Consuelo Acuna

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Education Specialist Credential—Mild/Moderate

Awarded:
Dan and Cindy Chernow Future Teacher Scholarship

“With the very generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Chernow, I am able to focus much more of my attention on my students and be the highly qualified teacher my students deserve. My hope for the future is to one day come back to the University as a donor and pay it forward by giving back to a CSUN student in need.”

Nelofar Arian

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
MA, School Psychology
Pupil Personnel Services Credential—School Psychology

Awarded:
LaVonne Beyer Graduate Scholarship

“Becoming a school psychologist has always been a goal of mine because I was inspired by the support my brother received when he was struggling academically. This scholarship will allow me to have a similar impact and provide students with the necessary tools to achieve success to their full potential.”
Nancy Arnold

Department: Special Education

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

Awarded: Rose C. Engel Scholarship

“I will humbly use the Rose Engel Early Childhood Education Scholarship towards completing my goal of attaining a Teaching Credential and Masters in Early Childhood Special Education at CSUN. This scholarship will assist my family of five with financial burden we sometimes feel trying to send four out of the five of us to college at the same time. I am deeply honored to have been chosen and will do everything in my power to pass on this generosity to my students and colleagues alike.”

Arisara Aromdee

Department: Special Education

Program/Major: Education Specialist Credential—Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Awarded: Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship

“The Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship will help me further my education and experiences in Deaf Education. I aspire to continue gaining the knowledge to support students from diverse backgrounds. I will take what I learn from my credential program to inspire my students to believe in themselves and have a lifelong passion for learning.”
Elina Carpenter

**Department:**
Educational Psychology and Counseling

**Program/Major:**
MA, Early Childhood Education

**Awarded:**
Rose C. Engel Scholarship

“I am currently investigating the development of self-regulation in children, and I plan to create a workshop to empower educators and parents with strategies for challenging behavior. Upon completing my thesis, I am planning to pursue my PhD in developmental psychology to further research self-regulation and identify ways to help children with behavior issues succeed.”

Madeline Castellon

**Department:**
Special Education

**Program/Major:**
Education Specialist Credential—Mild/Moderate

**Awarded:**
Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship

“My students have taught me that a love for reading can be contagious, it just takes the right book. This scholarship has helped launch a classroom library with a wide variety of text, which helps me meet the many interests and needs of my students.”
Rachel Cohen

Department:
Liberal Studies

Program/Major:
BA, Liberal Studies—ITEP Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded:
Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“I will use the Hoffman Family Scholarship to further my education. After earning my BA in the spring of 2018, I plan to attend graduate school. My goal is to implement a STEM focus to my classroom and spark excitement about the careers of the future.”

Eric Cullen

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Education Specialist Credential—Mild/Moderate

Awarded:
Assoc. of Retired Faculty / Michael D. Eisner College of Education / Phil and Shirley Hansen Memorial Scholarship

“For an older student pursuing a second career, scholarships like this are a godsend. Graduate courses are more expensive, and less financial aid is available for them. To support oneself until full-time employment can be secured, in this housing market, is exactly why more people like me don’t switch to teaching.”
John DeMar

Department:  
Secondary Education

Program/Major:  
ACT-Single Subject Credential-Social Science

Awarded:  
Lillian Raphael Teacher Education Scholarship

“I am so grateful for this scholarship and the assistance it has provided me on my path towards a career in teaching. This scholarship has allowed me to focus on my student teaching and use this valuable experience to its fullest extent.”

Donna Duarte

Department:  
Deaf Studies

Program/Major:  
BA, Deaf Studies

Awarded:  
Michel P. Laxague Memorial Scholarship

"Accessible and affordable housing near CSUN has been impossible to find. Requests to CSUN Administration for compassionate aid were denied. To attend school I have slept in my car, slept in unsafe environments, or commuted up to nine hours daily. The scholarship will help pay for ADA accessible housing."
Sophia Fern

**Department:**
Deaf Studies

**Program/Major:**
BA, Deaf Studies

**Awarded:**
Tina Hauck Memorial Scholarship

“This scholarship lets me know my hard work and interest is in the right place. I’m encouraged to continue to apply my knowledge to new projects and deeper involvement in outdoor education.”

Lesly Fernandez

**Department:**
English

**Program/Major:**
BA, English—Junior Year Integrated (JYI) Option
Single Subject Credential—English

**Awarded:**
Wells Fargo Teacher Education Scholarship

“This scholarship will help me achieve my career goals by relieving all financial worries during my last two semesters of student teaching. In addition, it will allow me to take advantage of the outmost resources to strengthen my application as I apply for my first job right after graduation and later graduate school.”
Maria Figueroa

Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential
Bilingual Added Authorization—Spanish

Awarded:
Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“The Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship will greatly help me in reducing my financial burden by covering expenses related to my education. It will allow me to focus on my career goals as I complete my student teaching assignment. I am deeply grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship.”

