



A SNAPSHOT OF OUR SCHOLARS

The Alumni Association awarded \$15,000 in scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year.



JASMINE GREER

Undergraduate from Sacramento, CA
Major: Kinesiology

After attending Sacramento City College and receiving the President's Highest Honors along with many other accolades, Jasmine is arriving at Sacramento State with a 3.9 GPA. She has immersed herself in studies toward a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and will pursue a master's degree in physical therapy. Even though Jasmine excels in other fields, she has a love for the sciences, particularly those related to the workings of the human body. But most importantly, she wants to use her knowledge and skill to one day treat people in need. Although financing school has been a major issue for Jasmine, she continues the struggle while also working to pay for her education. She says that her parents' unwavering encouragement has given her the drive to succeed.



AURORA MURILLO

Graduate student from Yolo, CA
Major: Career Counseling

Last December, Aurora received a bachelor of arts in child development with a 3.85 GPA at Sac State and is now pursuing a master's degree in counselor education. She has continually made the Dean's List and has received many awards for excellence throughout her college years. For the last eight years, Aurora has been a community volunteer in many programs: counselor intern for the Migrant Education Advising Program; kindergarten teacher assistant; elementary reading tutor; and youth leader in the Dioceses of Sacramento. She has worked as an after-school program teacher assistant and a pre-school teacher in Woodland. Born in Mexico City, she came to the United States when she was twelve and her mother has made great sacrifices for her to fulfill her dreams. She plans to one day provide children and their families with empowering tools, resources, and guidance to overcome challenges that face so many low-economic, bilingual and culturally diverse families in our community.



KATHERINE NEELEY

Undergraduate from Herald, CA
Major: Dietetics

Katherine graduated second in her class with a 4.08 GPA. Her activities in school included track, Student Council, Drama Team, and cheerleading for four years. She is a Children's Ministry Teacher at her church and does community service through Interact Club. A challenge to her mom gave Katherine a goal for her education and career. With encouragement and direction from Katherine, her mom embarked on a lifestyle change that resulted in a 60-pound weight loss and a gain of energy and confidence. Pursuing a career in dietetics and personal training, Katherine wants to help change the physical education programs and cafeteria foods offered to children along with after-school programs emphasizing physical activity and healthy eating.



ALAN SILVAS

Undergraduate from Nicolaus, CA
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Alan graduated with a 3.8 GPA from East Nicolaus High. He was born and raised on a ranch where his father worked as the foreman. Last year, during classes and football practice, his parents made an emergency trip to Mexico and Alan stepped in to monitor a 400-head herd of cows during calving season along with managing the irrigation for 600 acres of pasture and alfalfa. The experience gave Alan an understanding of how his family had sacrificed to give him the opportunity to fulfill his dreams. His teachers noted that he has also made a positive difference in the classroom and on the athletic fields in three sports. Each coach has commented on Alan's ability to place team goals first and exhibit an exemplary work ethic.



ELIZABETH SIMMS

Undergraduate from Antelope, CA
Major: Business

Elizabeth graduated with a 4.14 GPA and ranked second in her class from Center High School. For the past three years, she has been heavily involved with the Future Business Leaders of America, and has developed a passion for the business world. Liz's teachers say that she is a bright student who works hard, mentors others, and is self-motivated. Another says that, "she will be an outstanding ambassador and representative for Sac State because of her leadership skills and commitment to excellence." Liz was a student leader at Center High's Youth for Christ/Campus Life program working with teens and served as a volunteer delivering prepared meals to the elderly. Another teacher notes, "her integrity and respect for others is easy to notice."

MORE 2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

CIBELLE APARICIO

Undergraduate from Santa Rosa, CA
Major: Psychology

DELANIE FARNHAM

Undergraduate from Antelope, CA
Major: Education with a minor in dance

MALLORY FITES

Undergraduate from Fort Bragg, CA
Major: Journalism

KELLY KAROLY

Undergraduate from Sacramento, CA
Major: Music Performance

BREANNE KELLY

Undergraduate from Orangevale, CA
Major: Business

CHARIS ONG

Undergraduate from Elk Grove, CA
Major: Nursing

NICOLE TELLMAN

Undergraduate from Folsom, CA
Major: Nursing

WILLIAM TVRDIK

Undergraduate from Sacramento, CA
Major: Vocal Performance

CHAO VANG

Undergraduate from Stockton, CA
Major: Social Science

KAITLYN YERGENSEN

Undergraduate from Redding, CA
Major: Business