



An industry gem shines brighter: Frank J. Evans Charitable Foundation awards 15 scholarships

“Kindness is something you can never give away, it always returns.” - Frank Evans

The Frank J. Evans Charitable Foundation awarded scholarships to 15 outstanding scholars for 2005 at the annual convention and tradeshow in Indian Wells. Established in 1997 by Greg Evans in memory of his father, the scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit to college bound students living in WMA member communities. With the inclusion of this year's recipients, the Foundation has awarded an unbelievable 58 \$1,000+ scholarships since 1999. Through the generosity of WMA's members and others, the Foundation is able to send applications to every member community in California requesting resident managers to contact any potential candidates and encourage them to complete and submit an application. The initial process requires an application, academic transcripts, and an essay from each student. A selection panel then confirms the applicant's residence in the manufactured home community with the resident manager, who also generally provides further background on the student, including extra curricular activities and character.

“Although a thousand dollars can't pay for a college education, it can make the difference to a struggling new student wondering how to get through the first term,” Greg Evans says. “From the letters and phone call we receive, I can assure you, these awards make a big difference to each student.”

The Foundation extends a heartfelt thank you to WMA's board of directors, committee members, membership, and staff, for their selfless efforts in making the annual scholarship presentations a success and a boost to deserving students who are our future.

Kaitlyn Chan, Adobe Wells, Sunnyvale

“My reasons for attending college are somewhat simple; I want to get ahead in life. I am a second-generation Chinese-American citizen, and I know through example that I don't have much of a stable future if I don't attend college.”

Kaitlyn was born November 18, 1987, and has lived in California all her life. She attended Los Altos High School and was involved in senior class council as well as various student body activities. Kaitlyn is now attending Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. She plans on transferring to a four-year college or an art school in the future, to major in art with an emphasis in advertising and graphic design. She is very passionate about advertising and design and hopes to have a career in the advertising field.

Kaleena Kane, Alimur Park, Soquel

“I know [college] will not be easy, but I have faced many obstacles in my life and gotten through with help and support from my friends and family.”

Kaleena was born on September 7, 1986. She attended St. Francis Central Coast Catholic High School, where she was active in the Youth Ministry Core Team and student government. She has also attended Cabrillo College, where she maintained a GPA of 4.0. Kaleena is currently attending Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota, where she



is majoring in recreational management. Her goal is to eventually manage a professional sports team.

Alejandra Robles, Breezewood Mobile Home Park, Empire

“I have always had the intuition of helping others, as I was helped when I first came to this country... This is why I feel a great need to give back... I know that dreaming is an easy thing to do, but when you have self-motivation and discipline, I believe that you can accomplish anything you set your mind to.”

Alejandra was born in Mexico on June 9, 1986. She attended Johansen High School, where she was actively involved in several clubs and organizations, including Link Crew, M.E.C.H.A., yearbook, California Scholastic Foundation, and Association of Latin’s United. She is currently attending Modesto Junior College, preparing to transfer to Stanislaus State University to pursue her career as a teacher, with hopes of one day becoming a counselor.

Shaun Moore, Hacienda Mobile Estates, Lancaster

“To me college is another step in life, but it is a step that is made towards my goal of becoming a professional musician... I believe that I have the drive and passion to make music a successful career option for me.”

Shaun was born August 11, 1987. He graduated from Quartz Hill High School, where he was active in jazz ensemble, and was given the opportunity to perform with the Antelope Valley High School All-star Band. Shaun is attending Antelope Valley College and hopes to soon transfer to MIT or the University of North Texas, both of which offer excellent jazz programs.

Jessica Tillinghast, Leisure Mobile Home Park, Santa Rosa

“I do not want to regret anything, especially not making the most out of my life and the talents I possess. I believe that college will make this a reality for me.”

Jessica was born on June 3, 1987. She attended Elsie Allen High School in Santa Rosa, where she maintained one of the top GPAs in her class. Jessica is currently attending Santa Rosa Junior College. She hopes to transfer to a university, where she will earn a degree in education.

Taylor Jerabek, Point Dume Club of Malibu, Malibu

“My life with Dyslexia has made me who I am today; I am a strong person with persistence, devotion and thoroughness... This experience has been neither smooth nor easy, but I am grateful for the learning and self-discovery.”

