



School of Education

Scholarship Celebration

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School of Education
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Our annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony has always been one of my favorite events of the year because we have the opportunity to celebrate our students and supporters as one community.

Despite the difficult moment we are living through in our world and our country, we remain steadfast in our commitment to our students and to improving the lives and opportunities for children and youth through education. This is a time to celebrate the contributions each of us has made and the work we will continue to do.

Throughout the year, and especially tonight, we celebrate our scholarship award recipients who are on their way to becoming teachers, researchers, policy-makers, and community leaders at a time when the world needs compassionate and well-prepared leaders.

Our scholarship awards have continued to grow year-over-year as we recognize the growing needs of our students. We are incredibly grateful for our donors, whose generosity brings our students and our school closer to realizing our goals.

As you look through this booklet, you will see the impressive variety of our scholarships and the wonderful promise of our students. We hope this celebration highlights the possibilities and the hope we have for the future—just as our students and supporters have provided joy for me as dean.

Warmest congratulations to all our scholarship award recipients and to the supporters who make so much possible. Thank you for joining us and celebrating together.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy". The script is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Kathy Schultz, Dean and Professor

Undergraduate Scholarships

Leonard M. Baca Scholarship

The Leonard M. Baca Scholarship honors the enduring legacy of Leonard Baca, the visionary behind the BUENO Center for Multicultural Education, where he held the role of executive director for a span of almost four decades. His unwavering dedication to fostering high-quality education for culturally and linguistically diverse communities remains a driving force that significantly benefits students across their educational journeys. Through the invaluable support of the community, the scholarship will support students for years to come as an endowed fund.

Haydee Colin

Ethnic Studies

Marithza Flores

Integrative Physiology, Sociology

Adolfo Sanchez-Ortega

Architecture

Mary Kay Brown Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2008 by Mary Kay (Benyon) Brown, a Denver Public Schools music teacher for over 30 years. She created this award to provide support for deserving students pursuing a music teaching degree at CU or students in their student-teaching semester.

Jessica Valadez Fraire

Elementary Education

Marie Lou Campbell Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Marie Lou Campbell Endowed Scholarship Fund extends the legacy of Marie Campbell, a Boulder resident for 90 years. After the passing of her father, Marie's mother moved her family from the Spanish Peaks of La Veta to the flatirons of Boulder. A CU Boulder alumna, Marie enjoyed a 40-year career at University Libraries, and she was passionate about community involvement, supporting Chautauqua, First Presbyterian Church, Friends of the Library, Historic Boulder, and La Veta Historic Museum.

Lillian Graves

Elementary Education

CHFA Building the Future Scholarship Fund at CU Boulder

The Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA)'s Building the Future Scholarship Fund supports students in the Multicultural Leadership Scholars (MLS) program, part of CU Engage. MLS students share CHFA's goals to strengthen Colorado's future workforce, advance equity and access to education, and promote leadership in the nonprofit sector. The scholarship will support leaders who work toward the betterment of their communities and respect CHFA's mission to strengthen Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development.

Yenyfer Antunez

Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

Alfredo Bitsoi

Exploratory Studies

Jasmine Fabela Sanchez

Accounting, Finance

Casandra Garcia Vega

International Affairs, Political Science

Heaven Harrigfeld-Chacon

Environmental Studies

Nathaniel Lee

Sociology

Japhia Long

International Affairs

Andrea Lopez Lopez

Sociology, Spanish

Gabriela Mejia

Cinema Studies & Moving Image Arts, Ethnic Studies

Laura Miller

Sociology

Sujei Perla Martinez

Strategic Communication

Alexia Renteria

Psychology

Abigail Sifuentes

Ethnic Studies

Nicolas Tamayo

French, Journalism

Undergraduate Scholarships

Anthony & Judith Cuzzucoli Scholarship

Christopher Cuzzucoli established this scholarship in 1999 as a tribute to his parents who have devoted their lives to teaching. Judith was an elementary school teacher who tutored children with special educational needs for 15 years. Anthony was a high school teacher for over 30 years and was recognized as one of the top teachers in his district. This scholarship is intended to provide the opportunity and financial encouragement for a new generation of teachers to follow in the Cuzzucoli family's footsteps. Eligible students must be enrolled in the School of Education and pursuing teacher licensure with a strong desire to teach.

