

2022 SRJC Scholarships for Re-entry Women Recipients

Name, University attending, Major, Job Title of intended Career Goal

Paula Crews, UC Santa Cruz, Sustainable Agriculture, Agroecologist/Botanist

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

After I obtain a degree in Agroecology and Ethnobotany from the UC Santa Cruz. I hope to conduct research to further the field of agroecology and implement better farming practices into law. I hope to build a career around incorporating conservation and habitat preservation in the agricultural system while protecting and restoring populations of pollinator species and North American native flora and specializing in pollinator and flora symbiotic relationships.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

Supported by this grant, I will be able to spend quality time on my studies and skill sets.

Working a fulltime job and taking classes is not only overwhelming but is difficult to retain the information being taught. I am now able to invest the quality time needed into my studies which will benefit my grade average and overall success. I will also be able to get hands on experience with UCSC non-paid internships and other environmental related volunteer programs. I appreciate the support and I am honored to have been selected for your generous scholarship. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.

Jennifer Dy Khaone, Sonoma State University, Communication Studies, Public Relations Rep.

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

I am pursuing my Bachelor degree at Sonoma State University as a communications major in media studies, business analyst, public relations and will continue my education to obtain a Master's degree as well.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

Thank you for the opportunity in helping me further my education, this is truly a blessing and helpful. I'm grateful to have been recognized by your organization and appreciate the support.

Jennifer Jennings, University of Pennsylvania, Computer Studies, UX/UI Designer/Researcher

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

I received acceptance into the University of Pennsylvania. I truly believe my 4.0 GPA and personal journey experience helped gain my admission into this Ivy League school. I was almost in shock that I provided this path for myself with my own actions and self-discipline. My future educational goals are to graduate in Spring 2024 with my Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics and Psychological Science. Santa Rosa Junior College helped make this possible for me, and I am eternally grateful that this school exists to help college students gain momentum in finishing their four-year degree as a transfer student. My career goals are to pursue becoming a Data Engineer in the tech industry here in Silicon Valley. Eventually, I wish to work in the advancing

field of Cybersecurity and help protect large organizations. As a woman in tech, I hope to transform the world in small, but impactful ways.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

Dear SRJC Scholarship Donor, I strongly desired to take the time to truly thank you for your gracious gift. It means so much to me that you not only helped me financially achieve my next goals, but that you also believe in my abilities. When someone believes in me, I feel even more motivated to live up to my full potential in life. I have big dreams of working in the tech industry here in California. It was my initial motivation and vision for moving out here from Ohio. Fast-forward five years, and I have been accepted into an Ivy League university. A lot can happen when you believe in yourself and put all your effort into your dreams. My next journey at the University of Pennsylvania will be rewarding. Thank you so very much! I will surely put this gift to great use! With Extreme Gratitude, Jennifer Marie Jennings

Cleo Lepar, UC Berkeley, Physics, Staff Scientist/Research Professor

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

Now that I am further in my studies, I have started to prepare a career that is research focused, but I also hope to be an inspirational mentor to others. I want to continue the legacy of artful thinkers and explainers of physics, such as Albert Einstein and Richard Feynman and convey the availability of knowledge to others. For reasons related to the cosmological/particle physics research I am interested in, I see myself pursuing a doctorate. In near future, I will be working my way towards an associate professorship or staff scientist position. I wish to continue to be involved with research, as it has definitely spoken to me; I am so excited by what I can bring and achieve on the frontiers of physics. I am in awe that humans can ask nature a question and spend our days puzzling out the answer present in the data she provides.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

I am writing to thank you for your generous awarding of this scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your fellowship. Recognition and encouragement in this way are so instrumental in the success of returning, ambitious students such as myself. In the pursuit of my goal, transferring to one of the top UC campuses as a physics major, many excuses and obstructions appear. Now thanks to you, that path to success has been made that much shorter and smoother. By awarding me the fellowship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspects of my education, and increased my chances of success, with the improving opportunities provided. Your generosity is what encourages me to someday be in the position, myself, to give to those who seek success despite the odds

Candance, Sorensen, UC Berkeley, Psychology, Psychologist

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

At the moment I am focused on finishing my undergraduate degree at Berkeley. I would like to eventually obtain my PhD focused in Developmental Psychology. My goal with education is to be able to help youth and especially kids to get more access to mental health care and peer support. Through my own experiences in life, I know the impact that a single person can have on a young adult. Becoming a practicing Psychologist can help me make an impact on children who have very similar upbringings as a my own.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

I would like to thank this Scholarship donor for your extremely generous scholarship, every cent counts when you do not have financial support and you are helping put a first-generation student through college. The impact is much larger than the money, as many of us are on a mission to help others in the future and so your donation causes a rippling effect. Thank you so much for your donation and I hope to give back when I am in that position later in my career.

Heather Douglas, Sonoma State University, Sociology, Social Researcher

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

I would like to earn my first Bachelor's Degree in Sociology. A new world of ideas and issues is already opening up to me in my classes. I plan to use my personal and professional experiences together with my degree to do work addressing root causes and consequences of domestic and gender-based violence.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

I want to express my deep gratitude to you for your generosity, without which this phase of my education would be impossible. Thank you for helping me continue to rebuild my life. My hope is that I honor this gift in my future career helping give voice to the voiceless.

Ria Briggmann, UC Berkeley, Psychology, Business Psychologist

Future Goals: Briefly describe your future educational and career goals.

After obtaining a BA in Psychology and then an MBA, the ultimate goal is to open a facility that offers affordable mental health counseling.

Personal Acknowledgement to the Scholarship Donor.

This scholarship has been deferred to the next semester at which time her acknowledgement will be received.