Arielle Fodor

Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Awarded:
Rhonda Sim Wasserman Memorial Scholarship

“The Rhonda Sim Wasserman Memorial scholarship has assisted me in fully immersing myself in my educational pursuits. Through receiving this scholarship, I have been able to focus on teaching each unique student in my student teaching classroom while completing the rigorous class work expected of ACT students without worrying about my finances.”
Samantha Gruman

Department:
Deaf Studies

Program/Major:
BA, Deaf Studies—Special Option and Psychology

Awarded:
Assoc. of Retired Faculty / Michael D. Eisner College of Education / Phil and Shirley Hansen Memorial Scholarship

“The scholarship money that I have received has been a great help with pursuing my dreams to become a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. The money awarded to me will help me continue to pay for my schooling, which will help me finish school and begin my dream career.”

Jessica Herrera

Department:
Secondary Education

Program/Major:
MA, Computers and Educational Technology

Awarded:
Myrna Vallens Scholarship

“While in the EdTech MA program it is my desire to find engaging and meaningful ways to integrate technology into my classroom. Some might think the English classroom is not a natural fit for educational technology but, with the help of this scholarship, I plan to challenge that way of thinking.”
Amanda Hurley

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Special Education—Educational Therapy

Awarded:
Kelly Kolts Keogh Memorial Scholarship

As an alumna of CSUN’s CA Teaching Credential and SpEd graduate programs, I returned to obtain a post-graduate certificate in Educational Therapy. The generous gift from the Kelly Kolts Keogh Memorial Scholarship provided tuition assistance toward this goal to broaden my professional work beyond the limitations of the school day.

Yasmin Irfani

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
MS, College Counseling and Student Services

Awarded:
Assoc. of Retired Faculty / Michael D. Eisner College of Education / Phil and Shirley Hansen Memorial Scholarship

“I am extremely grateful to receive this generous scholarship which will help me achieve my dream of becoming a college counselor. I am passionate about empowering students and helping them reach their full potential. My hope is to one day be able to give back to future helping professionals in my community.”
Linda Jimenez

**Department:**
Elementary Education

**Program/Major:**
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

**Awarded:**
Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“I am currently a 2nd grade teacher. I thankfully obtained an intern credential in 2016. With this scholarship I will be able to fund extension activities that will support, engage and inspire my young students; which will propel me to became a better educator.”

Celina Keshishian

**Department:**
Secondary Education

**Program/Major:**
ACT—Single Subject Credential—Social Science

**Awarded:**
Dan and Cindy Chernow Future Teacher Scholarship

“Similar to my own experience of empowerment through education, I turned to teaching to help the next generation of leaders seize their own power. Thanks to the Dan and Cindy Chernow Future Teacher Scholarship, I am on the path to successfully completing the ACT program and pursuing a professional career in education.”
Mikaela Keys

Department:
Educational Psychology and Counseling

Program/Major:
MA, Early Childhood Education

Awarded:
Rebecca Schrag Memorial Scholarship

“This scholarship will help me to participate in raising the field of early childhood education to be a profession respected and revered as one of extreme importance to the development of society by providing financial support during my time in graduate school where I am honing my leadership and advocacy skills while becoming a master in the field of early childhood education.”

Atzimba Leal

Department:
Special Education

Program/Major:
Education Specialist Credential-Mild/Moderate

Awarded:
Assoc. of Retired Faculty / Michael D. Eisner College of Education / Phil and Shirley Hansen Memorial Scholarship

“I am grateful to say this scholarship has alleviated a great financial burden. Moreover, it has afforded me a head start to begin working with exceptional students as an educator, both domestically and abroad. My goals include showing children the beauty and value of their cultures, languages, and diversity.”
Diana Marquez

Department: Elementary Education

Program/Major: Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Awarded: Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“As I move forward with my career in education I will be working as an elementary school teacher. I am honored to get to work with children, and as a teacher I will strive to educate my students to think critically, act purposefully, and to be mindful and kind human beings.”

Lynn Murphy

Department: Secondary Education

Program/Major: Single Subject Credential-Art

Awarded: Lillian Raphael Teacher Education Scholarship

"My career goal is to be a high school art teacher in Santa Clarita, my hometown, so that I can give back to my community. The scholarship will allow me to focus on completing my credential courses and student teaching."
Phuong Nguyen

Department: Deaf Studies

Program/Major: BA, Deaf Studies

Awarded: Lavelle Glidewell Hamel Memorial Scholarship

“I'm a Deaf Studies major and also a student in the Interpreter Education Program at CSUN. After graduating, I am planning to pursue a Master’s degree in Linguistics. Therefore, I will use the scholarship to pay for graduate school.”