Taylor was born on February 3, 1987. She attended Malibu High School, where she was active in volleyball and chorus. She is presently attending the University of California, Santa Cruz, where she is studying business. Taylor hopes to own a business of her own one day.

Cory Dart, Rancho Laguna Estates, El Cajon

“Hard work and dedication lead me to a seventh place finish in the 300-meter hurdles at the California State Track Meet... I hope to fulfill all of the proper requirements necessary to obtain an Associates degree in kinesiology.”



Cory was born and raised in San Diego. As a senior in high school, Cory placed seventh in the 300-meter hurdles at the California State Track Meet, one of his biggest accomplishments. He has been attending Cuyamaca College to attain a degree in kinesiology. After college, Cory hopes to achieve his ultimate goal of working in the motorcycle division of the San Diego Police Department.

Kiet Tran, San Jose Verde Mobile Home Park, San Jose

“My father has taught me many things about life and how education is very important. His words of encouragement to me are, ‘Son, our family came to America empty handed...I didn’t have the opportunity for a decent education, but I know that you do. I want you to reach up high into the branches and pick the sweetest fruit.’”

Kiet was born on June 3, 1987, in Vietnam. He attended Yerba Buena High School, where he made honor roll several times and maintained a 3.7 GPA. During high school, Kiet developed a passion for science, especially chemistry, biology, and physics. Kiet will be attending the University of California, San Diego, this fall. His goal at UCSD is to finish his four-year degree, then transfer to Stanford to continue his education.

Jessica Grenshaw, Sunrise Mobile Home Park, Livermore

“My...reason for wanting to go to college is: I have worked so hard to get to this point that I believe I deserve it.”

Jessica was born on November 11, 1986. She graduated with honors from Vineyard High School, where she was involved in the Future Farmers of America. Even though Jessica had a rocky road at the beginning of high school, she was able to pull herself together to finish off her final semester with a 3.57 GPA and receive several honors awards. Jessica plans to attend Las Positas College.

Sarah Lyons, The Willows, Lompoc

“Furthering my education at a university has been a life-long goal of mine... My sincere passion for music and my seriousness over the subject has set my mind on obtaining at least a Bachelors Degree in music.”

Sarah was born on February 28, 1987, and lives with her mother in Paso Robles. Sarah graduated from Lompoc High School, where she obtained a 3.98 GPA, focusing on AP courses and extra circular activities in music. She will be attending California State University at Fullerton to follow her dream of completing her bachelor’s degree in music.

Ashley Edwards, Tumbling Waters, Covina

“Some of the reasons why I wanted to go to college were to make something of myself and have a career, not just a job.”

Ashley was born on August 29, 1987. She attended Northview High School, where she was active in track and field and the Girls League. She will be attending California State University, Dominguez Hills, where she hopes to achieve her degree in biology so that she may become a Pharmacist.



Omar Arzate, Tumbling Waters, Covina

“I want to be an elementary history teacher because I believe by knowing the history of our nation, our country, of other countries and of the world, we will be able to understand our past, our present, and predict our future.”

Omar was born on October 24, 1985, and is currently living with his mother and two sisters in Covina. Omar attended Arroyo High School, where he graduated with a 3.17 GPA despite his physical disabilities. He will be attending Mount Antonio College, where he hopes to accomplish a degree in history.

Valley Oaks Mobile Ranch, Fallbrooke, California

Matt Latham

“I have always wanted to make substantial films, so should I not try to become a substantive a person as I can be?”

Matt was born on January 11, 1986 in Fountain Valley. Matt realized at the age of 11 that he wanted to become a filmmaker, and has since produced several short films. He is currently working on a movie with plans for a run on the film festival circuit. Matt is going to attend the University of California, Santa Cruz, and plans to major in philosophy with a minor in film.

Kimthuy Duong, Village Green Mobile Home Park, Sacramento

“I am attending college because I want to make a difference in my life and my family’s life.”

Kimthuy was born in Vietnam on October 2, 1986. She attended Rio Linda Senior High School, where she was secretary of her senior class. Kimthuy is presently attending California State University, Sacramento, and is hoping to complete her degree in psychology or liberal studies.