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# **Grad-Time Herald**

# TDFS ANNOUNCES FIVE NEW SCHOLARS in 2020!



#### **ELLA CARDOZA** (Foothill) Michigan State University.

Earning the TDFS scholarship means so much to me and my college experience. I believe that education can open many doors to so many different opportunities and learning experiences. This scholarship takes me one step closer to studying what I love, biology and astronomy, and a career that is right for me. I am very excited to see what the future holds and my educational journey at Michigan State University.



#### (Beckman) University of California at Berkeley

I am planning to double major in Bioengineering and Business. It is truly a privilege to be receiving a scholarship from Tustin Dollars for Scholars, and it is an even greater honor to be considered amongst such a talented and well-rounded group of students. I know that this scholarship will help support and impel me in finding creative outlets and avenues through which I can grow as a student.



#### STEVEN GOOD (Foothill) IVC and UC Irvine

I am so honored to have been chosen as a recipient of one of the Tustin Dollars for Scholars Scholarships! It means the world to me to have their support and belief that I will be successful in college. This scholarship will help me pay for my college costs and it will help my parents save their money to pay for my severely autistic brother's behavior therapy. I will be attending Irvine Valley College for two years, and then transfer to UC Irvine to pursue a B.S. in mechanical engineering.



### (Beckman) Cal State Fullerton She also the named recipient of the Mary Ann & Bob Dolley Scholarship.

This scholarship really makes the difference in being able to afford textbooks and other school supplies. In case of any miscellaneous charges or emergencies, I don't have to worry anymore. I'm so happy and thankful to be receiving this scholarship. Go Titans!



#### MARY NORMAN (Foothill) Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

I will attend Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to study Environmental Engineering and play on the Division I soccer team. This TDFS scholarship not only means the world to me, but my family as well. I can now focus on my school work and not have to worry about excess expenditures. I know the money raised for this scholarship is more than just a check. It is an opportunity for me to help support my family and create a life for myself that I am proud of. I am very excited to give back and support future students and scholars.

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#### TDFS FACTS TO KNOW...

- TDFS HAS AWARDED COL-**LEGE SCHOLARSHIPS** SINCE 1987.
- THE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WAS INCREASED TO \$6,000 (\$1,550 EACH YEAR).
- TDFS IS AN OFFICIAL CHAP-TER OF SCHOLARSHIP AMERICA.
- TDFS IS AN ALL-**VOLUNTEER NONPROFIT** 501 c (3)
- ALL PROFITS FROM ALL **EVENTS GO TO FUND OUR** SCHOLARSHIPS.

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scholarship monies that they have ago Bob passed away suddenly. affectionately donated. Mary Ann That year TDFS named one of its candidates to select a 2020 scholand Bob were seen together at scholars in his memory. While all everyone of our events from years of us who knew and loved Bob way back. You could count on were deeply saddened, we were enjoy supporting. We thank the them to attend Derby Day and all equally cheered as Mary Ann conof the summer socials. Bob loved tinued to attend events and supa fun party and Mary Ann always port our scholarship efforts. The dressed to impress at each occa- Dolleys believed in education and Long time supporters of TDFS, sion. We looked forward to seeing enjoyed the opportunity to make a recipient of the Dolley Family Mary Ann & Bob Dolley will sup- them at event as they made the difference in the life of a new Scholarship is Mia Hanson. port one of our 2020 scholars with most darling couple. Two years scholar. This year Mary Ann was

able to review each of the scholars ar whom she felt represented the persona that she and Bob would Dollevs for their belief in the importanace of supporting young men and women as they begin their secondary careers. This year's

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



#### **JUAN AVILA**

I am now a fourth year college student at Cal State University Fullerton going into my LAST!! semester for the fall of 2020. I will be getting my bachelor's degree at CSUF. TDFS has been amazing and really supportive and helpful in my life. I am really grateful to have such an organization like TDFS to encourage me and support me in my educational and personal goals. At the beginning of the pandemic, I was still working at my job and currently still am so financially wise I have been good. Academically, I was already taking most of my classes online already so it didn't affect me negatively. I hope and pray that this whole pandemic ends soon and for those who have been impacted by this pandemic.



#### **DANIEL LOPEZ**

I just finished my second year of college. Initially school had started up just like last year's routine, but I felt a lot more comfortable knowing I had my freshman year of college under my belt. COVID-19 forced everyone into online classes that were initially very confusing and hard to adjust to. I am going back to CSUF for my third year and it will initially be virtual. I want to thank Tustin Dollars For Scholars for all the support they give me, whether it's a simple text message checking in asking how things are going, or helping me financially with my books. I appreciate this entire organization and all the hard working women and men who make it special. I hope all of you are healthy and safe and hope to see you all soon.