Amanda Ortega

Department: Elementary Education

Program/Major: Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Awarded: Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“I am currently in my second semester of student teaching in Kindergarten at Hubbard Elementary school. The award that the Hoffman Family have provided will help alleviate the cost of my educational expenses and allow me to concentrate more of my time preparing for the final steps of my credential.”
Karina Roliz

**Department:**
Secondary Education

**Program/Major:**
Single Subject Credential-English

**Awarded:**
Dan and Cindy Chernow Future Teacher Scholarship

“My passion for teaching began as a child. I am a first-generation college student from a Mexican-American/refugee family. This scholarship will allow me to become the best teacher I can be and positively influence the next generation of students by showing them their words have power both inside and outside of the classroom.”

Stephanie Samson

**Department:**
Special Education

**Program/Major:**
Education Specialist Credential—Mild/Moderate

**Awarded:**
Virginia L. Hansen and Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship

“I am thankful for the generous donors and their contribution in furthering my educational journey. I plan to use the money to pay for the CBEST exams and living expenses. Having the finances to take the CBEST exams will help me meet the requirements of becoming a successful teacher in special education.”
Jessica Shear

Department: Elementary Education

Program/Major: Multiple Subject Credential

Awarded: Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“This scholarship will help me on my journey towards having my own elementary classroom, where I can teach the next generation of learners.”

Jessica Stewart

Department: Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Program/Major: MA, Educational Administration, K-12 Education Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Awarded: Mo-Goodlad Comparative Education Scholarship

“This scholarship has allowed me to complete my final semester at CSUN and graduate with the rest of my Spring 2018 class. Without it, it would not have been possible to finish this semester and I would be forced to wait another year to achieve my academic and career goals.”
Rachel Sulprizio

**Department:**
Special Education

**Program/Major:**
Education Specialist Credential—Early Childhood Special Education

**Awarded:**
Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship

“I am an early childhood special education teacher for LAUSD. I come from a family of educators – my dad is a former superintendent and my mother is a college professor. I plan to use her scholarship towards a master’s degree in inclusive education. I appreciate the generosity of those supporting my endeavors.”

Fiona Tang

**Department:**
Special Education

**Program/Major:**
Education Specialist Credential—Mild/Moderate

**Awarded:**
Harvey Nasatir Memorial Scholarship

“Being a future special education teacher, I always believe every student deserves a chance to learn. The scholarship will sponsor me to continue to learn, and complete my credential program.”
Mikaella Taylor

Department:
Deaf Studies

Program/Major:
BA, Deaf Studies

Awarded:
Assoc. of Retired Faculty / Michael D. Eisner College of Education / Phil and Shirley Hansen Memorial Scholarship

“With this scholarship I will be able to continue my efforts to graduate in order that I might be an effective instrument in the fight for social justice. Specifically, I will be able to continue pursuing my passion, which is to advocate for Deaf children and their families.”

Fraline Vargas

Department:
English

Program/Major:
BA, English—Junior Year Integrated (JYI) Option
Single Subject Credential—English

Awarded:
Wells Fargo Teacher Education Scholarship

“This scholarship will push me further towards fulfilling my dream of dedicating my time to things I am most passionate about: learning and helping others. I aspire to encourage our youth to think critically about the world we live in and help them become leaders in the community.”
Daryenne Wickliffe

Department:
Secondary Education

Program/Major:
Single Subject Credential—Social Science

Awarded:
Lillian Raphael Teacher Education Scholarship

“This scholarship money will allow me to expand my educator library. The suggested books help me evolve as an educator by equipping me with the skills I need to serve my students. These texts serve me now, as a student teacher, and will continue to during my career.”

Cecilia Wiggins

Department:
Deaf Studies

Program/Major:
BA, Deaf Studies

Awarded:
Lillian Paula Seitsive Scholarship

“Being granted this scholarship has been a huge honor and has alleviated much of the financial stress of this year as well as the future. This award allows me to spend more of my time studying rather than working in order to pay for classes and books. In addition, it helps keep me from taking out student loans so once I finish college I can focus on my career without worrying about debt.”
Kristopher Williams

Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Awarded:
Marilyn Joshua Williams Scholarship

"This generous scholarship will go a long way towards helping me to cover costs related to school materials, living expenses, transportation, and most of all making a difference for LA’s youth."

Sarah Zgodzay

Department:
Elementary Education

Program/Major:
Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

Awarded:
Hoffman Family Merit Scholarship

“This generous scholarship will help me to establish myself as a first-year elementary school teacher. As a molder of young minds, I strive to be a constructive role model in the lives of my students, while motivating and encouraging student learning in a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment.”