramento region that are currently enrolled in the teacher credential program.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Mr. Frank Wolfe**

Judy A. Van Winkle Memorial Scholarship

The Judy A. Van Winkle Memorial Scholarship was created to honor Judy A. Van Winkle who was a member of the graduating class of 1960. The scholarship is intended to support students in the College of Education.

**Scholarship recipients please address your letter of thanks to
The Family of Judy A. Van Winkle**



The Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Scholarship

The purpose of the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Scholarship is to promote literacy among underrepresented students in public schools by encouraging Sacramento State students to enter the teaching profession. In 1989, the Sacramento Kings honored the retirement of Los Angeles Laker Kareem Abdul-Jabbar with a \$4,000 scholarship tribute calling it a “fitting tribute to the determination, perseverance, and excellence Kareem exhibited throughout his career, and the commitment he has personally made to fight illiteracy.”

After the Kings announced their scholarship, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added an additional \$1,000 to perpetually endow the scholarship. It is hoped this scholarship will encourage underrepresented minorities to go into the teaching profession, thus encouraging literacy. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar hopes that this scholarship will help deserving students achieve this goal.

No thank you letter is required for this scholarship.

THE KAREN D. HOROBIN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE

This scholarship was created in honor of Karen D. Horobin, Ph.D., and is intended to support students in the College of Education.

Karen D. Horobin was born in 1953 to an English working-class family. Neither of her parents had finished high school, so it is not too surprising that she herself dropped out at age 15. After about a decade of odd jobs, she decided to finish her education, taking full advantage of available scholarships and fellowships. After graduating with first-class honors from the University of Birmingham, she eventually earned her Ph.D. in psychology at UC Davis. In 1994 she joined the CSUS faculty in the Department of Child Development in the College of Education. There she made award-winning contributions to community service, with special emphasis on programs in early childhood education, including Head Start. When she retired in 2016, she had big plans for world travel. But these plans were soon cut short when she was diagnosed with incurable brain cancer, to which she succumbed in 2018.

Her husband, Dean Keith Simonton, then chose to honor her memory by endowing a scholarship that best reflects her personal experiences and professional commitments.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks
to Dr. Dean Keith Simonton**

The Kathryn and Eugene Boyd Excellence in Education Scholarships

The Kathryn and Eugene Boyd Excellence in Education Scholarships were established in memory of two former prominent Sacramento residents.

Mr. Eugene Boyd was one of Sacramento's leading businessmen until his death in 1980 at the age of 89. He was an area landowner and became sole owner of the E. A. Boyd Company, a Chrysler and Dodge dealership in the 1960's. As a youth, Gene herded sheep in Shasta County and then worked in Sacramento for the railroad in soliciting freight business. While working for the railroad, he noted that automobiles were becoming a big freight item. Within ten years, he was selling cars.

Kathryn Zannon Boyd, born in Roseville in 1909, was the 8th child in her family of nine brothers and sisters. Both of her parents immigrated to the United States in 1899 from Mezzano, Italy. Her mother supported the family for many years as a mid-wife. She met Gene while working at one of his car agencies. After their marriage, she took up golf and became a well-known local golfer. She won the ladies golf tournament at the Del Paso Country Club a dozen times and was also a Sacramento City golf champion. She died in 1993.

Neither Gene nor Kathryn had the opportunity to attend college. Though they had no children, they financially encouraged their niece, nephews and their children to obtain the best education possible. In addition to hard work, they believed that a good education was important for success.

The recipients of The Kathryn and Eugene Boyd Excellence in Education Scholarships must be credential candidates who are committed to teaching in the Sacramento region for at least one year.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. MaryAnnPeoples**

Kelvin and Shirley Lee Endowed Teacher Education Scholarship

Kelvin and Shirley Lee, both retired longtime educators, recognized that their success could be attributed to the many sacrifices others made so that they could advance their careers. To pay tribute to their parents who gave so much to ensure their success, Kelvin and Shirley Lee established an endowed scholarship to support students who are in the teacher preparation program in the Placer county cohort.