Samira Ordaz

Elementary Education

DiStefano Family Endowed Scholarship

CU Boulder Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano, his wife, Yvonne, and their family established this scholarship in 2012 to provide an annual award to first-generation college students in their student-teaching semester, especially those who are majoring in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) field. The inaugural scholarship awarded in 2014 marked DiStefano's 40-year CU Boulder career, which began in the School of Education where he served as professor and dean. As first-generation college graduates and former teachers, both Phil and Yvonne understand the value of educational opportunity and the importance of supporting future teachers.

Sierra Cowher

Elementary Education

DiStefano Honor Scholarship

In 1995, a student group called the Teacher Education Association established a scholarship fund to support education students during their student teaching semester. The scholarship was renamed in 1996 to recognize the contributions of CU Boulder Chancellor Philip P. DiStefano, former professor and dean of the School of Education.

Emily Gillette

Elementary Education

Jessica Valadez Fraire

Elementary Education

Jacqueline Frischknecht Endowed Scholarship

Dr. Jacqueline Frischknecht established this scholarship for teacher licensure candidates who are in their student-teaching semester. She was an alumna of CU Boulder and a life-long learner and teacher. Dr. Frischknecht had a strong belief in the power of education to enhance people's lives.

Amelie Rodriguez

Elementary Education

Grieder Scholarship

The Grieder Scholarship in Education was established in 1993 by Calvin (Cal) and Florence (Flo) Grieder. Calvin was a professor of education at CU Boulder from 1940 to 1972 and served as acting dean for both the School of Education and the Graduate School. He was awarded the Stearns Award for extraordinary service to the university before he passed away in 1994. Flo served the Boulder community for many years as a member of the Boulder Valley School Board, the Colorado Mental Health Association Board, and as president of the Faculty Women's Club. Both Cal and Flo were very committed to the school's mission of democracy, diversity, and social justice and created this scholarship to provide support to education students.

John Serna

Leadership and Community Engagement

David & Margaret Grohne Education Scholarship

David and Margaret Grohne are both alumni of the University of Colorado. David majored in civil engineering and Margaret majored in elementary education. They came to CU Boulder as out-of-state students from Illinois and so valued their experience at CU that they established two scholarships in 2002 to provide tuition for out-of-state students in Engineering and Education. Eligible students have volunteer experience and leadership potential and have the goal of becoming teachers.

Madison Buchanan

Elementary Education

MacKenzie Dean

Secondary Science Teacher Licensure, Astronomy

Sofia Kantola

Elementary Education

Samantha Klein

Elementary Education

Bree Serenco

Elementary Education

Undergraduate Scholarships

Lillian Gutierrez Scholarship

In 1990, then-Congressman David Skaggs created an endowment in honor of Lillian Gutierrez with the purpose of supporting students in the teacher education program. Gutierrez, a native Coloradan, is recognized as one of the leading Hispanic educators in the State of Colorado. Her life and career exemplify courage, discipline, and self-improvement. Eligible students have a desire to work with people of diverse cultural and economic backgrounds.

Charity Luce

Elementary Education

Analise Schultz

Elementary Education

ACS-Hach Scientific Foundation Chemistry Teaching Scholarship

Deeply devoted to chemistry, Clifford and Kitty Hach established the Hach Scientific Foundation in 1982 to encourage students to pursue chemistry. In 2009, the American Chemical Society (ACS) began administering the Hach scholarships with the same spirit and tradition Clifford and Kitty inspired. Eligible students must be a chemistry or biochemistry major and be enrolled in a secondary science teacher education program. Students majoring in physics or biology with sufficient chemistry preparation to be a chemistry teacher may also apply.

