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## BAY EAST REALTORS® FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2025 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Pleasanton, California – (June 20, 2025) - The Bay East Association of REALTORS® Foundation, a 501©3 nonprofit organization, recently announced their 2025 educational scholarship recipients. 12 East Bay students were awarded a total of \$24,000 for the 2025-2026 school year:

- Alexander Guzman, Los Medanos College
- Avery Reynolds, U.C. Berkeley
- Daniel Zepeda, U.C. San Diego
- Eric Choi, U.C. Irvine
- Fiorella Cordova, U.C. Davis
- Hillary Khuu, U.C. Berkeley
- Joshua Tesorero, U.C. Davis
- Katie Ho, U.C. Berkeley
- Kristin Francisco, U.C. Irvine
- Max Wen, Carnegie Mellon
- Michaela Ledon, University of Utah
- Michelle Wong, U.C. Berkeley

"The students we support through the Foundation have demonstrated incredible drive and a commitment to building brighter futures for themselves and we are honored to invest in their potential," said Lupe Del Castillo Foundation President. "We want to help open doors through education, and these scholarships are one way we help empower the next generation of leaders to achieve their dreams."

The Foundation was established in 1978 to provide financial support for education and charitable needs in Alameda County and Contra Costa County. Since launching the scholarship program in 2015, the Foundation has awarded approximately \$200,000 in scholarships and grants to more than 100 students pursuing higher education.

"The support from the Bay East Foundation means so much to me because it allows me to participate in additional activities and continue my passions for teaching and helping give back to my community while being in school," said 2025 scholarship recipient Hillary Khuu of San Pablo.

2025 scholarship recipient from Livermore, Michaela Ledon said "I have always tried to pay back to the Livermore community for everything they've done for me, whether it's academia, sports, or community, so it was really amazing to get a scholarship from an organization that has the same morals and core values."

Scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 school year will be available starting March 1, 2026. The opportunity is open to any student with a minimum GPA of 3.25 whose primary residence is in Alameda County or Contra Costa County, and who currently attends or has been accepted at a qualifying educational institution for the upcoming school year. To learn more about the Bay East Foundation scholarship program, visit <a href="https://www.bayeast.org/bay-east-foundation/">www.bayeast.org/bay-east-foundation/</a>.

The Foundation currently has openings for new trustees and welcomes interest from community residents, business owners, and civic leaders in Alameda County and Contra Costa County who value education and community involvement. To learn more about joining the Foundation, contact Jake Massie at <a href="mailto:jakem@bayeast.org">jakem@bayeast.org</a>

## **About the Bay East Association of REALTORS®**

The Bay East Association of REALTORS® is a professional trade association serving more than 6,000 residential and commercial real estate professionals throughout the San Francisco Bay Area by providing programs and services to enhance their ability to conduct business with integrity and competence. Bay East offers access to the Multiple Listing Service, professional development training, advocacy to protect private property rights, and promotes homeownership and a variety of networking opportunities and events.

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