The offspring of hardworking families, Kelvin and Shirley understand the dedication that is needed to become a teacher. Shirley's father, with only a sixth-grade education, owned and operated a custom grain harvesting business that traveled between Bakersfield and Yuba City. Kelvin's father, a high school graduate, worked as an aircraft instrument technician for the United States Air Force.

Dr. Kelvin Lee, Sacramento State alumnus and retired Superintendent of Dry Creek Joint Elementary School District, played a vital role in the Sacramento State Placer County Teacher Training Program. Dr. Lee spearheaded efforts to establish a Placer County cohort to train school administrators and classroom teachers. His work resulted in a dynamic partnership with Sacramento State to offer courses for aspiring school administrators and teachers in Placer County which continues on today. The success and effectiveness of this partnership can be directly attributed to Dr. Kelvin Lee.

Shirley Lee completed 37 years as a highly honored classroom teacher. She was selected as the outstanding teacher of the year in two different school districts, contributed to one of the most widely read books for first year teachers, hosted student teachers from both the Sacramento and San Jose areas and shared her experiences at workshops throughout California. Shirley has been the inspiration for a number of her students to join the ranks of her profession.

Because Kelvin and Shirley have benefited so much from the support of others, it is their desire to benefit future teachers through this endowment. As educators, Kelvin and Shirley have watched the struggles of student teachers as they balance the demands of student teaching with the need to earn a living. It is their desire to offer support to these students who strive so hard to make a dream come true for them and their future students.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Kelvin & Mrs. Shirley Lee**

Kenneth E. Gimblin Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship was created in memory of Kenneth E. Gimblin who received a bachelor's degree in education from Sacramento State in 1960. The scholarship is intended in the College of Education at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Jennifer Gimblin and Ms. Carolyn Bonanno**

LAURA CARROLL MESSER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2019, to honor the memory of Laura Carroll Messer.

Laura “Laurie” M. Carroll Messer was born June 23, 1966 in southern California, passed away on September 7, 2018. Laura left this life far too early. She was someone who enjoyed life and took the time to notice everyone in a room and do her best to make them feel at home.

Laurie was an outstanding athlete, playing softball and soccer, but her love was tennis. She was the top-ranked singles player on the Roseville High School girls’ tennis team. She played tennis for years in recreational leagues and was hired by the City of Roseville as an instructor for kids and adults.

As “Laurie” began to pursue a career, she preferred to be called “Laura” at work, but her family will always remember her as Laurie. Laura attended California State University, Sacramento and obtained her degree in Childhood Education and a Teaching Credential in 1990. She taught in Roseville and Sacramento school districts before accepting a full-time position at Elk Grove Elementary in 2000.

For the next 18 years, Laura taught primarily third grade at Elk Grove Elementary. Teaching was her passion and super power. She loved “her kids” and they loved her. Laura received teaching awards, but more importantly, the adoration of her students and respect of parents, teachers and administrators. Laura was known to be tirelessly devoted to her students. Her classroom decorations were the envy of the school. She also regularly had interns working with her in her classroom many of whom had been her students and were inspired by her to pursue a teaching career. Elk Grove Elementary posthumously named its library in Laura’s honor and at the same time raised funds in her memory to buy books for the library.

Laura also had a very special relationship with the other teachers at Elk Grove Elementary, many of them were some of her closest friends. She was the center of a close-knit group of teachers who supported each other through times of joy and sorrow and often took weekend trips together.

Her family and friends miss her greatly. This scholarship was created to honor her memory and the wonderful teacher and mentor she was. Laura would be so thrilled to know that future teachers were helped through the funds donated in her memory.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Patrick Carroll and Ms. Jill Peterson**

Phyllis and Harry Lauritzen Scholarship

The Phyllis and Harry Lauritzen Scholarship was created to support students in the College of Education pursuing a degree in the area of bilingual/multicultural education including the bilingual authorization for credential candidates.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.



