



Michael D. Eisner College of Education
Scholarship Recipients



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Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.A., Education - Educational Psychology
Early Childhood Education

Awarded:

Rebecca Schrag Memorial Scholarship

“My ultimate career goal is to establish a private Christian school in partner with Christian families to provide Christ-centered education that equips students to become transformational servant leaders.”



Deborah Archila Espinoza

Department:

Liberal Studies / Special Education

Program/Major:

BA, Liberal Studies
Education Specialist Credential - Mild/Moderate
Disabilities

Awarded:

Wells Fargo Teacher Education Scholarship

“I will use the Wells Fargo Teacher Education Scholarship to help support me through graduate school as I plan to pursue a Master’s degree and go through an induction program.”



Angel Ayala

Department:
Secondary Education

Program/Major:
Single Subject Credential - Mathematics

Awarded:
CalRTA Foothill Chapter Scholarship

“My passion for mathematics shaped my desire to pursue a career in teaching. I view teaching as a means of giving back to my community by guiding students towards the path of higher education. This scholarship will allow me to make my impact in this world by funding my schooling.”



Destiny Chapron

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
M.S., Marriage and Family Therapy

Awarded:
Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I am a MFT Trainee with HerHealing Community. I work with womxn of color providing safe spaces for young womxn to heal from diverse trauma and hardships. I will use these funds for training in therapy modalities such as Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing and Trauma Focused – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.”



Diana Contreras

Department:

Secondary Education

Program/Major:

Accelerated Collaborative Teacher (ACT) Program,
Single Subject Credential - World Languages (Spanish)

Awarded:

Sylvia and David Bidna Scholarship

“The scholarship will be used to pay for CSUN graduate tuition costs, test fees, and to pay for the bilingual authorization course. The Sylvia & David Bidna Scholarship serves as a foundation for me to fulfill my goal to become a dynamic and skilled educator with a solid education from the CSUN ACT program. It helps me pave the way to successfully completing the graduate credential program.”



Nayila Deveaux

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Counseling - School Counseling

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I will use the money from this scholarship to help focus on finishing my graduate program without as much financial stress. I also plan on using this scholarship to help focus on conducting my graduate thesis project, and to hopefully help fund it as well.”



Adrienne Ereholo

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Counseling - School Psychology

Awarded:

Harvey Nasatir Memorial Scholarship

“The Harvey Nasatir Memorial Scholarship will allow me the opportunity to obtain the resources needed to complete my school psychology master’s program. I will work as a school psychologist and help students with learning disabilities and behavioral issues reach their academic potential. I would also like to focus on bringing prevention services to school campuses by providing presentations and workshops about mental health, empathy, and cultural diversity to students and their families. Thanks to this scholarship opportunity, I am one step closer to achieving these goals! “



Gregory Felden

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Marriage and Family Therapy

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“Completing a Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy at CSUN might not be possible without this scholarship. The program will enable me to build a career helping those in need, including adults and children who have experienced trauma, the grieving, and people affected by our changing world.”



Camila Ferrario

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Marriage and Family Therapy

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“This scholarship will assist me in reducing my work hours, buying books, paying for tuition, enabling me to focus on completing my clinical hours. It is my hope that other first-generation students find a community in which they can connect to and be inspired throughout their college career and onwards.”



Vanessa Galvan

Department:

Secondary Education

Program/Major:

Single Subject Credential - Mathematics

Awarded:

CalRTA San Fernando Chapter Joan Berg Memorial Scholarship

“I am grateful for this scholarship as it is going straight towards my first-year student teaching fund. I want to dive all-in and focus solely on my classes and students when I begin teaching this Fall and this allows me to do so. Thank you.”



Melissa Garcia

Department:

Liberal Studies / Elementary Education

Program/Major:

BA, Liberal Studies

Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:

Virginia L. Hansen - Ruth Hansen Scholarship

“I plan to use the Virginia L. Hansen - Ruth Hansen Scholarship to be a strong role model in the classroom and community by devoting my full attention to student teaching.”



