



Grad-Time Herald

MEET OUR FIVE NEWEST SCHOLARS:

Alanah Cavillo, Scott Leandro, William Ortmayer, Ayushi Sharma, Macy Stark

TDFS named five TUSD graduating seniors to its 2019 scholarship rolls:



Alanah Cavillo (Foothill) I will attend San Diego State University as a part of the Pre-Health Professions

association and begin my journey to a career in the medical field. I was a member of ASB, the Girls Soccer team, Foothill Television, and CSF. I helped organize and participated in volunteer events with the Orange County Rescue Mission. I volunteer weekly at St. Joseph's Hospital. I am extremely grateful to be a recipient of the Tustin Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, because the financial support will enable me to complete my education and career in the medical field.



Scott Leandro (Foothill) I will attend the University of Iowa honors program and major in actuarial science and business

analytics. At Foothill I pursued many activities: Cross-Country, Track and Field, Baseball, CSF President, Link Crew, and ASB. While balancing those activities, I maintained a job at Advanced Hardware Technologies in Chino Hills. I volunteer with Soccer Buddies, Swim Buddies, CSF, Angels RBI baseball clinic, school board duties, Dollars for Scholars, National League of Young Men. A

scholarship from Dollars for Scholars means great assistance financially in pursuing higher education.



William Ortmayer (Foothill) I have been a member of Knights in Progress as a mentor to at risk freshman and involved in the

California Scholarship Federation. I was a captain of the basketball team and ran track for 4 years. For four years I have volunteered for Soccer Buddies through the Assistance League of Tustin, a program to help special needs children play soccer. It was a special experience for the priceless relationships I have formed and lessons I've learned from the kids. Next year I will be majoring in accounting at the University of Alabama and plan to continue giving back to the community during my time there. Receiving this scholarship is an incredible honor and I am very thankful for the help it provides myself and my family in fulfilling the financial obligations of college.



Ayushi Sharma (Tustin) I have been involved in Science Olympiad, Femineers, Tustin High Link Crew, National Honors Society, and Tiller Buddies. Femineers is a club that encourages women in the STEM field. We work on and present a project showcase at Cal Poly Pomona. We meet other successful women and get to know about opportunities

available to us in this field. I have volunteered 100+ hours at the Tustin Public Library as a homework helper, library aide, and tech helper. I volunteered in the Tustin Summer Academy, assisting a teacher in a programming class for elementary school students and helping the administrative staff. This scholarship means a lot to me because it would help reduce the financial burden that comes with going to college. I am really grateful to Tustin Dollars for Scholars for selecting me.



Macy Stark (Foothill)

I plan to study Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy at San Diego State University. I have been involved with the Down Syndrome Foundation of Orange County for the past five years. I began when I joined my brother's volunteer group. I immediately bonded with a girl my age. That first visit, and my fast friendship with her, spawned the next five years of my volunteer work. My deep passion for helping kids and adults with disabilities led me to volunteer to help kids at my school during my free period when I go into the Special Education classroom to help the students with their math. Every person holds a special place in my heart. I thank Tustin Dollars for Scholars for recognizing my hard work and allowing me to continue on this path where I can expand my knowledge of the world of disabilities at an institution that will allow me to study disabilities and various therapeutic methods of treatment.

TDFS FACTS TO KNOW...

- TDFS HAS AWARDED OVER 100 \$5,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS SINCE 1998.
- TDFS IS AN OFFICIAL CHARTER OF SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA.
- TDFS ORIGINATED FROM THE FORMER TUSTIN WOMEN'S CHAMBER.
- TDFS IS AN ALL-VOLUNTEER REGISTERED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
- ALL PROFITS FROM ALL EVENTS GO TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS.
- SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED TO GRADUATING SENIORS FROM TUSD HIGH SCHOOLS.
- ALMOST 98% OF TDFS SCHOLARS COMPLETE THEIR POST-SECONDARY DEGREE.

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GRADS HONOR THE LEGACY OF TUSTIN DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Current TDFS Scholars

Juan Avila Jr.

Tustin High

Stone Bodini

Foothill High

Emma Braden

Foothill High

Laura Braden

Foothill High

Alanah Cavillo

Tustin High

Darren Gerchick

Beckman High

Marissa Gerchick

Beckman High

Scott Leandro

Foothill High

Daniel Lopez

Tustin High

Jose David Lujan

Beckman High

William Ortmayer

Foothill High

Riley Prendergast

Beckman High

Ayushi Sharma

Tustin High

Austin Stark

Foothill High

Macy Stark

Foothill High

Claire Norman

Foothill High

Grace Norman

Foothill High

Isabelle Yardumian

Tustin High



"Thank you to everyone at Dollars for Scholars for allowing me to be where I am today. I look back fondly at the years that have gone by as I prepare for what is to come. None of it would have been possible without all of your love and support, and for that, I am eternally grateful."