Lorna Anderson Brown Endowment in Elementary Education

Lorna Anderson Brown writes:

I am the daughter of Swedish-American parents. My father was an immigrant to America from Sweden. My mother was born in America of Swedish immigrant parents. Swedish was my mother's first language.

My parents sponsored fourteen family members to America from Sweden and Canada. Most of these families lived with us for two years until they could adjust to the American culture and become self-sufficient in their newly adopted country. Countless other Swedish families and friends were helped by my parents who were inspirational to all. They set an extraordinary example of what it means to sacrifice, to care enough to act upon one's commitment to friends and family and to be exemplary American citizens.

In addition, my parents' commitment to my sister and me was steadfast throughout our lives. Their love and guidance was soft-spoken and mirrored by example in thought, word, and deed. We followed through with expectations because "we didn't want to hurt their hearts." They expected our best and rewarded our efforts. We prospered under their enabling care.

I do believe that everyone should experience a special time in life when everything magically comes together to create "one extra special moment." In my case it was due to the efforts of many. I attribute my good fortune to my parents, sister, extended family and friends and teachers in the public schools in Sacramento and professors at Sacramento State. I was a beginning sophomore at Sac State in 1957 and ultimately, the first in my family to graduate from college.

My special moment in time was being selected third runner up in the nationally televised Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey in 1957. I so enjoyed playing my accordion for the nation and especially representing my hometown of Sacramento, and California and my school - so dear to my heart, Sacramento State. All things are possible with a good education!

I graduated in 1960 with a degree in Elementary Education. (My special calling was due in part to my need to follow my parents' example to nurture, support and positively affect the lives of others.) I began teaching third grade in the fall of 1960.

I later moved on to a variety of positions teaching children with learning disabilities in Special Education. As an Area Resource Teacher I was responsible for LD programs in sixteen K-12 schools. I attained my master's in Special Education from Sac State. I loved

my chosen profession and served for twenty-three years – eighteen in San Juan Unified School District.

My children benefited from my choice of teaching as a career. By example my children aspired to and achieved multiple degrees and lofty professions.

My wish is for this scholarship in education to be given in honor of my parents and the teachers in my life who inspired me to set lofty goals and strive to achieve them. My goal is to enable students in education to become teachers so that they might effect positive change and create a better world for us all, one child at a time. Together with my husband, our legacy will be to enable other students in education to experience their own uniquely personal “magic” moment in time.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letters thanks to
Ms. Lorna Anderson**

LOUIS & FRANCIS CARP MEMORIAL FUND FOR TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 2003, from the generosity of the estate of Louis and Francis Carp this scholarship is available to all students from any major, in any class level offered by the College of Education.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Mrs. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. began organizing before his death. She founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund. For two years she served as the Director of the Center of Law and Education at Harvard University and in 1973 founded the Children's Defense Fund.

Mrs. Edelman served on the Board of Trustees of Spelman College which she chaired from 1976 to 1987 and was the first woman elected by alumni as a member of the Yale University Corporation on which she served from 1971 to 1977. She has received many honorary degrees and awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include: Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change; The Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours; Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children; Stand for Children; Lanterns: A Memoir of Mentors; Hold My Hand: Prayers for Building a Movement to Leave No Child Behind; I'm Your Child, God: Prayers for Our Children; and I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children. Her latest book is The Sea is So Wide and My Boat is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation.

Marian Wright Edelman is married to Peter Edelman, a Professor at Georgetown Law School. They have three sons, Joshua, Jonah, and Ezra, two granddaughters, Ellika and Zoe, and two grandsons, Elijah and Levi.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Kimberly Gordon Biddle**

Marie Brushia & Lorraine Valine Special Women Scholarship

Roger and Marie Valine established this scholarship in honor of their mothers' dedication to family and to persevering through challenges and limitations in life.

Marie Valine's mother, Marie Brushia, was born in 1917 in Sacramento. Because of her husband's Parkinson's disease, Marie was bread winner for her 6 daughters. She started working in the local cannery cafeteria and after getting some secretarial training was able to move up into a stenographer position with the California Highway Patrol Information office. Her complete dedication to supporting her family and care giving for her husband for 45 years is an example of the perseverance and commitment that is the genesis for this scholarship.