Kristyn Halvorson

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Marriage and Family Therapy

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I am extremely grateful for this scholarship which will help me achieve my dream of becoming a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. This generous contribution will support my academic endeavors as I work toward a fulfilling career serving the needs of diverse individuals, couples, and families in our community.”



Cassandra Hernandez

Department:

Liberal Studies / Elementary Education

Program/Major:

BA, Liberal Studies

Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:

CalRTA San Fernando Chapter Joan Berg Memorial Scholarship

“As a future teacher, I often picture my future classroom. I always imagine it with a full library. The money will help me fill my classroom with required texts, and hopefully one day, a student’s favorite story.”



Maya Isiah

Department:

Special Education

Program/Major:

Education Specialist Credential - Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Awarded:

CalRTA Foothill Chapter Scholarship

“This scholarship will not only allow me to finish the teaching program sooner, now that I have more money to enroll in more courses but also help my family pay off several bills that have been months past due.”



Vahik Khodagolian

Department:
Secondary Education

Program/Major:
Single Subject Credential - Physics

Awarded:
Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“The scholarship that was awarded to me will help me achieve my career goals of being a Secondary STEM Educator since it will help me finance my Credential course work. As an aerospace engineer who is transitioning into the educational field, your support will allow me to reach my goal.”



Sana Khouri Accad

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
M.S., Counseling - School Counseling

Awarded:
Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“A valuable part of our school counseling program is our site traineeships. This scholarship lifts a financial burden on my family, allowing me to focus on my traineeship sites and coursework, so I can soak up all the learning experiences of the program.”



Kayla Lawrence

Department:

Secondary Education

Program/Major:

Accelerated Collaborative Teacher Program,
Single Subject Credential—Foundational Mathematics

Awarded:

CalRTA Foothill Chapter Scholarship

“I will use this scholarship to achieve my career goals by using it along the way to getting my teaching credential. I am so thankful to have financial support on my endeavor through the ACT program. This will put me one step closer to becoming a teacher.”



Lindsey Lazo

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Counseling - College Counseling and Student Services

Awarded:

Drs. Jay & Greg Jackson Scholarship

“This scholarship provides me the means to continue my graduate studies in Counseling as well as widen my professional network as a paid student member of several prominent organizations within the student affairs field. This will also support me next year during my clinical counseling traineeship.”



Sara Levin

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Marriage and Family Therapy

Awarded:

Sally Spencer Memorial Scholarship

“By receiving this financial assistance, I am now able to dedicate my time fully towards my education. Additionally, I am also able to focus on my family without concerns of financial need, rather than splitting my energy between work and school.”



Lizette Lozano

Department:

Special Education

Program/Major:

Education Specialist Credential - Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Awarded:

Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship

“This scholarship will help me pursue my dream of becoming an elementary teacher and provide the best educational opportunities for students. Growing up hard of hearing helps me understand my students. As an educator, I will provide the skills and tools to succeed in a classroom, work, and home environment.”

Sophie Malchus



Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:
CalRTA Foothill Chapter Scholarship

“I am beyond grateful to have received the CalRTA Foothill Chapter Scholarship. This award will help fund my teaching credential so that I am able to focus on becoming the best elementary teacher possible instead of worrying about paying for school. Thank you!”

Hannia Montes Martinez



Department:
Deaf Studies

Program/Major:
B.A., Deaf Studies

Awarded:
Lavelle Glidewell Hamel Memorial Scholarship

“I will use this scholarship to help me achieve my career goals by paying my tuition and buying the necessary materials that I will need to help me succeed (such as books and utensils).”



Eva Navarro Cabanas

Department:

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Program/Major:

M.A., Higher Education Leadership

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I plan to use my scholarship winnings to pay my tuition and purchase additional learning materials for my Master’s program.”



Joyce Nnoli

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.S., Counseling - School Counseling

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I have a passion for working with the youth and facilitating their educational success. I aspire to be a school psychologist to advocate for marginalized students and be a voice for the voiceless in an educational setting.”



Crystal Norman

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Education Specialist Credential - Deaf/Hard of Hearing

Awarded:
DawnSignPress Lawrence Fleischer Scholarship

“I plan on using this scholarship to help pay for tuition costs associated with getting my teaching credential in Special Education. I am so passionate about working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students, and this scholarship will help me continue to pursue my passion by easing some of the financial burden associated with higher education.”