Katie Flecca

Secondary Science Teacher Licensure, Chemistry

Dontae Montemayor

Secondary Science Teacher Licensure, Chemistry

Carol F. Holzer Scholarship Fund

Carol Holzer was a Colorado native and received her education degree in 1953. She was a first grade teacher in Aurora for 25 years until she retired in 1980. Carol established this scholarship in an effort to encourage students who wish to teach at the primary level.

Emily Gillette

Elementary Education

Hubert L. “Hooks” Jones Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Endowed Scholarship

Together with the Hubert L. “Hooks” Jones Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. the CU Boulder School of Education established a scholarship in 2017 to support enrolled education students who are inspired to continue the Tuskegee Airmen legacy. In honor of the African American men and women who served our country with distinction during World War II, this scholarship awards students aspiring to work in and teach students from underrepresented communities with a preference for incoming first-years from Colorado high schools.

John Serna

Leadership and Community Engagement

New Teacher Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Beth Anderson, PhD, to provide scholarships to teacher education candidates in the School of Education during their student-teaching semester. The donor wishes to support first-generation college students, students with demonstrated financial need, and those in good academic standing.

Natalia Garayoa de la Maza

Elementary Education

Charles and Mildred Nilon Endowed Teacher Education Scholarship

Established in 2016, this scholarship honors two beloved members of the Boulder community, Charles and Mildred Nilon. Professor Emeritus Charles Nilon (1916-1991) joined the English Department in 1956 as the university’s first Black faculty member. Professor Nilon worked passionately alongside his wife, Mildred (1920-2017) to make CU more equitable and inclusive. Among many important contributions, he spearheaded and chaired the university’s first Black Studies program. Mildred became CU’s first Black librarian in 1962. She also served as head of the Reference Department and the Assistant Director for Public Services. Scholarship students are enrolled in the School of Education, pursuing their teaching licensure and committed to advancing educational opportunities in under-resourced schools, especially those that serve African American communities.

Xavier Moore

Elementary Education

Undergraduate Scholarships

Steve Ollanik Endowed Scholarship Fund for Teachers

This scholarship was established with a gift by Steve Ollanik to assist the School of Education students during their student-teaching semester. Steve was a software engineer when he decided to pursue his teaching certificate at the CU Boulder in 1996. He then earned his Master's degree in Education in 2000. He is a retired teacher at Columbine Elementary School in Boulder where he taught for more than 20 years. He currently serves on the School of Education Development Advisory Board. Eligible students should be committed to working in schools with a high percentage of low-income students or schools that have a high percentage of bilingual or multilingual students.

Natalia Garayoa de la Maza

Elementary Education

Katinka Ponce Clough Elementary Spanish Teaching Scholarship

This scholarship, created in 2015, is named in honor of Silvia Katinka Ponce Gallegos de Clough, who had a passion for both Spanish language and teaching. She believed that Spanish should be part of every elementary school curriculum. In 1972, with other Boulder community members, Silvia started the Elementary Spanish Program, which helped students gain early access to Spanish for over 40 years. Eligible students have a commitment to teaching in a bilingual program/school or to teaching Spanish to elementary-aged children.

Cristal Mendoza

Elementary Education, Sociology

Virginia L. Sakala Memorial Scholarship

Virginia Lynn Sakala was a native Coloradan who graduated with degrees in French and Spanish in hopes of teaching at the high school level. Due to financial constraints, she delayed her teaching certificate and subsequently sought out a degree in international accounting, before her tragic death. Her devotion to education and her desire to teach always remained alive. It is the hope of family and friends that this scholarship, established in 1995, will help others with the same financial needs and strong desire to teach.

Hailey Schroeder

Elementary Education, English

Martha Reilly Smith Education Scholarship

This scholarship was established by alumna Martha Reilly Smith and her husband Scott Smith in 2003 to provide support for undergraduate and graduate students in the School of Education. Martha graduated from the School of Education in 1972, received her Master's in Education from National Louis University, and taught English as a Second Language to adult immigrants at a Chicago area community college. The Smith family's commitment to student success made this scholarship possible.