Roger Valine's mother, Lorraine Valine worked on the family farm as the cook for 10 men who helped her father bale hay. There was no automation at the time, so baling hay was extremely demanding work. Lorraine is remembered for her dedication to the family and the Portuguese community and had a keen organizational mind.

Roger and Marie want this scholarship to go to deserving students who will need to work their way through college. The scholarship is intended to be an aid to education and not a full entitlement. Like their mothers, the Valine's want this scholarship to go to individuals who, like their mothers, demonstrate a dedication to family and community.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Mr. Roger & Mrs. Marie Valine**

MILDRED A. DAWSON FUND FOR READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

This endowed scholarship was established in 1977 to honor the memory of Dr. Mildred Dawson. The scholarship provides financial assistance to credential candidates focusing on elementary education with a preference for students with a commitment to language and reading arts. Recipients must demonstrate the outstanding personal qualities of integrity, dedication to teaching, enthusiasm, and love of children.

Scholarship recipient, no letter of thanks is required.

NANCY PIERCE OWENS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Alumna Nancy Pierce Owens bequeathed her estate to her alma mater to establish the Nancy Pierce Owens Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, established upon her death in 2008, is intended to support College of Education students enrolled in programs leading to a bachelor's degree.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Susan Ballesteros**

NICK D. FLORATOS SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Established in 1990 by the many colleagues and friends of Dr. Floratos to honor his many years in education, this scholarship is to be awarded to promising students educational credential and/or degrees. Candidates for this scholarship must demonstrate a commitment to human rights.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.

Perrine-Churchill-Vind Education Scholarship

The Churchill Family decided to establish the Perrine-Churchill-Vind Education Scholarship at Sacramento State in 1997 from funds they would normally set aside for family gifts. Instead they have chosen to contribute toward something that perpetually honors the memories of cherished family members as well as give back to their local community. Genie Churchill was also influenced by Oprah Winfrey who encouraged viewers to do something for society because their actions, no matter how big or small, add up to something significant.

The Churchill family believes that nothing is more relevant than giving an education to those who dedicate their time and energy toward educating the most precious resource on this planet, our children. The Churchill Family hopes that whoever receives this scholarship funding will use their talents in the Sacramento area. They realize that just by becoming a teacher, this individual will be giving a lot of themselves to the world.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Scott Churchill & Ms. Genie Churchill**

Phi Delta Kappa, Sacramento Chapter, Scholarship in Teacher Education

Phi Delta Kappa is a national association of professionals who work in the field of education. The Sacramento chapter has been an active partner with the College of Education almost from its very inception. The chapter counts amongst its members, past and present, many highly regarded faculty of the College of Education.

Because of this enduring partnership and its mission to serve those in education, the Sacramento Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa chose to establish this scholarship for a student enrolled in the teacher credential program who exemplifies the values of Phi Delta Kappa: learning, service, and leadership.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required for this scholarship.

The Roger Valine Vision Service Plan Endowed Scholarships

This endowment was established by the board of directors of Vision Service Plan in recognition of Roger Valine's 25 years with the company. An alumnus of Sacramento State, Roger graduated in 1973 with a degree in Sociology and started working in management with Vision Service Plan when it had \$10 million in sales. In his years as President and CEO for the company, Roger has watched it grow from \$400 million to \$1 billion in sales in 1998. Under Roger's leadership, Vision Service Plan is hailed as one of the best companies to work for in the United States. His belief that anyone can get any place in life based on their commitment and decisions is principle to this scholarship. This scholarship is to give a deserving student who has passion and a long-term focus to their career a good foundation for the rest of their life.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Michael J. Guyette, President & Chief Executive Officer**

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Scholarship for Future Educators

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union was founded in 1934 when 126 school employees pooled \$1,200 and established a Member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's lives. Today, SchoolsFirst FCU serves more than 1.2 million members with a full range of financial products and services – from savings and loans to investment, retirement and insurance products, including those tailored to the unique needs of our school employee Members to improve their lives.