HOW ARE THEY DOING?



DARRIN GERCHICK

I am currently an economics major, but I have a strong interest in computer science and mathematics. I am considering switching to a math/economics major while also pursuing a specialization in computing in the near future. Although it will entail many additional courses and much more rigorous coursework, I am excited for the challenge. I am a member of the Bruin Sports Analytics club in which UCLA students collaborate and analyze various sports questions using computer science, data analytics, and debate. BSA occasionally is able to bring in professional analysts, such as the head of quantitative analysis for the Dodgers - which was extremely intriguing. Overall, I have had an amazing first year and I can't wait for the next 3; I just hope they don't go by too quickly.



MARISSA GERCHICK

I am near the end of my junior year at Stanford majoring in Mathematical and Computational Science. I am currently studying in Washington, D.C. through Stanford's program in Washington. I live in a center with 20 other Stanford students in the Woodley Park neighborhood of Washington, D.C., right next to the Smithsonian Zoo. I have an internship at In-Q-Tel, a strategic investment firm that focuses on bringing cutting-edge technology to the United States Intelligence Community. In the evenings, we take classes in the center where we live. On the weekends, we take trips to centers of cultural and historical significance in the area.



LAUREN BRADEN

I'm in my third year at Concordia University Irvine and have been

accepted into the Credential Program. I have had to "let go" of volleyball on the advice of my knee surgeon, but this has allowed me to be employed as a nanny. I have completed my initial classroom observations at an elementary school and my teacher even let me teach a few lessons! I will receive a classroom assignment this fall to begin my program. I volunteer through Concordia Cares and have been at the Ronald McDonald House and soup kitchens.



CLAIRE NORMAN

I graduate soon with Honors in Political Science and Peace Studies. In fall I will attend UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco! In addition to my work with MUN, I did research as a fellow for the Henley Social Science Research Lab and presented at the national Political Science Conference in Chicago. I am eager to face my first year at law school. I cannot thank you for all of your support during my Chapman years. I will miss you!



DAVID LUJAN

I have just completed my second semester of college with the UCI/IVC Engineering Academy cohort and I have felt what college is really like. I have met more people throughout this second semester and have realized how other students have the same goals. We have been helping and supporting each other. I have now taken a few engineering classes and found a much greater interest in my field. I also now have a Certificate of Associates in Mechanical Design for my examination on Solid-Works in my CAD class, on which I scored perfectly. I am now starting my summer term

classes, which consists of Multivariable Calculus and Psychology, both of which will be completed in an accelerated 8 weeks.

RYAN GERCHICK

Last June, I completed my undergraduate coursework at UCLA. I received a B.A. in Political Science and Communications magna cum laude with honors. I spent the summer after my graduation volunteering once more for UCLA's UniCamp to serve as a counselor for underserved youth in the Los Angeles area, a final opportunity that I didn't want to pass up. This past summer I worked for a small micro-investing startup called Acorns. I will return to UCLA to pursue a J.D. degree at the school of law unsure of the field of law in which I will practice. I like helping people to bring awareness of educational opportunities available to underserved youth or assisting individuals of all demographics as they begin investing. I realize that it will entail three years of never leaving the library, but I am excited for the educational challenge and the opportunities it will bring.



GRACE NORMAN

I finished my fourth semester at UC Redlands in Communicative Disorders & Sciences. I work in the school business office and am a Peer Mentor. I am deeply involved with the National Student Speech Hearing Language Association and was honored with the Mortar Board by faculty. I was awarded with an endowment scholarship. I am on the Dean's List and am busily planning for grad school in the next year.

OUR SCHOLARS ARE ACTIVE IN THEIR COLLEGES



RILEY PRENDERGAST

Keeping up with my alma mater's 4 A's (Academics, Activities, Athletics, and Arts), I thought it would be a good explanation of how I balance my college life. I have been on the Dean's List for both Fall and Winter quarters, proving all my hard studying is paying off. I am most excited for my Orientation to Math Major course, which helps me plan minors, concentrations, internships, and more. I plan on taking courses this summer to stay on track with my graduation plan. My club involvement includes Math Club Association for Women in Math and Cal Poly Cat Program. I volunteer every week at the cat shelter on campus. There are over 20 cats, and I get to love all of them for free! I am taking up a job this quarter at the Office of the Registrar. I decided to take Modern Dance as a rest from some of my heavier courses as it keeps me active and allows me to escape from stress.

I was fortunate enough to have my family visit me a couple times throughout the school year; most recently, my sister drove to SLO during our spring breaks.