Emily Downing

Elementary Education

School of Education Special Tutorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by an anonymous donor in 1986 to provide both financial support to a CU Boulder student pursuing teacher certification and to provide tutorial support for a low-income public-school student in the Denver Metro area. Eligible students must agree to provide an average of 3 hours of tutoring each week throughout the academic year to a public-school student chosen by the School of Education in cooperation with Denver Public Schools.

Isabel Ramos

Elementary Education

Scholarship for Opportunities Endowed Fund

This fund, established by Dean Kathy Schultz and David Paul in May of 2017, provides scholarship awards for undocumented students enrolled in the School of Education who are not eligible to receive federal or state financial aid. They set up the scholarship when they noticed the hardships and inequities undocumented students faced because so many avenues for funding their education were not available to them. The scholarship is open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

Abdel Hamid

Elementary Education

Undergraduate Scholarships

Lorrie Shepard Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the CU Boulder community to honor Distinguished Professor and Dean Emerita Lorrie Shepard. In her 40+ years on the faculty, and 15 years as dean, Professor Shepard championed the critical importance of public education and strong teachers to ensure a more equitable and socially just world. This scholarship is used to recruit an accomplished and dedicated candidate into teaching. Preference is given to those committed to working with under-served students, especially in rural and urban communities, bilingual candidates, students of color, and/or first-generation college students.

Jessica Vallejo

Elementary Education

Rosellen E. Siegel Scholarship

Paul E. Siegel established this memorial scholarship in 1996 to honor his wife, Rosellen. Both Paul and Rosellen were devoted to Colorado. Rosellen taught sixth grade while completing her master's degree in 1950. After she graduated she became a remedial reading teacher and focused the majority of her career in this field, retiring in 1984 after 38 years of teaching. Eligible students must be enrolled in the School of Education and pursuing elementary education.

Sianni Vasquez

Elementary Education

Emery and Evelyn Stoops Scholarship Fund

The Stoops Scholarship was established in 1978 by Dr. Emery Stoops, professor emeritus at the University of Southern California, in memory of Evelyn Fitzsimmons Stoops, a former student at the University of Colorado. Awards are given to academically and professionally meritorious students regardless of specialization, sex or ethnic background. Eligible students are enrolled in teacher education programs.

Allison Bosworth

Secondary Social Studies Teacher Licensure, History

Student Teaching Scholarship

The Student Teaching Scholarship Fund was established by the School of Education in 2013 to help support teacher licensure students during their student-teaching semester. Students spend a minimum of sixteen weeks working often over forty hours per week in their assigned classrooms. This is a full-time position, which makes it very difficult to hold another job. This scholarship alleviates some of the financial burden of working without pay while still funding 12 credit hours.

Marilyn Mondragon

Secondary Spanish Teacher Licensure, Spanish

Amelie Rodriguez

Elementary Education

Carolyn L. and James R. Topping Endowed Scholarship

CU Boulder alumna Carolyn Topping and husband James Topping established this scholarship in 2015 with a preference for first-generation college students from Colorado. Carolyn served nearly 25 years in education as a teacher, a principal and an active volunteer. This scholarship provides support to currently enrolled undergraduates in the Elementary Education teacher program at the CU Boulder School of Education.

Isabel Ramos

Elementary Education

Fayne I. and Edward E. Weant Scholarship

Fayne and Edward Weant established this scholarship fund after attending their 50th Reunion Celebration at CU in 1998. Fayne was a teacher and Edward was from a family of educators. They both believe strongly in public school education and that students who wish to become teachers deserve financial support. Preference is given to students from rural communities in the Midwest.

