

**2023**  
**SOARING EAGLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
**and COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**FOR EAGLES**



***Mission Statement***

*To encourage and support alumni activities,  
as well as student scholarship, achievement, talent, and school pride.*

A Guide for ERHS students, faculty, parents, alumni, and friends

## **PURPOSE OF THIS GUIDE**

To acquaint Eagle Rock students, their teachers, families, friends, and ERHS alumni with the scholarships and other awards that are available each year exclusively for ERHS students.

We believe this information will encourage our students to strive to attain scholarships and thus continue their education beyond high school. Also, we hope that it will encourage members of the Eagle Rock community and alumni to establish new awards and provide support for the scholarship program.

### **ERHS Scholarships and Awards**

Many kinds of scholarships and other financial assistance are available to Eagle Rock students. Federal and State financial assistance and aid provided by outside organizations, colleges, and universities are not described in this guide. Such information can be found in the ERHS College Counselor's Office.

The awards listed here are given only to Eagle Rock High School students. They require students to submit an application. Criteria for each scholarship are included in its description. The policies and procedures set forth below govern awards.

### **Scholarship Policies and Procedures**

1. The scholarship application requires a student to commit to attending Senior Awards Night and writing a letter of appreciation to the donor of the award received by the student.
2. Verification of college enrollment must be submitted to the Soaring Eagle Education Foundation in order for funds to be disbursed.
3. Scholarship funds are distributed only to graduates who will be full-time students (minimum 12 units). However, in special circumstances, this rule may be waived. Students requesting such consideration must submit a written request to the Soaring Eagle Education Foundation.
4. Students must claim awards on or before December 31 of the year of high school graduation or, by that date request a single, one-year extension of eligibility.

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### **ABRAHAM LINCOLN PERSEVERANCE AWARD IN HONOR OF LAURIE BOLLMAN-LITTLE**

This award is in memory of Laurie Bollman-Little, a teacher and coordinator at Eagle Rock High School for a couple of decades. Her favorite President was Abraham Lincoln.

**Requirements:** This award is given to a senior who demonstrates the ethos of President Lincoln.

**Award:** \$500

### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP**

The Eagle Rock High School Alumni Association awards this scholarship each year to a young man or woman who has served as a student representative on the Alumni Board for at least one school year.

**Requirements:** The student selected must have attended Alumni Board meetings, participated in Alumni functions, and demonstrated leadership ability.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **KATHY BACHAND PRIZE IN CREATIVE WRITING**

The family, friends and students of Kathy Bachand established an annual prize in honor of her extensive teaching career at Eagle Rock High School, which was marked by flair, creativity, and insistent application of the mantra, "Simple, Clear, and Direct." The English Department awards this prize to a senior student, based solely on their exceptional creative writing.

**Award:** \$2,000

### **BOOSTER SCHOLARSHIPS**

The late Marshall Wilkings S'39, founded the Eagle Rock High School Booster Club in 1966, with help of Bob Cota S'37 and other parents and alums and with the encouragement of then-principal Chuck Hamer. Through extensive fund raising, the club has provided valuable support for ERHS sports and other school activities.

**Requirements:** Students seeking a secondary education who participated in extra-curricular activities at Eagle Rock.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

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## **EDWARD M. BORN VISUAL COMMUNICATION SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)**

Ed Born taught photography at Eagle Rock for almost three decades, so more than one generation of Eagles experienced his photography expertise and care. From his skill and his life knowledge, he taught us how to take a photo, process film, and make a print. And, by osmosis, we learned about life.

The award is sponsored by ERHS Alumnus Reed Saxon, W'68, a student of Ed's who was a photo editor of the Eagle's Scream and Totem contributor. Saxon recently retired from a 42-year career as an Associated Press staff photographer.

This scholarship recognizes that visual communications has moved into realms beyond images on a printed page. We seek to honor a student with great visual communication skills, no matter how they put that into process: photojournalism, videography, online or in art.

**Requirements:** Bound for a two- or four-year college or specialized training.

**Award:** \$500

## **BUA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarships are established in memory of Sam and Maxine Bua, parents of Joleen, Kathleen, and Francine (S'66, S'67 and S'69). Mr. and Mrs. Bua owned businesses in Highland Park. Sam served as Honorary Mayor of Highland Park and was a founding director of Highland Park Savings and Loan. Maxine was a businesswoman and served God in various capacities at her church.

**Requirements:** Maxine's award is open to a student with interests in business or music. Sam's award is for an athlete who might not qualify for an academic scholarship.

