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Jenna Betti Memorial Scholarship
Leila Bray Memorial Scholarship
Julie Bryant Memorial UC Davis Scholarship
Chase Family Trust Scholarship
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Searles Family Scholarship
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Cathy Gregory
Yriberri Family
Tom Azevedo
Dena Betti
Susan Bray
Becky & Will Bryant
Bill & Pat Chase
Jessica Robinson
Fleming Family
Sara Stafford
Tom McDonald
Pep Roa
Yvonne Moss
Laine Leach
Lawrence Nunes
Bill Harbin
Jim Christensen
Angelo Costanza
John Searles
Corp. Patrick Salamid &
Officer Nick Voyvodich
Sharon Viano
Rami Muth
Deb Dawson
Tom Doppe
Larry Lippow
Hailey & Karlee
Sparacino
Carrie Wilson
Marie Cattalini
Jay Heeb

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Closing

CJ Cammack
Lorena Castillo
Scott Sullivan
Cathy Riggs
Denise Dudley
John Buschiazzo
CJ Cammack
Harriet Burt
Harriet Burt
Barbara Chambers
Bill Harbin
Stephanie Zichichi &
Marylou Johnson
Peggy Kerns
Beverly Gomer
Cathy Gregory
Pat Ertola
Pat Ertola
Pat Ertola
Sara Stafford
Julianne George
Sarah Gallagher
Julianne George &
Kristen Paradiso
Frank Reichert
John Fuller

Carol Walsh
Denny Horack
Rami Muth
Tom Doppe

COMMUNITY DONORS OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO ALHAMBRA HIGH SCHOOL

Nearly \$100,000 in scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors at Alhambra High School. Unlike most other area high schools, a large portion of this money comes from community members, families and organizations. Some scholarships honor the memory of individuals. Others encourage specific educational objectives. Still others represent local business donations and community service club fund-raising activities to encourage Alhambra students to continue their education. Many more come from the efforts of Martinez Unified School District employees, Alhambra High School departments and clubs. In addition, each year, Alhambra graduating students receive thousands of additional dollars from national, state and regional scholarships.

The annual Alhambra Honors Assembly represents the achievements of the Senior Class as well as a considerable investment in the future of its members. Below are brief descriptions of the individuals, local businesses and organizations in whose names these scholarships are given.

The "Alhambras": prestigious academic scholarships given annually for four decades:

Frank Walsh Kiwanis Academic Scholarship: Martinez Kiwanis Club has donated this scholarship for many years, most recently in honor of Frank Walsh, an active Kiwanis member until his passing in July 2014. Frank was a counselor and principal at Alhambra High School in the 1970s and 80s. Kiwanis is an international service organization dedicated to the betterment of communities locally and throughout the world. Chartered in 1926, Martinez Kiwanis is the second oldest service club in Martinez and supports with funds and member participation a wide variety of community projects, particularly but not exclusively for youth.

Rotary Club of Martinez Scholarship: Martinez Rotary Club is also part of a large international network of service clubs that contribute not only to local causes but to international health and education causes. Martinez Rotary was established here in 1943 and has long directed its local efforts to Alhambra High Scholarships raising funds to award two each year. Rotary sponsors *Interact*, a popular AHS student service club as well as supporting countless other community causes and projects.

Estate of A. Joseph Tavan Scholarship: Joe Tavan was an Italian immigrant who was a very successful farmer in the Alhambra and Reliez valleys in the first half of the 20th century. At his death in the early 1960s it was revealed that he had left sums of money to every church in town, funds to construct a softball field at Rankin Park and enough money to fund a prestigious scholarship for a graduating Alhambra seniors each year since 1960.

AAUW Pleasant Hill/Martinez: The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice for women and girls, founded in 1881. The Martinez and Pleasant Hill American Association of University Women (AAUW) Branches officially merged September 2012. The Martinez Branch was chartered in 1948, and Pleasant Hill in 1957. Our newly established branch offers friendship, support for personal and professional growth, community leadership, gender equity and scholarships to our local community. AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Anthony "Tony" Rose Memorial Scholarship: Established in 2010 in memory of Tony Rose. He was born in Martinez in June 1938. He attended St. Catherine's School and graduated from Alhambra High School in 1956. He owned and operated Rose Trucking Inc. for over 45 years, enjoying every day at work in the trucking business. The scholarship is awarded to a student going on to a community or 4-year college.