Robert Draughon

Secondary Social Studies Teacher Licensure, Economics, History

Amy Labontu

Elementary Education, Communication

Undergraduate Scholarships

Charlotte Spengler Westfall Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Ralph Westfall in 2014 to honor his wife, Charlotte. Charlotte graduated from the School of Education in 1939 and taught for many years in Evanston, IL. Because Charlotte particularly enjoyed working with students who had learning and reading challenges, it is the Westfall family's desire that this scholarship will be awarded for up to two years to teacher licensure candidates who have a desire to work with children who have learning disabilities.

Arianna Alvarado

Elementary Education

Alex Carl

Elementary Education

Elizabeth Anne Wilson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1965 by Eugene and Jane Wilson in loving memory of their daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Wilson. Supported by Betsy's family, this award provides scholarships for Elementary Education students at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Ashley Kim

Elementary Education

Katy Murphy

Elementary Education

Noah Ren

Elementary Education

Dorcas Diana Wolf Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dorcas Diana Wolf in 1995 to benefit future elementary education teachers. Wolf earned her Master's degree in education from CU in 1945. For four years, she taught elementary students in grades first through eighth in a one-room schoolhouse. Thereafter she taught first through third grades, with second grade being her favorite, for a total of 42 years.

Rosie Morrison

Elementary Education

Shelby Anne Wolf Flatirons Fund

This scholarship honors the legacy of Shelby Anne Wolf, a much beloved and celebrated professor in Literacy Studies in the School of Education. Shelby's dramatic, impassioned presentations inspired prospective and practicing teachers to improve their craft. She enacted a vision of what is possible and desirable in our classrooms. This scholarship supports first-generation university students with the goal that they will weave literature, drama, and the arts in their future classrooms as Shelby had envisioned.

Josie Metcalfe

Elementary Education

Graduate Scholarships

A Queer Endeavor Kelley Therese Wylder Anderson Scholarship

This scholarship was created in memory of Kelley Therese Wylder Anderson. At 26, Anderson lost her battle with bipolar disorder and alcohol addiction, but she did not leave before making an extraordinary impact. Anderson worked with campus and community organizations like Safehouse Progressive Alliance for Nonviolence, Moving to End Sexual Assault, Youth Global Leaders, A Queer Endeavor and INVST Community Studies. This scholarship supports students who share her spirit, passion and commitments to justice and education.

Noelia Salazar Acosta

MA in Educational Foundations, Policy & Practice, International Affairs

Ceal Barry Education Scholarship

Dr. Joanne Arnold (1930-2013), professor emerita of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, established the Ceal Barry Education Scholarship in 1993 for students pursuing a graduate degree in bilingual or special education. Dean of the Journalism School, Joanne was an avid women's basketball fan, who regularly attended the women's games and also assisted the coaches on weekends, recruiting top high school prospects in her office in Macky Auditorium. Arnold named this scholarship after Ceal Barry, who was the head women's basketball coach from 1983 to 2005. She felt that Coach Barry was the quintessential teacher and had a commitment to academics that was expected from the university's head coaches.

Revaline Nez

PhD in Equity, Bilingualism, and Biliteracy

Edythe V. Billingslea Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1991 through Edythe Billingslea's estate to provide need-based support to graduate students in the School of Education. Edythe was born in 1908 and graduated from the CU Boulder College of Arts & Sciences in 1934. Eligible students must currently be enrolled in a Master's or PhD program at the School of Education.

Noelia Salazar Acosta

MA in Educational Foundations, Policy & Practice, International Affairs

Helen Yoseph

MA in Educational Foundations, Policy & Practice

Judy Carol Crites Herron Scholarship

David Lee Herron, a distinguished education alumnus, created the Judy Carol Crites Herron Scholarship in 1989 in loving memory of his late wife, also an education major. Judy graduated in 1969, the same year she married Lee and went on to raise three children. Two of her greatest loves were the state of Colorado and CU. This scholarship supports students who intend to pursue a career in secondary education, especially those focusing on social studies or English education.