**Awards:** Two at \$500

## **RICK CAREY SCHOLARSHIP**

Rick Carey S'63 has been acknowledged to be one of the top athletes from Eagle Rock. He received a Varsity letter in four different sports: baseball, basketball, football, and track. At recent Eagle Rock Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies, Rick's teammates, classmates, and his many friends referred to him as "a natural," "gifted" and "extremely talented."

Rick passed away on January 25, 2017, at the age of 72. He endeared himself to many people by his personal, caring, warm and outgoing personality. Everyone who knew him was touched by his pleasant smile and cheerfulness. He spoke often of his teammates and coaches who helped him in his athletic career—a career that made him worthy of being known as one of Eagle Rock's greatest athletes.

**Requirements:** An athlete who shows good sportsmanship and compassion for others, with a 2.5 or higher GPA.

**Award:** \$1,000

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### **CLASS OF SUMMER 1937 SCHOLARSHIP**

Initiated by Ruth (Miller) Kimball and supplemented by other contributors, including Robert Daniels S'37. Mr. Daniels, a former employee of the Coca-Cola Company, has established a "matching funds" arrangement with the Coca-Cola Company Matching Gifts Program for this scholarship.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, with involvement in activities outside the classroom that contribute positively to the life of the school and the community.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **CLASSES OF 1964 / JANICE SOMPLE SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship helps Eagle Rock High School graduates get started on the path to a liberal arts education. The scholarship was established and is sustained by the members of both the Winter and Summer Classes of 1964 in memory of Janice Somple, as well as all of our other classmates who have left us. Janice is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when you apply yourself. She attended Eagle Rock for six years and was involved in every facet of ERHS, from Head Cheerleader to award-winning scholar. Janice held these same high standards to the way she lived her life, later becoming an award-winning teacher.

Janice and many others in the 1964 Classes exemplified the superior quality of the students produced by Eagle Rock High School. Many have gone on to make a significant mark in life as doctors, lawyers, entrepreneurs, and other major players. The members of the Winter and Summer Classes of 1964, want to "pay it forward" with this scholarship to help others reach their goals.

**Requirements:** 3.5 GPA and involvement in community activities.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **CLASS OF SUMMER 1965 AQUILAEAN SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship was established in 2016 and commemorates the celebration of the passing of 50 years since we, the classmates, graduated from Eagle Rock High School.

**Requirements:** A student with a 3.5 or higher GPA, financial need, demonstrated leadership qualities and acceptance to a four-year college or university.

**Award:** \$1,000

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## CLASS OF 1984 SCHOLARSHIPS

### The John Henschel Memorial Scholarship

At their 30th Class Reunion, the Eagle Rock High School Class of 1984 chose to present this scholarship in honor of their classmate, John H. Henschel who passed away in 2005. They wish to bestow this award to a dedicated student who demonstrates financial need, shows promise in a particular area of study, and demonstrates leadership potential. The scholarship is to be grade-point competitive and would apply to a student planning to attend either a community college or a four-year university.

**Award:** \$500

### The Two Big Als Memorial Scholarship

The Class of 1984 chose 2020 to establish a scholarship to honor two classmates who meant a great deal to those who attended Eagle Rock High School with them. Albert Chavez and Alan Tabata. They could always count on the Two Big Als to make their lives more fun. They wish to bestow this award to a dedicated student who demonstrates financial need, shows promise in a particular area of study, and demonstrates leadership potential. The scholarship is to be grade-point competitive and would apply to a student planning to attend either a community college or a four-year university.

**Award:** \$500

## CLASS OF 1994 – ECCLESIAINS SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

This scholarship was established by members of the class of 1994 while reconnecting over pizza at Casa Bianca. The Ecclesiains (“those who are called forth”) wish to pay tribute to the school, teachers, coaches, friends, families, and community members who helped us forge our paths in life.

**Requirements:** A student who will be attending a four-year college or university, has a 4.0 or higher GPA, and is a leader in athletic, extracurricular, and/or community activities.

**Award:** \$1,000

## CLASS OF 2018 – APEIROSIAINS SCHOLARSHIP

The Apeirosians Class of 2018 is sponsoring a scholarship to leave a legacy that promotes one of the core values of the Eagle Rock community – service.

**Requirements:** An Eagle Rock High School graduating senior who:

- Has been involved in leadership for two or more years at Eagle Rock High School
- Has held a board/cabinet position within that club/organization on campus
- Shows strong leadership qualities

**Award:** \$500

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### **COFFEE CAKE, COMMUNITY & COLLEGE CASH SCHOLARSHIP**

The community of Eagle Rock, although part of the vast city of Los Angeles, has always exuded a small-town feel. Those of us who spent our wander years in its streets and schools and planted our roots in its soil, truly understand how special and unique this neighborhood is. Eagle Rock High School has long been known for the lifelong friendships that result from spending an entire four-to-six years together—sometimes more if you started from one of the neighboring elementary schools.

