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**17 STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS BY THE WEST CONTRA COSTA PUBLIC
EDUCATION FUND**

The West Contra Costa Public Education Fund (Ed Fund) has announced the winners of their scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Overall, 17 students were awarded with funds to help them jumpstart their college career – a significant increase from the 10 scholarships awarded in 2021.

This year, the Ed Fund awarded \$15,500 through four scholarships offered, which included: The Freggarrio Family Scholarship, the Schroeder Family Foundation Scholarship, the Contra Costa Chorale Vocal Music Studies Scholarship, and the African American Scholarship. Scholarships awarded ranged from \$500-\$2000.

“Coming from a marginalized community, this scholarship holds a lot of meaning to me as I feared not being able to afford higher education,” said Karinna Mascorro, a recipient of the Freggarrio Family Scholarship and a senior at Richmond High School. “I’ve seen it happen with my peers and I worked hard to ensure I wouldn’t face the same issue.”

A portion of the scholarship funds this year came from a match campaign for the Ed Fund’s African American Scholarship. The funds raised helped award an additional two \$1,000 scholarships for Black students in WCCUSD – which brought the total amount of scholarships to six.

This year’s Ed Fund scholars include graduating seniors from Richmond High School, El Cerrito High School, De Anza High School, Hercules High School, and Pinole Valley High School. For a full list of this year’s scholars, visit edfundwest.org/what-we-do/scholarships.

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The West Contra Costa Education Fund (Ed Fund) mobilizes resources for students of the WCCUSD and aligns the efforts of our partners to ensure that all students succeed in college, career, and life. For more information, visit edfundwest.org.