Morgan Rains

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Marcus Williams

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Luke Dunivant Scholarship

The Luke Dunivant Scholarship Fund was established in loving memory of Luke Dunivant with the purpose of honoring his love of education. Luke earned his Bachelor's of Art in History from College of the Holy Cross and then received his MA in Education from CU Boulder in 2000. He taught history and psychology at Arvada West High School. Luke always had the courage to follow his convictions and choose a profession that he knew would make a difference.

Devan Herbert

MA in Curriculum & Instruction, Secondary Social Studies Teacher Licensure

Michael Gendron Scholarship Fund

In loving memory of Michael Gendron, this fellowship was established in 1994 by his friends and family. Mike earned his BA in Economics (1980) and teaching license (1987) from CU Boulder. His passion for teaching middle schoolers in Boulder and Northern Colorado had a positive impact on many students. A cherished son, brother, friend, educator, musician and photographer, Mike's love for travel, mountain rides in Boulder and Italy, and his remarkable sense of humor live on through this memorial fellowship.

Lindsey Weinstein

MA in Higher Education

Graduate Scholarships

Clifford Houston Scholarship

Professor Emeritus Clifford Houston established this scholarship in 1984 to assist graduate students in the completion of their degree. Houston dedicated himself to educating others and to foster attitudes of self-worth in each student. Eligible students must be graduate degree candidates enrolled in the School of Education who are pursuing counseling, human services and educational psychology.

Ashieda McKoy

PhD in Teacher Learning, Research & Practice

Kelley Family Endowed Teacher Opportunity Scholarship Fund

Established by Linda Molner Kelley and Tom Kelley and inspired by the Schools of Opportunity project, this scholarship seeks to support the careers of equity-minded secondary teachers or teacher candidates who are dedicated to providing rich, culturally relevant learning opportunities for diverse students in inclusive public school settings. Linda is a former Denver high school teacher and Director of Teacher Education and Partnerships with strong allegiances to teacher support and development.

Marc Ramsey

PhD in Education Foundations, Policies & Practice

Professor Janette Kettmann Klingner Doctoral Fellowship

This fellowship honors Janette Kettmann Klingner, a beloved longtime Professor of Bilingual/Special Education. Klingner devoted her distinguished career to the field of bilingual special education and her name is recognized in the field as one of the premier researchers and advocates. The Kettmann family created this memorial fellowship in 2014 to support doctoral candidates in the completion of their dissertations.

Lydia Sollenberger

PhD in Equity, Bilingualism and Biliteracy

Alice Marine Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by William and Susan Marine in 2009 in memory of their daughter, Alice, who passed away tragically before her 25th birthday. She loved people, especially children, traveled widely and valued diversity. The scholarship recognizes the crucial role teachers play in educating the whole child. It is awarded to a Colorado native who has demonstrated both leadership and creativity. Eligible students must be MA students in the School of Education whose goal is to be a classroom teacher.

Hannah Bachus

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Carol Robinson Reynolds & Charles L. Reynolds Scholarship

Carol and Charles Reynolds formed this scholarship in 2007. Carol is a CU alumna, earning her BA in Math in 1958, her MA in Guidance and Counseling in 1968, and her Doctorate in Education in School Administration in 1978. She served as a teacher, counselor, junior and senior high school principal, and held various central administrative positions in her 29-year career with the Denver Public Schools. Charles Reynolds retired from the United States Air Force in 1970. He earned a BS at Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1980 and an MBA at Regis University in Denver in 1987.

Angalen Bland

MA in Learning Sciences and Human Development

Lindsey Weinstein

MA in Higher Education

Miramontes Doctoral Fellowship

Ofelia Miramontes was Professor in the School of Education, a bilingual education scholar, and the first Associate Vice Chancellor of Diversity for CU Boulder. Her husband, Bill Barclay, established this memorial scholarship in 2007 to provide annual support for up to three new doctoral students. In her time at CU Boulder, Ofelia created the CU LEAD Alliance, established an undergraduate scholarship program for first-generation college students and students of color, published three books, wrote numerous articles, and lectured around the world. As a teacher, she adeptly instructed children, adults, and her colleagues. She was a vital force for educational equity and cultural diversity. The Miramontes Scholars Fellowship Program honors Ofelia's life and continues her legacy.