This scholarship is a humorous way for a group of friends, alumni from the classes of S'89 and S'90, to give back to a school that created so many memories for us. We participated in sports, student government, service clubs and academics, and were guided by a community of teachers, parents and businesses who nurtured those memories and allowed our bond of friendship to run deep in our veins. We have carried that friendship through the years long after graduation.

We begin this scholarship the year we are celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion, as we reminisce about those times, rummage through photos, old letters and yearbooks. We are remembering our teachers, the memories of those we've lost, the hallways, our lockers, dances, Tommy's after games and, of course, coffee cake days.

**Requirements:** College-bound Eagle who attended school from grades 7-12 or 9-12 continuously, was active in school activities (sports, service clubs, student government, etc.), community service and demonstrated genuine school spirit. Student must explain in their application what it means to have spent those years at Eagle Rock High School and be a member of the Eagle Rock community.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

### **FELY AND ELY CRUZAT - FIRST GENERATION SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)**

In 1979, Fely and Ely Cruzat moved their family of 8 from the Philippines to Eagle Rock in pursuit of their "American Dream." Like many immigrant families, it's a pursuit filled with many challenges unique to being a so-called "foreigner / an alien." It's a journey that requires patience, perseverance, and prayer. Fortunately, Fely and Ely had all of that as well as a deep appreciation for the values of community and education. They served the community via Fely's work as a nurse, and Ely's work as a paralegal. They encouraged their children to focus on education. In fact, five of their children and 2 of their grandchildren graduated from Eagle Rock High School, and two more of their grandchildren are set to graduate in 2024 and 2027. This scholarship honors their value of education, their journey as immigrants, and their work as community servants. This scholarship also serves as their "Thank you" to the Eagle Rock community for welcoming our immigrant family. We hope this helps a first-generation student in pursuit of his or her "American Dream."

**Requirements:**

- First generation student: first generation to attend college in the United States
- Filipino descent preferred
- Interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in health care, Law, or Public Service

**Award:** \$1,000

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### **JOYCE DANIELS SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP**

Joyce (Sheeley) Daniels W'61 was an information technology (IT) manager for an investment management organization and understands the need for qualified individuals in the field of computer science, but other sciences are not excluded. She is concerned about our environment and preservation of open spaces, so a candidate should have spent some time volunteering in this field. This could include, but not be limited to: Earth Day, Audubon Society, Arbor Day and The Sierra Club.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, volunteer work as described above

**Awards:** Two at \$2,000 for students attending a four-year college

### **EAGLE ROCK KIWANIS CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Eagle Rock Kiwanis Club honors students who are exemplary members of the ERHS Key Club.

**Requirements:** Must be a member of the ERHS Key Club.

**Awards:** Three at \$1,000

### **FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE AWARDS**

Mike and Miyo Ikeda immigrated to the United States from Japan after World War II. Mike never finished high school due to the war, and Miyo was not encouraged to attend college because she was a woman. Mike worked as a gardener for over 55 years and Miyo graduated from Los Angeles City College, while raising three children. Education was important to the Ikeda family. All of their children graduated from Eagle Rock High School and four-year universities.

**Requirements:** This scholarship offers \$1,500 each to a graduating male and graduating female student whose parents are immigrants to the United States and who are the first in his or her family to attend a college or university. If no one fits this description, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who immigrated to the United States and will be attending a college or university.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,500

### **FORSYTH/TAKAGAKI SCHOLARSHIP**

In honor of their parents, Elizabeth Forsyth and her husband, Alan Takagaki, created this scholarship to recognize the importance of written communication in the dialogue of ideas. This scholarship is given each year to a graduating senior who will attend a four-year college or university.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA

**Award:** \$1,000

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### **FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES #2188 JOHN STILLION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Requirements:** The Men's Eagles established this scholarship for young men who will be attending a vocational school, a community or four-year college. GPA of 3.0 or higher.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

### **FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES LADIES AUXILIARY #2188 SHIRLEY WISDOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Requirements:** A young lady who will be attending a vocational school, a community or four-year college with a 3.0 GPA or higher.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

### **CHARLES HAMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Charles Hamer graduated from ERHS in the Class of Summer 1931. His mother, Mabel, was a much beloved ERHS teacher of English and Music in the early days of the school. After teaching at several schools in the area and serving as vice principal at other schools, Mr. Hamer returned to ERHS where he served as principal from 1962 to 1975. After his retirement, Mr. Hamer helped organize the ERHS Alumni Association and the ERHS Scholarship Foundation.