#### **EMMA BRADEN**

I finished my junior year at The Master's University! I completed my classes and stayed healthy. I worked two jobs, Stonefire Grill and working for the men's volleyball team. Due to Covid-19, my school transferred to online learning in late March. I missed my friends, professors, and jobs, but am truly thankful that the Lord kept me and my family safe. This semester I took upper division Kinesiology classes. I earned straights A's and finished on the Dean's list. I am looking forward to being back on campus in the fall for my senior year! Thank you, Tustin Dollars for Scholars, for always being so supportive of my academic accolades! I look forward to seeing everyone soon and will continue praying for everyone's safety.



#### **DARREN GERCHICK**

I will begin my Junior year at the UCLA majoring in Mathematics and Economics and specializing in Computer Science. I am vice president and former treasurer of the club basketball team and a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. I have had a tremendous time building life-long friendships, learning to live independently, and delving into extremely engaging course material. Next summer, I hope to have an internship in finance or consulting. TDFS is a constant reminder to me that there are many people who believe I have potential to succeed and do well in this world. I hope everybody is trying to make the best of these difficult times and, most importantly, staying healthy.



#### **WILLIAM ORTMAYER**

My freshman year at the University of Alabama certainly did not end the way I expected. I have enjoyed great football and got involved in some clubs and university groups as well: the Special Olympics, a group I have been able to play both football and basketball with special need students every Sunday; and I was accepted into the Culverhouse Investment Management Group (CIMG), an student run portfolio of over a million dollars. I continue with the Investment Banking Academy which has given me a great look into the world of finance. I maintained a 4.0 GPA. While home I began an internship at Pacific Premier Bank in Irvine. I am so thankful for Tustin Dollars for Scholars for helping give me the amazing opportunities.



#### **MACY STARK**

I completed my first year at San Diego State University! I have had many tremendous experiences from meeting new friends to expanding my knowledge in Kinesiology. TDFS has helped me and my passion for working with students with disabilities. With this scholarship, I am one step closer to becoming an occupational therapist. Due to COVID-19, I was sent home from school in March. While quarantined, I managed to obtain a 3.8 GPA. In August, I'll be back in San Diego, ready to tackle chemistry, biology, and physics! I would like to thank Tustin Dollars for Scholars for their generosity during this very special time in my life!



#### **DAVID LUJAN**

I have recently graduated from the UCI/IVC Engineering Academy and will be transferring this Fall to UCI. I am transferring with 5 Associate Degrees including Physics and Mathematics and my IGETC certification. I am very excited for the road ahead as I plan to be double majoring in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Unfortunately, due to international events, my requests for summer internships were cancelled and I found a few summer jobs while I complete work on some summer courses. As always, I am grateful for what this organization does for its past, present, and future students.



#### **AYUSHI SHARMA**

The start of this year was very smooth and I was enjoying all of my classes. I got involved with a few student organizations on campus and I hope to find more organizations that align with my interests for the upcoming year. Like a majority of other students, I had to move out of campus early and have been "quarantining" since March due to COVID. I'm taking a summer class and tutoring for one of the computer science classes at my school. This was the very class I took at UC San Diego and, an year later, it feels good to be on the other side and helping out fellow students in learning the course materials. For the upcoming fall, I'm looking forward to starting research with one of the faculty members at my school. I'm very grateful that the TDFS community is still continuing to provide financial support to students like me. It's tremendously helping reduce some of my worries about

college tuition and I'm able to focus on my classes and explore my interests in my major.



#### **ALANAH CALVILLO**

I just completed the best first year of college I could have imagined at San Diego State University. I am a Public Health major, which feels super relevant due to current times, but mainly this Covid-19 season has revealed to me that I am extremely passionate about my major. I joined the Students for Public Health Association on campus, and through this organization I was given the opportunity to participate in doing research for a grant that a Professor was conducting. I was a recipient of the "Dean's List" both semesters at state. I credit a lot of my flexibility in becoming involved on campus to the Tustin Dollars for Scholars Program. Because of their support I spend less time working and more of my time taking advantage of the opportunities and experiences my college has to offer. I appreciate when TDFS sends me a text message checking in every now and then, because

it reminds me that the TDFS team is rooting for me to succeed.

### SCHOLAR REPORTS CONTINUED



#### **GRACE NORMAN**

This April I graduated from the University of Redlands, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communicative Disorders & Sciences and an emphasis in writing. This past term, I participated in my university's Mortar Board which gave me opportunities to give back to the community and interact with my peers. I continued to work in the School of Business at the same job I had the last two years. I participated with the National Student Speech Hearing Language Association (NSSLHA), serving as an active voice with my peers. I maintained a spot on the Dean's List, participated in research, and worked as a Peer Mentor to underclassmen. In Fall of 2020, I will be starting my first year at the University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences with an intended Masters of Science in Speech and Language Pathology in an accelerated program (1 year and 8 months) which will allow me to work during school and have opportunities to interact in various settings. Where I am today is all because of you and your continued support with my education. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful organization believing in me.



