RIVERSIDE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
FOUNDATION

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS IN LEARNING AND IN LIFE

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2018
On behalf of the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation, I would like to welcome you tonight to our Annual Sponsor Recognition event. The purpose of this important event is to honor and recognize the sponsors and Foundation donors that give so generously to our student scholarship program. This year, we awarded $87,500 to 35 high school students that met significant scholarship requirements and are currently enrolled with colleges and universities pursuing their educational goals.

The Mission of the Foundation is to “build bridges for disadvantaged students throughout Riverside County to find opportunities for success in Learning and in Life.” By fulfilling this mission, we envision a county unified in enabling all students to reach their full potential and find career success regardless of their life circumstances, limited family resources, or past life choices.

We are honored to have some of these deserving student scholars here tonight to share with us their gratitude for receiving these scholarship funds that are vital in assisting them in their pursuit of advanced educational goals and objectives.

I want to personally thank you for attending this important Foundation event. With the ongoing support and commitment of sponsors, donors, and the community at large, we hope to expand our scholarship program to provide even more funding for deserving disadvantaged students in Riverside County.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Binkley. RCOE Foundation Chair
President/CEO
Altura Credit Union
OUR STUDENTS

The Riverside County Office of Education provides direct services to a unique student population. We serve students in Career Technical Education; Child Development; Court and Community Schools; Early Head Start and Head Start; Foster Youth and Homeless programs; Migrant Education and Migrant Head Start; Preschool program; and Special Education for the Severely Handicapped. Students in RCOE programs often face multiple obstacles. Many of these “opportunity youth” lack the guidance, financial support, role models, skill, and opportunities for employment. Through scholarships and support we seek to:

- BRIDGE SERVICES FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
- SUPPORT PROMISING STUDENTS BY HELPING TO REMOVE FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO HIGHER EDUCATION
- CONNECT STUDENTS TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING

KENNEDY FRANCIS attending UC Santa Barbara
RCOE Foundation Scholar – 2018
I was honored to be selected as a recipient of the RCOE Foundation Scholarship. I am the first in my family to attend college, and thanks to your generosity and support I can concentrate on my studies without concern for how I will fund my educational journey.

SIMON MOORE attending UCLA
RCOE Foundation Scholar – 2018
Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for this scholarship award; I promise the impact this foundation has on the students they award will be substantial when educated individuals graduate from college and into the world to change it for the better, thanks to the RCOE Foundation and the generous individuals that made this scholarship possible.

SONIA SINGH attending UC San Diego
RCOE Foundation Scholar – 2018
I would like to thank the RCOE Foundation for awarding me this scholarship. It has boosted my confidence, helping me realize that I have the initiative to get closer to my career goals in the field of biomedical engineering. The RCOE Foundation has motivated me to complete my schooling, and continue on to graduate school. I hope to carry on this legacy of giving by giving back to my community in the future.

ALLISON WEAVER attending Cal Baptist University
RCOE Foundation Scholar – 2018
I would like to thank the RCOE Foundation for selecting me as a scholarship recipient. This scholarship has helped me tremendously in my freshman year of college. I am studying English in the hopes of being a future educator. It has meant the absolute world to me that I was chosen among many.

KIEREN RITTER attending UC Riverside
RCOE Foundation Scholar – 2018
I would like to thank this amazing Foundation for awarding me a scholarship! I was able to put money towards my tuition, buy my own textbooks, and even purchase a scooter to get round campus. It has given me the opportunity to attend a wonderful university and focus on my studies, rather than worrying about expenses.

2018 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Our growing economy is creating a demand for qualified workers, producing an increasing skills gap. The gap is particularly acute for employers in high-growth, high-wage industries with a need for mid-skilled workers such as healthcare, trucking, utilities, and construction. Estimates are that 91% of those mid-skilled jobs require an associate’s degree or higher, a level of education that only 28% of the region’s population has achieved. So, if our students can overcome the obstacles to education and training, opportunities will await them. That’s why providing support like the RCOE Foundation Scholars program is critical to the future success of our students and in securing the economic vibrancy of Riverside County.
OUR INITIATIVE: THE RCOE FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Through the help of generous donors, the foundation is able to provide scholarships and other support for RCOE students to pursue higher education, technical training, and career opportunities.

- **CONNECT**
  Students to education and training

- **BRIDGE**
  Services for those with special needs

- **SUPPORT**
  Assisting students overcome financial barriers to higher education

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE...
5 Ways We Impact our Community

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

We provide financial assistance to RCOE students and their families to enable the pursuit of higher education, technical training, and opportunities for gainful employment.

ACCESS TO RESOURCES

We link students to a network of community support and connect them to resources and other organizations to help them reach their full potential.
EMPLOYMENT SKILLS
We provide avenues for underserved and disadvantaged students to find career success by providing work experience and mentors for job skills.

PARENT ENGAGEMENT
We provide parents with concrete tools and resources to support and work with teachers to enhance their children’s learning at home and prepare their children for college as early as preschool.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
We encourage stakeholders to join a larger network that works together to increase opportunities for students and strengthens our community.
Fundraising events like the annual RCOE Foundation Family Fun Run–Walk and Golf Tournament are aimed at raising funds to support and benefit Riverside County students who need assistance in developing critical job skills necessary for successful careers. For the past two years, all event proceeds have gone to the support of the RCOE Foundation Scholars program to support Riverside County students and help them continue their education beyond high school. Whether you participate in the Fun Run, play in the Golf Tournament, attend the banquet, or simply make a donation, you will make a definite and immediate impact in providing avenues for disadvantaged students to become successful in life.
This list honors the donors and friends of the Riverside County Office of Education who offered financial support during the 2017-2018 calendar years. Some donors have elected to remain anonymous and personal identification will not be disclosed.
MEET OUR BOARD AND STAFF

Please ask us how you can become involved! You can participate in providing avenues for disadvantaged students to find success in learning and in life.

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Sponsor one or more of our upcoming events

Volunteer your time and talent

Attend an event

PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TODAY!

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THANK YOU!

We would like to give thanks to our thoughtful and committed sponsors and donors that have made the work of the Riverside County Office of Education Foundation possible. Donations from generous people like you help us in continuing our mission to help disadvantaged students throughout Riverside County.

We want every student to have the skills and knowledge they need to have the best opportunity to experience a high quality of life in their future. Your financial support for the last few years has enabled us to provide additional resources to disadvantaged students, helping them overcome the financial barriers of attending college. We strive to make a difference in the lives of students with the donations from people like you who become partners in our endeavor.

Thank you, once again, for your support of our programs and our youth. We look forward to our continued partnership.

OUR MISSION

We build bridges for disadvantaged students throughout Riverside County to find opportunities for success in learning and in life. We seek to accomplish this by filling unmet needs through evidence-based initiatives complementing the work of the Riverside County Office of Education and by leading the community in developing collaborative solutions to complex challenges.

OUR VISION

We envision a county united in enabling all students to fulfill their potential and find career success regardless of their life circumstances, family resources, or past choices.