Antone Pellegrini Memorial Scholarship: Antone Pellegrini, son of an Italian fisherman, was a football hero at Alhambra High in the early 1950s where he attained High School All-American honors as a linebacker. He came the closest of any star in a century of Alhambra football to making the NFL – he was stopped only by a knee injury sustained while playing football in the Navy. A long-time member of the Martinez Recreation Commission and active in the Boys and Girls Club and Alhambra sports programs, Antone continued his interest and support of student athletics until his death in 1999.

Arthur McHarry Vocational Scholarship: Arthur McHarry, who attended Alhambra during World War I, grew up on a ranch in the hills west of Franklin Canyon in the early 20th century. He used to ride his horse every day to Alhambra High. He married fellow Alhambra graduate Charlotte Reed (AHS '19) and they operated her parents' stationery store on Main Street until they retired in the 1960s. A vocational scholarship is given annually in his name since 1992.

Azevedo Family Scholarship: Arnie (Dunky) Azevedo was a popular 1970 Alhambra graduate who played wide receiver on Alhambra's 1969 undefeated football team. He died tragically in a work-related accident in 1988. The next year the Arnie Azevedo scholarship was formed. In 2001 Arnie's dad, Ralph Azevedo, passed away. Ralph was an Alhambra graduate from the class of 1944. At that time the scholarship was renamed the Azevedo Family Scholarship to honor both Bulldogs. With the passing of Angie Azevedo (Arnie's mom, and Ralph's wife) 2012, the scholarship honors all three Azevedos. Angie graduated with the class of 1945. All three individuals were faithful supporters of Alhambra and Martinez community activities throughout their lives.

Clement Viano Memorial Scholarship: Clem Viano was a popular Alhambra track star from the class of 1954 and the scion of Viano Winery, the only surviving active winery in Martinez. Clem's sons and his widow, Sharon, carry on the winemaking tradition. The scholarship fund was established at his death in 2005.

Chase Family Trust Scholarship: Bill and Pat Chase established the Chase Family Trust Scholarship in 2014. They wish to assist a graduating Alhambra High School senior who will be pursuing a degree in the area of the biological sciences, demonstrates financial need and service to the Martinez community. Bill received a degree in entomology from San Jose State and had a 45 year career with several international companies. Bill and Pat have been life-long proponents of education, and both of their children received degrees in their fields of work.

Concord Korean Baptist Church of Martinez: The Concord Korean Baptist Church of Martinez has been located here for a number of years. Beginning in 2008, desiring to support the community and help students achieve their education goals, the church has established an endowment fund based on specific contributions from members. Financial need and high academics are the criterion for the awards. Religion or ethnicity was not considered.

Don Weiss Memorial Scholarship: A popular mathematics teacher at Alhambra from 1994 to 2005, Don was beloved for his great sense of humor, his willingness to spend hours helping students, his passion and enthusiasm for teaching and his ability to make mathematics fun. Among his achievements was developing the AP Statistics course. Originally from New York, he was a major Yankees fan.

Fleming Family Girls Water Polo Scholarship: Both our son and daughter had great experiences at Alhambra and were very well prepared for their next level of education. This scholarship is our family's way of recognizing a member of the girl's water polo team for their athletic and academic accomplishments at Alhambra.

Helen Nunes Memorial Scholarship: Helen Lough Nunes was Dean of Girls at Alhambra High in the 1960s and early 70s. She was committed to encouraging young women who might not have easy lives or much positive support and encouragement during their high school years. The scholarship is presented each year by Mrs. Nunes' granddaughter, Lainie Leach, now a teacher at Martinez Junior High School. Funded in the early years by Soroptimist International of Martinez, Mrs. Nunes' family and donations now supports the scholarship which has been given annually since 1978.

Jay Heeb Kiwanis Vocational Scholarships: Martinez Kiwanis club, described above, began offering vocational scholarships to students at Alhambra High as well as Briones and Vincente alternative high schools since 1984. The scholarships encourage students who wish to pursue careers that require technical or specialized training and certification. Renamed in 2014 to honor long-time Career Technology teacher, Jay Heeb.

