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# **Grad-Time Herald**

# 2022 TDFS SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED!

Tustin Dollars for Scholars introduced its newest class of scholars for 2022. The event was held at the Citrus Café in Tustin with proud parents, family members, TDFS members, and friends of TDFS. The air was electric and exciting as the resumes of each was presented. TDFS 's Scholarship Committee truly outdid itself this year with such a fine array of talent! Here are our 2022 TDFS Scholar winners:

JOSHUA CUCCI (Beckman) San Jose State University Aviation
I will be attending San Jose State University studying aviation and professional flight. This summer, I interned at United Airlines and pursued my private pilot certificate. Thank you very much to all the donors who have invested in my future and allow me to keep climbing towards my goals and aspirations!

ALYSSA GOLDEN (Beckman) Brandeis University Anthropology
This coming fall, I will be heading back east to Brandeis University in Massachusetts! I am
excited to delve deeper into anthropology in the upcoming semester. I feel incredibly fortunate to be joining this amazing community, and I want to extend my gratitude to the TDFS
community supporters who so generously have made this all possible.

KIERA McNAMEE (Foothill) UCLA Business



I am so excited to be a member of this TDFS family, and I am beyond grateful for the opportunities that TDFS will provide for me. I will be studying at UCLA. Although I am currently undeclared in my major, I plan to go into Business Economics. I am so excited for the next four years of my life, and once again, am so grateful to have TDFS support me along the way!

ANDREW TYSON (Foothill) Swarthmore College Mathematics



I will be attending Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. There I will most likely major in Mathematics and Statistics and will be playing lacrosse. Thank you for all the support, TDFS! Go Garnet!

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#### VALUABLE TDFS FACTS

- TDFS HAS AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLAR-SHIPS SINCE 1987.
- A TDFS SCHOLARSHIP HAS A VALUE OF \$6,000 (\$1,500 EACH YEAR).
- TDFS IS AN OFFICIAL CHAPTER OF SCHOLAR-SHIP AMERICA.
- TDFS IS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT 501 c (3) GROUP
- ALL PROFITS FROM ALL EVENTS GO TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS.



#### **OUR CURRENT SCHOLARS REPORT IN**

**ALANAH CALVILLO** I am going into my final year at San Diego State! This summer I worked as an intern for Evolve, and I am hoping to ac-



cept an internship for the upcoming fall semester. I am taking economic and finance classes to satisfy my major and minor. When I am not working, at school, or interning, I like to explore San Diego with my friends. I am so grateful for my Tustin Dollars for Scholars scholarship as it has aided me in pursuing my college education. I am also very appreciative of the support team I have with TDFS.

GENEVIEVE GANDARA I am a rising sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering at Caltech. I have been involved in the Caltech Robotics



Team, Women Mentoring Women, SHPE, and Caltech Y tutoring, where I volunteer weekly. I am participating in the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program where I am helping to create a model of biogeochemical fluxes from soil in order to more accurately predict how the biosphere will act as a greenhouse-gas source or sink. I am grateful to be surrounded by a supportive community that has my back while I encounter new challenges that college brings.

MICHAEL SHUGARMAN My first year I had the privilege of taking rigorous courses which challenged me. One rigorous course was Microsoft Access and Excel in business. I immediately began my involvement by establishing strong relationships with professors, as well as clubs allowing myself to really step into the community at school. Outside of the growth academically, I can not emphasize how grateful I was to have the opportunity of moving to a different state and truly growing as an individual. I'd like to thank the Tustin Dollars for Scholars organization for their continuous support in allowing me to make my time at Indiana University possible.

ELLA CARDOZA I am an incoming junior in the fall at Michigan State University. In the ecology laboratory I assisted the professor with her research on salamander populations, and the other half doing data analyses on the data we collected from field days. This involved a lot of research, reading research publications on our topics, and drafting and creating figures. I wrote my paper on what I want to study in the future, where I dove deep in the five main extreme environments that exist on earth, how extremophilic, or extreme life, adapted to it, and how research on these applications is important to the existence of life in other places in our solar system. At the end of the course, my professor chose me and another student to work with to redraft and publish our papers.

ARISSA CALVILLO Entering my sophomore year at San Diego State, I am more excited than ever to continue investing in my future and explore more opportunities. I was successful in getting involved on campus and the community through joining organizations and engaging in philanthropic events via my sorority. Through Pi Beta Phi's philanthropic commitment, I have mentored/read to elementary students and raised money for schools to attain better resources for children who struggle with their literacy. This experience has reminded me of the importance and true privilege it is to be able to gain a college education at a University that I truly love. I recognize that this was made feasible with the help of Tustin Dollars for Scholars, and I am extremely grateful.

ETHAN CHUNG I am at UC Berkeley studying Bioengineering and Business in Berkeley's Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology Program. My course load in this program has been rigorous, but definitely worth the hard work. I had the opportunity to manage two projects, working with companies Grailed and Quizlet. It was an amazing opportunity, and I got to learn a lot more about the fashion/ reseller marketplace and the EdTech space. The best part of these engagements was that at the end of the semester they had me and my team fly to New York to present our final deliverables in person!

MARY NORMAN I enter my third year of college at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I was so proud to have made the Dean's List Honors for Engineering! I was accepted into the Engineering Honors Society for Civil and Environmental Engineers, Chi Epsilon, where I have a clearer pathway to connecting with practicing engineers, and am also able to participate in social and

volunteering activities. I am beyond grateful for Tustin Dollars For Scholars for supporting me through my time at Cal Poly and I will continue to work my hardest to make you proud in the classroom and on the soccer field this year!