Harrison Ostrem

Department:
Secondary Education

Program/Major:
Single Subject Credential—English

Awarded:
Lillian Raphael Teacher Education Scholarship

“The Lillian Raphael Teacher Education Scholarship will assist me in achieving my ultimate goal. As a high school English teacher, I hope to allow students to explore the human condition, society, and themselves; developing their intellectual and artistic selves by investigating the world of literature and writing.”



Janessa Reyes

Department:

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Program/Major:

M.A., Higher Education Leadership

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“This scholarship will allow me to balance my full-time job, internship at Civil Discourse and Social Change, and membership with USU’s Diversity & Inclusion committee, while pursuing my Higher Education Leadership degree. Participating in and contributing to these organizations will facilitate my goal in supporting minoritized communities in higher education.”



Andrea Reynoso Salazar

Department:

Elementary Education

Program/Major:

Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I am currently in the Multiple subject credential program at CSUN as a dreamer first-generation college student. This scholarship will help me continue to pursue my journey in getting credentials and applying to my Masters’s program.”



Michelle Rios

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
M.A., Educational Therapy

Awarded:
John Stillion Memorial Scholarship

“As an ABA therapist, I find new ways to work with my clients - all of whom have been diagnosed with ASD, and sometimes, other disabilities. I rely on my own finances for unexpected work expenses that further support my clients’ needs. This scholarship will help me tremendously.”



Monica Rivero Aguilar

Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:
Glenda Bensussen Memorial Scholarship

“I will be using my scholarship funds to pay for tests such as the CSET and RICA that are required to be recommended for my preliminary credential. I will use the remaining funds for transportation costs and other costs related to my coursework.”



Vanessa Sirault

Department:

Elementary Education

Program/Major:

M.A., Education

Elementary Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“One of my career goals is to become a mentor for the next generation of educators. This scholarship will allow me to complete my Master’s degree, which gives me an additional layer of knowledge that I will be able to transmit to and share with the educational community.”



Julie Takayama

Department:

Special Education

Program/Major:

Education Specialist Credential - Mild/Moderate Disabilities

Awarded:

CalRTA San Fernando Chapter Joan Berg Memorial Scholarship

“This scholarship is an incredible gift that will help me manage the financial obligations that come with my academic and career goals. As a new teacher pursuing a higher education, there are many unfamiliar challenges I will encounter. This generous award will help alleviate many of these burdens.”



Kelly Temmesfeld

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Education Specialist Credential - Early Childhood
Special Education

Awarded:
Virginia L. Hansen - Ruth Hansen Scholarship

“This scholarship is going to help me continue my teaching credential. I lost my previous job due to covid and decided to use it as an opportunity to pursue my passion of teaching and this is going to help me continue to do that while having to work full time.”



Carla Ventura

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
M.A., Education - Educational Psychology
Early Childhood Education

Awarded:
Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College

“This scholarship enables me to continue studying for my Master’s degree at CSUN. I will use my Master’s degree to obtain a position in the education field where I can apply my research background to evaluate and influence school policies or practices.”



Cynthia White Anderson

Department:

Secondary Education

Program/Major:

Single Subject Credential - Art

Awarded:

CalRTA San Fernando Chapter Joan Berg Memorial Scholarship

“I am using the scholarship award to reduce my work hours, purchase books, and support my family. This opportunity allows me to spend more time focusing on my amazing student artists while teaching and preparing for my career goals of being a change agent in education.”



Kadajah Williams

Department:

Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:

M.A., Education - Educational Psychology
Early Childhood Education

Awarded:

Phil and Shirley Hansen ARF (Association of Retired Faculty) Scholarship in the Michael D. Eisner College of Education

“I am so grateful to accept this opportunity. I will use this scholarship to continue to be a change agent for voiceless children all over the world. The funds will help me build a program aimed at reconnecting and rebuilding the relationship between young children and law enforcement.”

Elizabeth Xintarianos



Department:

Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Program/Major:

Ed.D., Educational Leadership
Community College Leadership

Awarded:

Myrna Vallens Scholarship