Jenna Betti Memorial Scholarship: Established this year in memory of Martinez student Jenna Betti, who tragically lost her life at the age of 14 on March 2, 2014. The scholarship is awarded to an individual who exemplifies character leadership and has taken action that has created a positive outcome for others. It is funded by the #HERSMILE nonprofit, which was formed following Jenna's passing to carry on her uplifting spirit, which touched so many. It is the mission of #HERSMILE to bring hope, strength

and inspiration to those who have experienced a tragedy by funding programs that inspire people to thrive despite life's greatest challenges and heartaches.

John Muir Elementary School Wendy Dexter Memorial Scholarship: John Muir Elementary School Staff remembers late PTA President Wendy Dexter by awarding two scholarships to former JME students in her name.

Julie Bryant Memorial UC Davis Scholarship: Julie Bryant graduated from Alhambra in 2006. She was killed in a traffic accident in November 2007 during her sophomore year at UC Davis. She possessed the ability to fit with any group on campus, Julie was well-liked by her fellow students at Alhambra. She was a member of the Girls Tennis Team, played flute in the band and participated in Mock Trial earning a "gavel" to go with her letter in Tennis. As her mother says, "Julie touched a lot of different people all her life."

Lawrence "Jo-V" Miller Memorial Scholarship: Lawrence Miller was an Alhambra wrestler who won the California state heavyweight title in 1967 and became a wrestling star at the University of Montana. He came home to teach and coach at Martinez Junior High School in 1972. After his first year of teaching, he and his grandmother were killed in a traffic accident. In recent years the scholarship has been funded by Phil Satre, a classmate and fellow athlete from the Class of 1967 through the Phil and Jennifer Satre Family Charitable Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada.

Leila Bray Memorial Nursing Scholarship: Leila Veale Bray, daughter of turn-of-the-last century County Sheriff R. R. Veale and wife of State Court of Appeals Justice A. F. Bray, was a graduate of the Alhambra class of 1909 and first editor of the Alhambra Torch. Unable to pursue college training as a nurse because of family obligations, she personally presented a scholarship annually for many years to an Alhambra senior intending to pursue a career in nursing. The family has funded the scholarship since Mrs. Bray's death at age 93 in 1983.

Lippow Development Company Scholarship: For three generations, the Lippow family have been prominent in real estate and land development in Martinez and Central Contra Costa County. And for over 30 years, the company has provided a scholarship each year to a graduating Alhambra senior. Larry Lippow, third generation leader of the firm and member of the class of 1974, notes that the scholarship's goal has always been to support quality students at Alhambra and to encourage them to move on to college and have the opportunity to have success in their chosen careers.

Martinez Arts Association Scholarship: The MAA was formed in 1968 to promote artists and the arts in the community. Proceeds from the MAA's annual Art in the Park event provide funds for art enrichment programs throughout the school district and, since 1990, scholarships to graduating seniors planning to pursue advanced training in the arts. The winners are selected based on a portfolio of work submitted and evaluated by Martinez Arts Association Board members.

Martinez Council of PTAs: The Martinez Council PTA encompasses seven PTAs and PTSAs in Martinez Unified School District. Alhambra High PTSA,

Martinez Junior High School PTSA, John Muir PTA, John Swett PTA, Las Juntas PTA, Morello Park PTA and Martinez Cooperative Preschool PTA. All these contribute to the scholarship fund that has been given to Alhambra graduating students for the past four decades. Students must be a member of the Alhambra High PTSA to be eligible and submit an essay application.

Martinez Education Association: MEA is the group of teachers and other certificated staff in Martinez Unified School District. They have annually awarded at least two scholarships to Alhambra graduating seniors for many years. The emphasis is for a student planning to pursue a career in education or is a relative of a current MEA member.

Martinez Health Center Auxiliary Scholarship: In 1970 the historic Martinez Community Hospital moved from its brick building on Allen Street to new buildings on Muir Station Road as Martinez Health Center, a health maintenance organization formed by the Community Hospital and the Contra Costa Labor Council. The Health Center went bankrupt in 1975 and the buildings were purchased by Kaiser Permanente. The hospital's auxiliary, a band of strong community advocates led by Alyce Quadros, fought to keep the funds it had raised to provide comfort to patients. Winning that battle, they endowed a scholarship for Alhambra students who wish to pursue careers in the health field that is being awarded annually to this day.