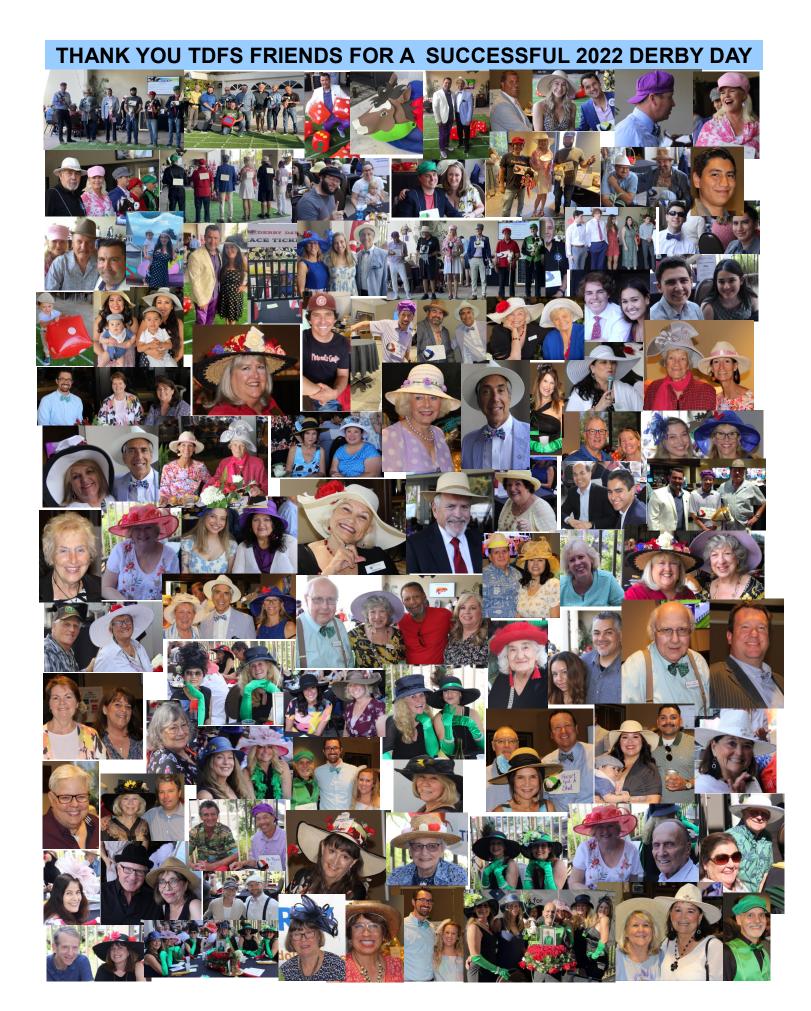


September 13, 2022 Meet N Greet 5:30 p.m. **Zov's Bistro** 

**October 22, 2022 Italianfest Berkheimer Residence** 5:30 p.m.

May 6, 2023 1:00 p.m. **OC Mining Company Derby Day** 

Watch the TDFS website for event and ticket information



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Beckman High

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Jose David Lujan

Beckman High

Kiera McNamee

Cameron Nguyen

Beckman High

Mary Norman

Foothill High
William Ortmayer

Foothill High

Ayushi Sharma Tustin High

Michael Shugarman Beckman High

Macy Stark

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Andrew Tyson
Foothill High

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE-LINDA R. LADD

Dear Members and Friends of TDFS,



As we round out the last quarter of the year, I am looking forward to the future of Tustin Dollars for Scholars and admire the accomplishments that we have made during these difficult years. Because of the pandemic we were not able to host our usual fundraisers, but because of you, our members and supporters, we were still able to fund 9 scholarships to our very deserving student recipients.

As we begin to go back to operating as usual, I hope you will consider joining our organization. We are always in need of board members and volunteers who are interested in helping students with their college hopes and dreams. I know that in my 20 years of service with Tustin Dollars for Scholars, I have never regretted being involved in the day to day running of this worthwhile and wonderful organization. On September 13<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our "Meet and Greet" at Zov's Restaurant in Enderle Center from 5:30 pm to 7:30. Please plan on attending and getting acquainted with our organization. Hopefully there will be a scholar or two that might be in attendance if they are in town. Also on October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will once again be hosting our famous "Italian Fest" fundraiser - our last fundraising event of 2022.

It has been a pleasure and honor serving as your President these last 3 years, I know that whoever steps in for me will enjoy a successful tenure as President.

Linda

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## TAMMIS BERKHEIMER - WOMAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE AND OUR SUPER HERO!



Longtime TDFS member and Treasurer, **Tammis Berkheimer**, was dual-nominated for **Tustin Area Man Woman of the Year for 2021** by Tustin-Santa Ana Rotary and TDFS. Tammis is our shining star and beloved by all of us who interact with her. She has been a community volunteer since her children were in school. She has volunteered for the schools' PTOs, booster clubs; and District PTO; is an avid member of Rotary; volunteers with Kiwanis, Dinosaur Dash, TPSF activities, TCF Pajama Coordinator, DAR Treasurer, Scholarship Chair and Chaplin, as well being involved in her church and the recent 100th Anniversary of Tustin High School. Nominees were feted and recognized in early June 2022. Tammis was also recognized as the **2022 Super Hero** for TDFS at a luncheon held in late June which recognizes many outstanding volunteer citizens. Each local volunteer received her/his Super Hero cape as a symbol of how much they are appreciated. TDFS loves our Tammis Berkheimer!