To support current and future educators, SchoolsFirst FCU has established scholarships for students pursuing a career in education at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Bill Cheney, CEO**

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union Scholarship in Education Leadership

SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union was founded in 1934 when 126 school employees pooled \$1,200 and established a Member-owned cooperative to help improve each other's lives. Today, SchoolsFirst FCU serves more than 1.2 million members with a full range of financial products and services – from savings and loans to investment, retirement and insurance products, including those tailored to the unique needs of our school employee Members to improve their lives.

To support current and future educators, SchoolsFirst FCU has established scholarships for students pursuing a career in education at Sacramento State.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Bill Cheney, CEO**

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 2020 to provide financial assistance to students enrolled in any of the School Psychology programs offered by the Sacramento State College of Education.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.



SCOTT R. PORTER SCHOLARSHIP

Established in 1988 to honor the memory of student, Scott R. Porter this scholarship is intended to provide encouragement and financial assistance to students pursuing a major offered by the College of Education. Preference is given to student 30 years or older and whose academic subject of interest is United States History.

**Scholarship recipient, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Jennie Porter**

Shari Wright Daniels Memorial Scholarship

A talented student, Shari Wright earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in special education from Sacramento State, where she was both an honors student and cheerleader. Upon graduation she taught special education and worked as a resource specialist before being named vice principal at Skycrest Elementary School. Later she became principal at Starr King Elementary. She was one of the youngest administrators in the San Juan Unified School District.

Extremely charismatic with a strong work ethic, Shari was determined to make a difference in any project she undertook. She was a fair and innovative principal, eagerly reaching out to students, teachers, and parents. Full of energy, she launched new programs, including a harvest festival and winter breakfast, and encouraged students to learn through fun activities, including a read-a-thon.

Shari valiantly fought brain cancer for 10 years before succumbing in May 2007. "She never complained about anything," said her husband Bobby. "She loved kids and believed in the education system and wanted to help make it better. She was such a caring person."

As a tribute to her extraordinary life, Shari's family and friends endowed the Shari Wright Daniels Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is dedicated to students that exemplify her commitment to education and children and will be awarded annually to a graduating student accepted into the teaching credential program. In recognition of Shari's values and legacy, Liberal Studies majors or students that have served on the Spirit leader squad will be given preference for the scholarship.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to the
Friends and Family of Shari Wright Daniels**

SIMONE MICHELLE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN COUNSELOR EDUCATION

Established in 1998, this scholarship honors the memory of Simone Michelle and is intended to support students majoring in Counselor Education.

**The donor requests to remain anonymous, however, a letter
would still be appreciated.**

THE LILA JACOBS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Established in 2011, this scholarship honors the memory of Dr. Lila Jacobs. Dr. Jacobs was a senior faculty member in the Educational Leadership & Policy Studies program within the College of Education. This scholarship was designed to encourage a student to obtain a California Teaching credential, or Administrative credential with the expressed goal of working in an urban school (K-12), with students from low-income, culturally/or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks
to the family, friends, & colleagues of Dr. Lila Jacobs**

TOM AND MELINDA MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 1995 to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a multiple subject or single subject credential.

Scholarship recipient, no letter of thanks is required.

TOM LAYTHE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tom Laythe was a devoted husband, proud father of three, even prouder grandfather of three, brother, loyal friend, dedicated educator, and beloved high school cross country and track coach.

He received his teaching credential and Master's degree from Sacramento State and was a special education teacher in the San Juan Unified School District for over 20 years.