Catalina Arboleda Hernández
Jackie Bristol
Stephany Cáceres Mateo
Jessica Flores
Kachine Kulick
Derek Lefebre
Victor Leos

Ashieda McKoy
Kelly Mitchell
Revaline Nez
Jennifer Pacheco
Adria Padilla-Chávez
Marlene Palomar
Nelia Peña

Medjy Pierre-Louis
Joshua Prudhomme
Page Regan
Maria Ruiz Martinez
Ashley Scroggins
Karla Trujillo
Maria Vielma

Graduate Scholarships

Moody-Funston Endowed Science Scholarship

John Alexander and Suzanne Funston Moody have long been interested in science and education, and support aspiring teachers through this scholarship. After teaching high school, John has worked as a research hydrologist studying rivers and post-wildfire erosion response. A former librarian, Suzanne works as the special needs coordinator for Head Start. Their scholarship aims to support teachers who spread energy and enthusiasm to their students.

Adam Spicer

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Pearl McPherson Spencer Scholarship

The Pearl McPherson Spencer Scholarship was established in 2003 by her daughter, Thelma Spencer, in honor of her mother's love of education. Pearl firmly believed that literacy was a gift from God and that teaching was a noble profession. She died at the age of 91 in 1991. Thelma, a retired education consultant and close friend of the school, received her Doctorate in Education from CU Boulder in 1972.

Chelsea Kent

PhD in Literacy Studies

Women Investing in the School of Education (WISE) Scholarship

The WISE giving circle is comprised of individuals who support the core values of the CU Boulder School of Education and believe in the power of education to change lives. This scholarship, established in 2018, extends their support from faculty proposals to students. Scholarship recipients will vary depending on the greatest needs of the school in any given year.

Daria Eisner

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Megan Gonzales

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Zola Family Endowed Scholarship for Social Studies Teachers

John and Jaye Zola, retired secondary social studies teachers and instructors in the School of Education, established this scholarship in 2007 to support future secondary social studies teachers during their student teaching experience. They wish to support student teacher candidates who show a commitment to creating positive, culturally responsive relationships with students, a focus on actively engaging students in learning, and an understanding of the democratic purposes of schools.

Morgan Rains

MA in Curriculum & Instruction

Cohort Scholarships

The following scholarships are offered in partnership with other units across campus to support programs and students in the School of Education. Students often study together as part of a learning community and cohort.

Education Diversity Scholars

The Education Diversity Scholars, or EDS, scholarships are awarded to students who are supportive of educational diversity and leadership on the CU Boulder campus. Funded by the CU LEAD Alliance and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (ODECE), EDS scholarship recipients participate in programs that promote academic excellence as well as personal and professional success, in a supportive, multicultural community of students, staff, and faculty. Students who receive EDS scholarships are expected to participate in leadership opportunities through the School of Education, support their educational peers and participate in education seminars.

Daniela Castaneda

Yekcel Martinez

Nhi Tran

Multicultural Leadership Scholars

The Multicultural Leadership Scholars (MLS) program is for highly motivated students who want to study leadership from a multicultural perspective. Funded by the CU LEAD Alliance and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement (ODECE), MLS students take eight credits as part of their first-year experience and have an interest in continuing their leadership studies throughout their CU Boulder education. MLS is both a four-year academic pathway and a scholars' community designed to promote leadership, excellence, achievement and diversity and is committed to supporting students in developing culturally competent leadership practices that will positively impact our world.