Martinez Historical Society: The Martinez Historical Society, organized in 1973, acquired use of the Borland House and opened the Martinez Museum to the public in 1976. A major purpose of the Society is to educate the community about local history and how this history is integrated into a regional, national and international context. As part of its educational outreach, the Society established a scholarship fund to provide financial assistance to worthy students who actively pursue educational opportunities and careers that promote an appreciation for history. The study of history is critical because the past determines the present, and through the study of history we can plan for a better future.

Martinez Lioness Club Scholarships: Chartered in 1951 as an auxiliary to the long-established Martinez Lions Club, Lioness Club has supported several scholarships alone and with the Lions Club over the years. They award four scholarships annually to Alhambra graduates. Lioness Club also funds and manages an international award-winning Hospital Equipment Lending Project for Martinez residents.

Martinez Lions Club Scholarship: Tom Fletcher was a member of the Martinez Lions Club and prominent in the 1940s and 50s as the operator of the snack concession at the County Courthouse. Blind himself, Tom was an active member of the Martinez Lions, which has made helping the blind a major local and international project. The scholarship was established at his death over 30 years ago. As do all the service clubs, the Lions Club spends each year raising scholarship money from a variety of fund-raising events.

Martinez Sportsmen's Club: The Martinez Sportsmen's Club has been in existence since the 1920's and started as the Martinez Bass Club. It evolved into a hunting club promoting safety and sportsmanship. They take pride in

supporting the local community. In fact, each member of the Club signs the following pledge: "I give my pledge to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of this country—its soil and minerals—its forests, waters and wildlife." This scholarship was established in 2014.

Martinez Women's Club Scholarships: The Martinez Women's Club was established in 1911 to improve the appearance of the town by getting the goats and other animals off the streets and planting trees. Part of the state and national Federations of Women's Clubs since 1914, the local club now supports a variety of community projects and causes and has been providing scholarships to graduating Alhambra students for more than 65 years.

Martinez Chapter, Women of the Moose Scholarship: The Women of the Moose are affiliated with the national fraternal organization of the Moose Club. The local chapter funds an annual nursing scholarship for Alhambra Seniors.

McDonald Family Science/Math Scholarship: Martinez native Norman McDonald, (AHS '51), was a dentist here until his retirement. His wife, Deloris, is a Registered Nurse. Their son, Tom, (AHS '81) is a Ph.D toxicologist in pharmaceuticals and their daughter, Mary, (AHS '82), is a physician. Each year the family donates at least two scholarships to graduating Alhambra seniors who wish to pursue college training in mathematics and science focused on careers in the healing arts.

Mitchell Hodgson Memorial Scholarship: Mitch Hodgson was a member of the AHS Class of 2001 who lost his life January 2007 while swimming in Hawaii. All-around doesn't begin to describe Mitch's talents. Eagle Scout, musician in the school bands from 4th through 12th grade, tamer of wild horses and Gymkhana champion, track and cross country record holder at MJHS and AHS as well as team captain, named Scholar Athlete several times, Rally Commissioner his senior year. Certified Master Diver, Certified Rescue Diver honors graduate of Humboldt State, the list of Mitch's interests and accomplishments is amazing.

Moe Williams Memorial Athletic Scholarship: Ruilt E. (Moe) Williams came to the Martinez schools in 1968 as the first vice principal at Martinez Junior High School. In 1970 he moved to Alhambra as vice principal but died in a traffic accident in 1971. A skilled baseball player, Moe Williams is honored with a memorial scholarship awarded each year to an outstanding student athlete.

Moss Family Scholarship: Set up by the Moss family to further promote the education of a student wanting to pursue a career as an elementary teacher and/or music educator. Don Moss was an elementary music teacher for over 30 years in the Rodeo Unified School District. His wife, Evelyn, taught 4th grade at Las Juntas elementary for over 30 years. Their children, Yvonne and Howard, are both graduates of Alhambra High and both participated in the instrumental music program from elementary through their sophomore years. Yvonne was also an elementary teacher in the Antioch schools for over 30 years and is an active volunteer with the Concord Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps. Established in 2015, this is the first year to be awarded.

Nunes Family - Bulldog Fire Memorial Scholarship: This large family includes more than twelve men who have served, and are serving in local fire service. Capt. John Nunes, served more than 30 years with Contra Costa fire department before he died of leukemia in 2009. Tony Nunes served 28 years for the Berkeley fire department and seven years with Piedmont fire department. February 2014 Tony was in a fatal accident on his home property. The Nunes' grew up in Martinez and are all Bulldog alumni. It was one of John's dreams to create a scholarship program to help students attend an accredited state Firefighter 1 Academy to become a firefighter. Colleagues and family established this memorial scholarship in 2010.