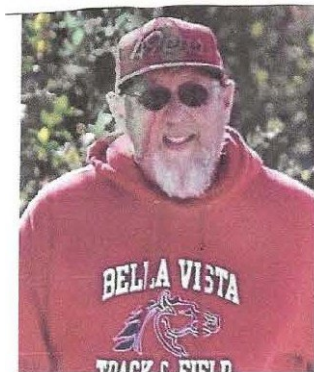
His family was a source of joy. He was married to the love of his life for 38 years. He absolutely loved being a grandfather and was happy to share stories about and photographs of his grandchildren. Tom was at his core a family man and this what made him such a great friend, coach, and educator.

Tom was born to be an educator. He was a great educator because he was so inclusive of everyone. He had a great love for learning, both in school and in life. The more challenging the need, the more Tom wanted to relate to and teach the student. One of his favorite questions was, "What can we learn from this?" With his compassion and humor, Tom flipped what might have been interpreted as failure into an opportunity for growth. Tom used his creativity, including music and art, to enrich his teaching. He often thought outside the box to reach kids on whom others had had given up. He went so far as to apply for, acquire, and use a companion dog, Odie, to help him with this endeavor. Odie was an extension of Tom's faithful, calm, and caring style of instruction. Because of his ever-patient teaching style, Tom changed the lives of countless students as well as those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Tom loved coaching and developing distance runners. He coached for over 17 years. He was not consumed or driven by winning, even though his coaching career was filled with tremendous successes. It was important that his runners succeed in the classroom and he hope that they would be able to apply life lessons learned in running to the rest of their lives.

Tom could rattle off a good story that left others with expansive bouts of laughter. If you were around Tom, you were going to laugh and not in small amounts. Tom provided the kind of laughter that left one gasping for air.

Though the phrase, "It's all good," came from his brother, Tom exuded this frame of mind. It described his outlook of life and he taught us to live that way, as well.



**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Ms. Nadine Ford**

TRACY STEIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is created and supported by My Choice Foundation dba Trust Management Services, California's largest and best representative payee organization. We act as an agent of the Social Security Administration to ensure that payments made to over 5,000 developmentally disabled individuals throughout California are used according to SSA regulations.

Tracy Stein created Trust Management Services in 2004 to serve developmentally disabled clients for the Alta Regional Center who needed money management services. Once established Trust Management Services also contracted with Redwood Coast Regional Center to provide those services. Within four years, the business had expanded to include Valley Mountain, Tri-Counties and Harbor Regional Centers and had opened a second office in Paso Robles, CA. The company employs 15 staff to complete its mission of enhancing the lives of developmentally disabled people to live as independently as their abilities will allow.

Every day, Tracy's legacy impacts the lives of thousands of Californians.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to the
My Choice Foundation Board of Directors**



VAN VLECK-GANT SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship was created in 2014 by Dr. Anne Gant to honor her husband Russell G. Gant who experienced first-hand the major events of the American history during his formative years. He was born during the Great Depression, fled his once prosperous farm in the Texas panhandle during the Dust Bowl, and became a migrant farm worker at age 12 in California. He left school at age 17 to fight in the Korean Conflict and later used the GI Bill to complete a B.A. in Sociology at Sacramento State College (SSC) as a re-entry student.

Russ was a graduate student at SSC when he met incoming freshman, Ann Van Vleck on campus, and they married and began a family, eventually returning to Sacramento and both re-entering SSC to earn teaching credentials and begin teaching in the Sacramento area. A keen understanding of the unique challenges of returning to college later in life while supporting a family led them to establish this scholarship. Russ worked in West Sacramento, Elk Grove, Sacramento City, and Folsom-Cordova districts before retiring in 1998. He enjoyed a long retirement doing wood carving, sculpting in various media, and enjoying the cool climate of Oregon. He died in 2013.

Anne Van Vleck Gant was a life-long student who earned Master's Degrees in Elementary and Special Education, and completed an Administrative Credential program at Sacramento State. In 1985, she earned an Ed.D. in Educational Administration from the University of Southern California. She worked at Woodlake School, Hubert H. Bancroft Elementary, and was a Program Specialist in the Sacramento City Unified School District. She served in several coordinator and principal roles at the Sacramento County Office of Education from 19885 until her retirement in 1999. She lived in the vibrant coastal community of Astoria, Oregon until her death in 2018.