#### STONE BODINI

If it was not for this scholarship, and the community it comes with college would be much different. This scholarship has given me the comfortability to be able to change my major to my current passion, information systems and computer science. I will be attending Cal State Fullerton in the fall while I continue to work in the IT department at the Taco Bell headquarters Given that I do work in the tech field my transition to working remotely was fairly seamless and we continue to work remotely to this day. Our team plans on being remote for the next 2 months and are updating our road map to return to the office on a bi-weekly basis. Thank you TDFS for the endless support and making me feel like someone will always have my back.



#### **ISABELLE YARDUMIAN**

I've spent my quarantine focusing on my schoolwork and tutoring students in chemistry, biology, and math. I started in a research lab this semester working on understanding how enzymes function, with my project specifically focusing on how enzymes can be used to lessen the symptoms and effects of Alzheimer's and dementia. I still hope to continue on and receive a PhD in Biochemistry and have been doing plenty of research into graduate schools and the proper preparation needed to be accepted into the best one possible! I I look forward to learning more about my field and how it can be utilized to help those in need! Thanks so much to Tustin Dollars for Scholars for the assistance in furthering my educational career.



#### AJ STARK

My Sophomore year at UC Berkeley was an unforgettable year. I had the opportunity to take Organic Chemistry, Thermodynamics and Fluid Mechanics. These three classes made me excited about my major and my future within the field of Chemical Engineering. I still currently work as a Lab Assistant in the Chemistry Department, a rewarding experience to work on the lab side of the department. I was elected Philanthropy Chair of my fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, in charge of developing fundraisers and other community service events aimed at giving back to the Bay Area community. We raised \$450 for the Special Olympics. Can't wait to return in the Fall. I can't thank Tustin's Dollars for Scholar enough for the opportunity to experience all that college has to offer.



### RILEY PRENDERGAST

My Spring 2020 term was entirely online. It was a new challenge, so I decided to lighten my load by only taking three upper-division math classes instead of four. I worked at Cal Poly SLO's Office of the Registrar, and with campus being entirely shut down, I have been working remotely. My courses for next quarter will be Complex Analysis I, Introduction to Analysis I, and Abstract Algebra I. One of the most exciting parts of quarantine thus far: my family adopted a dog! Her name is Bowie, and she is a husky mixed with a Shetland sheepdog. She still acts like a puppy, so there's been a bit of chaos around the house, but we have loved having a dog in the house again.



#### **SCOTT LEANDRO**

The 2019-2020 school year was my first year at the University of Iowa, and I could not have asked for a better experience. The moment I stepped onto campus, leaders from different ministries immediately reached out to me-- nothing short of the famous "midwest hospitality." Due to the brilliant outreach at Iowa and the student ministry Salt Company, I was able to form a loving, passionate group of friends that motivate me to become a better man and student every day. Additionally, I rushed the prestigious Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and humbly finished as the #1 recruit in a class of nearly 50 students, after an application and two interviews! I took a broad range of general education and business courses that ended up accounting for over 40 credits. , this summer I managed to keep my internship: college minis-

try at Trinity United Presbyterian Church. I am developing skills in communication and leadership. TDFS always serves as a motivation to my conduct at school. I am so grateful for their steadfast support and care they put into this scholarship, that creates limitless opportunities for the future.



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Austin Stark

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

Dear Members and Friends of TDFS.



I am so thankful that during this time of COVID 19 restrictions that many of you have continued to support Tustin Dollars for Scholars. As you and I know it is essential that we continue to support deserving TUSD high school Seniors with College Scholarships, particularly during these uncertain times. We ask that you continue to support our students this year as most of our fundraising events have been cancelled due to Corona Virus restrictions.

Our signature fundraising event, The Kentucky Derby Day is being changed into a Non-Event Event due to COVID 19 health guidelines. We ask that you help support our Derby Day Non-Event, by sending your donations to us from the comfort of your own home. Or as one board member stated, "It's like doing the Derby on your couch." Please watch for notifications from TDFS about our Non-Event and how you can participate. If you wish to donate now you can always do so from our website at www.tustin.dollarsforscholars.org, and push the donate button.

Again, thank you for your support and volunteerism, but most of all thank you for caring about our community's future by supporting our students.

Sincerely, Linda R. Ladd, President, Tustin Dollars for Scholars

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