Officer Thomas Tarantino & Sergeant Paul Starzyk Memorial Scholarship: Newly dedicated in 2009 to honor Sergeant Paul Starzyk. On September 6, 2008, Sergeant Starzyk was fatally shot during a domestic disturbance. His heroic actions saved the lives of two women and three children. Paul Starzyk joined the Martinez Police Department in 1994. Tom Tarantino, a Martinez native, joined the Martinez Police Department in 1967. In 1973, he became the first Martinez officer to be killed in the line of duty. The intent of this scholarship is a memorial to both Officers who gave their lives in order to protect the public, so that young men and women with an interest in Law Enforcement may reach their educational goals. The Martinez Police Officers Association has given the scholarship since 1974.

Officer Thomas A. Wagley Memorial Scholarship: Thomas A. Wagley, aged 32, a two-and-one-half-year veteran of the Martinez Police Department, a graduate of UCLA and a recipient of the Medal of Valor presented by the City of Martinez for saving a citizen's life in the June 2004 fire in Martinez. Offered by family and friends, this scholarship was established in 2005.

Paul Yriberri Memorial Scholarship: Established in 2007 in memory of Martinez resident and longtime Miramonte High School science teacher Paul Yriberri. His children graduated from Alhambra High School. Family friend, Pete Clauson and the Yriberri family support this scholarship.

P.E.O. Chapter GX Scholarship: P.E.O. is a philanthropic organization where women CELEBRATE the advancement of women: EDUCATE women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans, and stewardship of Cotter College and MOTIVATE women to achieve their highest aspirations.

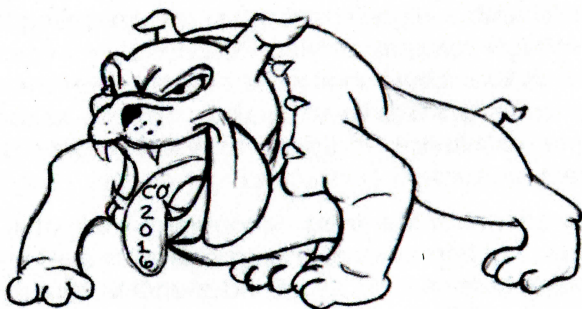
Rose-Christensen Family Scholarship: As members of the Martinez community who have benefited greatly from California higher public education and who have graduated two children from Alhambra High, we wish to encourage California public higher education for Alhambra graduates. This scholarship is designed to help ease the financial burdens of a student with proven academic abilities who will attend a California State University campus in the northern California region. This scholarship was established in 2009.

Searles Family Scholarship: John Searles was superintendent of schools in Martinez Unified School District. His wife, Kathy was a kindergarten and elementary school teacher in the district for 37 years. Kathy and their daughter Heather, as well as John's children, Julie, Mark and Devon, all graduated from Alhambra High School. The family has long been active in Martinez, placing high value on service, education, and community. The Searles family offers this scholarship to Alhambra High School graduating seniors who demonstrate involvement in their school and community, has achieved academic excellence, and plans to pursue higher education at a four-year college or university.

Soroptimist International of Martinez: Soroptimist is a global women's organization whose members volunteer to improve the lives of women and girls through programs leading to social and economic empowerment. The name, Soroptimist, means "best for women," and that's what the organization strives to achieve. The Martinez club was chartered in 1942 and has been serving the community of Martinez ever since. Rose Camarata Gaffney Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008. Rose Gaffney was a dedicated Soroptimist and business woman in the Martinez community for over 40 years. The Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award is a recognition program for young women ages 14-17 engaged in volunteer action within their communities or schools. The award is given to young women whose activities make the community and world a better place.

The Alhambra Way Scholarship Award: Established in 2014, this award is given to two individuals who exemplify the Alhambra Way: Education, Accountability, Integrity, Resilience. The Alhambra Way represents the profile of an Alhambra High School graduate. We believe that by exemplifying these core values, our students graduate ready for college, careers, and to be productive citizens of a global community.

Universal Sports Academy: Established in 2016 to recognize scholar athletes in the Alhambra community.



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