Scholarship recipients, no letter of thanks is required.

Velma Hay Memorial Scholarship

Velma Lowden Hay was born in the once famous gold rush town of Scott Bar, Siskiyou County, California, a third generation Californian whose paternal and maternal great grandparents arrived in Siskiyou County in 1850.

She attended the Scott Bar one-room school that her grandfather helped build and where her grandmother and other family members attended before her. In 1917 she moved to Marysville, Yuba County. Later, she graduated with the first class of Yuba College (then known as Marysville Junior College). Her husband, Leroy Hay, also graduated in this first class.

Velma Hay obtained her teaching credential from Humboldt State University in 1930 and began her teaching career that same year in a one-room country school in Yuba County, where Beale Air Force Base was later to be located. She returned to Scott Bar from 1931-33 to teach in the same school her family and she had attended. She returned to the Sacramento Valley in 1933 to teach and later become principal, administering schools in Yuba and Sutter Counties.

In 1947, she joined the North Sacramento School District, assuming responsibilities for teacher training and curriculum. With this expanded role, she constantly called upon professors from Sacramento State to assist her in her efforts to provide ongoing training for North Sacramento teachers. As the years passed she frequently was a guest lecturer in teacher education classes at Sacramento State, drawing from her many years as a teacher, supervisor, and curriculum specialist

Mrs. Hay retired in 1969 with 37 years in California public school service. Mr. Hay retired the next year having spent 32 years at the old California Junior High School in Sacramento, the last ten as principal. The Hays traveled extensively during their retirement years. Mrs. Hay passed away in July 1998 with Mr. Hay having predeceased her in 1988.

At the time of her retirement, Mrs. Hay told friends she did not want any type of retirement celebration. Because of her close involvement with Sacramento State, her friends and co-workers established the Velma Hay Scholarship Fund in her honor to provide encouragement and financial assistance to upper division or graduate students specializing in elementary education. Upon her death further contributions were made to this endowment fund.

A beautiful lettered scroll, containing the names of the original donors to the Velma Hay Scholarship Fund, hangs today in the Sacramento State College of Education conference room.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Mr. Terry Hay**

Vind-Peters-Canessa Scholarship Endowment in Counselor Education

The Vind-Peters-Canessa Scholarship Fund was established by Genie Churchill upon the passing of her mother in 2003. To honor her mother, Genie has chosen that this scholarship should be awarded to a student in the Marriage and Family Counseling Program.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Dr. Scott Churchill & Ms. Genie Churchill**

Wheelmaker's Endowment in Education

The Wheelmaker's Endowment in Education was established by an individual who graduated from Sacramento State in 1949, one of the very first graduating classes. The individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, taught for over 31 years in the San Juan Unified School District and established this scholarship with the desire to help students who choose to work with special needs children.

**The donor requests to remain anonymous,
however a letter of thanks is still recommended.**

Wilson Riles Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established in memory of Wilson C. Riles who believed in children. For more than 50 years, he developed and taught programs to help students succeed academically. “A commitment to children is an investment in the future,” he said.

Riles was superintendent of public instruction for the state of California from 1971 to 1983. He won three statewide elections by earning the respect and support of black and white voters. Much of his success has been based on his ability to mobilize community and government support for his programs.

His greatest accomplishment as superintendent was in implementing an early-childhood education program. It was so effective that it became a national model. Four U.S. presidents noticed his innovative programs, each of whom enlisted him as an adviser on national education issues.

In addition to his many awards he held nine honorary doctorates from prestigious colleges and universities throughout the United States. Riles was honored in 1973 with the Spingarn Medal, the highest award of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Riles’ advice to students as well as to community leaders was to “make a difference, make a contribution.” He believed that successful individuals have a responsibility to serve as role models to children. That dedication to sharing a knowledge of success and fostering an awareness of limitless opportunity lives on through this scholarship.

**Scholarship recipients, please address your letter of thanks to
Mr. Phillip Riles**