EMMA BRADEN

I am taking sixteen units, including four kinesiology classes. My favorite class is program design which emphasizes learning to make a program that will best train an athlete for their sport. Although it is challenging, it is exciting to learn to help advance my future career as a physical therapist. My job as volleyball team manager is very fulfilling because all of the money goes towards helping with my tuition, which is very helpful for my parents. In addition, I am learning some very important management skills such as organization, which will help me with any future jobs. My school has a big community outreach program which I was involved in this semester. I am truly grateful and blessed

to have received the Tustin Dollars for Scholars scholarship! The program has made such an impact in my college life and I cannot thank you all enough for all that you have done for me in making this possible.



ISABELLE YARDUMIAN

In January I was accepted into the COPE Health Scholars program for college students considering careers in healthcare. I have been assigned to St. Mary Medical center in Long Beach as a patient caretaker. My major has remained biochemistry and I am enjoying the curriculum challenges. As I have finished with all of my general education courses, I am exploring the option of graduating a year early in order to get into graduate school. I am intrigued with environmental work and research and will explore those career choices. I can't truly describe how thankful I am for the generosity TDFS has provided me.

The Importance of Networking in College

Article from SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA

If you're a student, you were networking long before getting to college. From your first group of pals in elementary school to your Instagram friends to your high school extracurricular groups, you've always been a part of social networks. In college, you'll do the same thing—friends, neighbors, classmates and colleagues will all become part of the fabric of daily life.

Whether you're a first-generation freshman or a senior getting ready to graduate, networking can be daunting. Fortunately, there's plenty of good advice (and good advisers) to help. Here are some suggested starting points with major benefits:

1. Get active on LinkedIn and connect with students and alumni at your school
2. Find your college's online networking resources
3. Maintain relationships with past and current employers/coworkers
4. Reach out to upperclassmen and grad students in your major
5. Join your alumni association with a student membership and attend events

In addition, your department is likely to host job fairs, guest lectures from local professionals and other net-

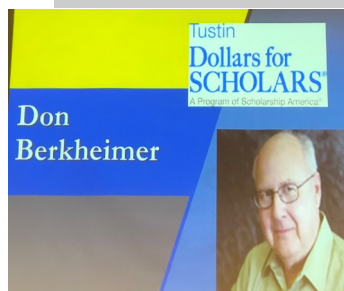
working events. Make time to attend these and get to know the presenters; a positive first impression will stick with them, and will mean you're already familiar when you go out looking for an advisor, a mentor or a potential employer.

An often-overlooked benefit of scholarships is that they can help you balance work and school more evenly. If a scholarship is covering all or part of your tuition, it means you need to work fewer hours to make ends meet. And that means more time for academics, activities—and networking opportunities. After all, if you have to sprint from class right to

an eight-hour shift at work, you're likely to miss out on that lecture, job fair or alumni mixer. But with more free time, you're able to take advantage of more benefits that college has to offer.

Scholarships also provide a unique network of their own: recipient and alumni communities. You, and the others who have earned the same scholarship over the years, share something powerful in common. Just like you, those past and current recipients have big goals, and have often faced and overcome similar challenges. They're valuable people to know, and to add to your network!

DON BERKHEIMER—OUR 2019 SUPERHERO!



Honored on April 17th, it has been a great year for Don Berkheimer. You can find Don at all of our events and friendly gatherings. He may be a quiet man, but he has the personality of a worker bee. Don goes about his tasks smiling and talking to people; all the while helping TDFS with whatever it needs.

The Tustin Community Foundation annually recognizes volunteers from the over 80 non-profit organizations in Tustin, and we are indeed proud to have Don as this year's Volunteer/ Super Hero for 2019! Congratulations, Don!

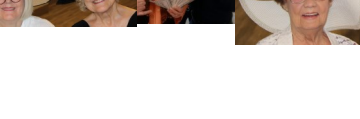
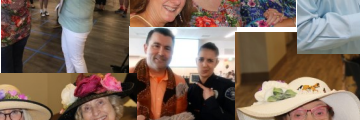




CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2019 SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00PM
 Peppertree Park
 230 W. First St., Tustin

- June 12 Blue Breeze Band - Motown/R&B
- June 19 Mark Easterday Band - Country
- June 26 K-Tel All-Stars - 70's
- July 3 Like Totally Fer Sure - 80's
- July 10 Electric Vinyl- 70's 80's Rock
- July 17 Grilled Cheese Soundwich—Top 40
- July 24 DSB Journey Tribute
- July 31 Eagles Experience - Eagles Tribute



2019 has been a good year to-date for TDFS thanks to the generosity of our friends. Thank you for believing in our mission and the goal to support local scholars and their families to realize the dream of a college education. As supporters you have helped each event become a success. You believe that the work that we do is not to promote ourselves, but to mentor each of our scholars as s/he enters a new world of educational challenges. As parents you know how important a scholarship can be. As a donor you can be assured that your monies have been awarded to students who understand the value of hard work. As a friend, you know who we are and of our commitment to the seniors of Tustin USD high schools. Thank you for your trust. Thank you for your believing in TDFS! See you at Concerts in the Park!

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