Vianney Aguilar

Ushmi Akruwala

Yenyfer Antunez

Melisa Arellano Ramirez

Alfredo Bitsoi

Deztine Carter

Jesus Chavez

Maya Contreras

Lizette Duran Valderrama

Veronica Estrada

Jasmine Fabela Sanchez

Celeste Garcia Chavez

Cassandra Garcia Vega

Lidiya Haile

Heaven Harrigfeld Chacon

Marissa Khan

Nathaniel Lee

Japhia Long

Andrea Lopez Lopez

Alan Martinez Ibarra

Gabriela Mejia

Laura Miller

Asmaa Nadir

Layla Borja Najera

Shakti Ganesh Pandian

Sujei Perla Martinez

Alexia Renteria

Jaeda Rodriguez

Abigail Sifuentes

Nic Tamayo

Noyce Teacher Scholarship

The Noyce Scholarship is an award supported through a collaborative National Science Foundation (NSF) funded project that focuses on recruiting and retaining new teachers in K-12 Math, Science, and Engineering. Each awardee receives up to \$10,000 per year as they complete their teaching licensure in math or science. Undergraduate awardees are also pursuing a Bachelor's degree in a math or science discipline. Many Noyce Scholar recipients have worked as Undergraduate Learning Assistants (LAs), who are hired to help transform CU Boulder's large-enrollment undergraduate mathematics and science courses to be more student-centered and interactive. This collaborative NSF project also provides funding for LAs at Front Range Community College with the goal of supporting them as they transfer to CU Boulder and (for some) decide to pursue K-12 math and science teaching. Noyce Scholars engage in a professional learning community, which continues as they enter their first years of teaching in high-needs school districts.

Jonathan Arellano
Jackson Avery

Golda Harris
Evelyn Indge

Megan Marina

Harry L. & Eva J. Puksta Memorial Scholarship

Founded in 2001 and named after Harry and Eva Puksta, the Puksta Foundation provides scholarships, mentorship and experiential community engagement training for undergraduate Colorado students. Each year, students are awarded the Puksta Scholarship with the explicit purpose to serve as catalysts for positive change on campus, or in our local, national or international communities. Puksta Scholars are selected based on their interest in developing civic skills, ability to critically reflect on their identity and life experiences as they relate to community and social responsibility, ability to translate personal and democratic values into action, the value of diversity and difference, and interest in connecting their academic learning and future careers to the common good.

Jusiah Alarcon
Anahi Alvarez
Mariajose Baca
Fernanda Maria Cerros

Tim Chavez
Jose Gutierrez
Nina Patterson
Jacqueline Reyes Herrera

Anahi Sarmiento Garcia
Cristal de la Torres

Stribic-Martin Scholarship

This scholarship was created in 1990 by Professor Emerita Dorothy Martin to provide scholarships for CU Boulder students pursuing math or science through secondary teacher licensure in Education or Arts & Sciences. Martin was a faculty member in the Department of Psychology from 1938 to 1992. She established this fund to honor her friend, Frances Stribic, who taught mathematics on campus from 1928 to 1965.

MacKenzie Dean

Scholarships for Future Students

Donors enjoy providing support for students in perpetuity through current gifts and gifts in their will. The School of Education is especially appreciative of the following current and developing scholarships that will provide lasting support for our school and future students.

Carl and Judy Capozzola Endowed Scholarship Fund

Leona Hoover Laut Scholarship

Mileidis Gort and Jeffrey J. Bloomquist Endowed Scholarship Fund

Diana King Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund

Dr. Terry James Larsen Endowed Doctoral Education Fellowship Fund

Los Seis Memorial Scholarship Fund

Marcia and William Martin Endowed Scholarship Fund

Elizabeth J. Meyer Endowed Scholarship Fund for Queer Pedagogy

James Downton Community Leadership Scholarship

Janet Orton “J” Endowed Scholarship Award

Jeanette L. Dooley Scholarship

John and Katherine Rosenbloom Support Fund

Catherine and Robert Salerno Endowed Education Scholarship Fund

Sawyer-Ratliff Scholarship Fund

School of Education JEDI Student Success Scholarship Fund

Suzanne Wegener Soled Endowed Scholarship

Floy Senior Scholarship Fund

Katherine and Mark Young Scholarship Fund in Education

Thank you!



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