Charles Hamer died in 1999, leaving a great void in both the Association and the Foundation. This scholarship was funded by the support of his friends, students, fellow graduates and members of his family. In December 2000, this scholarship was endowed by Mr. Hamer's wife of over 60 years, Margareth "Mickie" Hamer, who passed away in 2008.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, demonstrated leadership skills, and attending a California University (UC or State) or Occidental College.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **MICHAEL HARADA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Students of Mr. Harada often talk about the fact that they have used what he taught them throughout the rest of their lives. Some even credit him for their success. Dr. Ralph Kuncel S'66, a 2008 recipient of the Soaring Eagle Award, is one of those students who states that Mr. Harada was a determining force in his life and remained a lifelong mentor until his death several years ago. Former students of Mr. Harada funded this scholarship.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA

**Award:** \$1,000

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### **HIDAS/RIGGIO SCHOLARSHIP**

This award is funded by friends and family of Pete Hidas and Don Riggio. Pete and Don were involved in school activities and sports—both were members of the *Eagle's Scream* staff, the Eagle Knights and the Lettermen's Club. Pete was also a member of Boys' League, and Don was the Senior Class Vice President. Peter lettered in Varsity Track and Basketball, and Don lettered in Varsity Basketball and Baseball.

**Requirements:** 2.5 or higher GPA, participation in sport(s), active in school activities such as a service club, student government, etc., demonstrates great school spirit and good sportsmanship. At the request of the donors, the recipient shall be a young woman, because both Pete and Don coached girls' sports teams as adults.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **HORSTMAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Ted Horstman W'38, attended ERHS in its earliest years, followed shortly after by Muriel Older Horstman W'41. They, in turn, were followed by Jean Horstman Steele S'65 and Jim Horstman S'68. Ted, a true patriot, was a veteran of WWII and Korea and served in the USAF Reserves, retiring as Lt. Colonel. An Eagle Scout himself, he led Troop 8 as Scoutmaster for several years. He was involved with the vestry for St. Barnabas Church. Ted was also a founder and leading force of the Scholarship Fund. Muriel gave many hours to PTA, Blue Birds and Camp Fire Girls, and was also a pillar at St. Barnabas Church. Both freely gave their time to the community and their family. While Jean and Jim no longer live in Eagle Rock, they created this scholarship to honor the memory of their parents and their unflinching generosity to Eagle Rock.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, financial need, acceptance to a four-year college, and demonstrated leadership qualities.

**Award:** \$1,500

### **JACOBSON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Patricia (Edwards) Jacobson S'53, her husband Ed Jacobson, and her son Michael Jacobson wish to support graduates of Eagle Rock High School by sponsoring a \$1,000 scholarship.

This student will be one whose financial need is recognized as an obstacle to making the step toward a higher education.

**Award:** \$1,000

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### RON JORGENSEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Ron Jorgensen, Class of W'57. Ron, his wife, Dianne W'57, and their three children, Kent 1977, Scott 1979 and Kelli 1980, and two grandchildren, Shawn 2010 and Lauren 2011, greatly enjoyed their ERHS years and are dedicated to the betterment of their alma mater. They were active in school government and sports at school or local parks.

**Requirements:** The recipient should be an athlete who has also participated in other organizations (e.g., student government, campus clubs, *Eagle's Scream*) at the high school and in the community.

**Award:** \$500

### GLENN LAIRD SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)

Glenn Laird worked at ERHS for 28 years as a Career and Technical Education teacher. His door was always open for students to explore tools and equipment, or just to have a safe space to meet with friends. Mr. Laird wishes to recognize a student who will attend a vocational school or community college.

**Requirements:** A student who will be attending a vocational school or community college and has a GPA above 3.0.

**Award:** \$500

### PEGGY LENNEY SCHOLARSHIP

Established by the Eagle Rock Alumni Association to honor Peggy Lenney, co-editor with Morgan Odell of the Alumni *Eagle's Scream* from its inception in 1993-2006. Peggy's family and grandparents were early (1920) Eagle Rock residents and business owners. Some may remember Juett-Clements-Lenney, the Texaco full-service station at Shearin Avenue and Colorado Boulevard from 1928-1970. Peggy's brother, Ted, memorialized on the ERHS WWII Memorial Plaque in the auditorium, was in the Class of W'43.

**Requirements:** Demonstrated interest in writing and media production, including copy, design, graphic and production mechanics.

**Award:** \$500

### MIKE LOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

To many, he was Coach Lomen not Mr. Lomen. On January 1, 2016, Coach Lomen passed away after a battle with cancer. If the title of "Mr. Eagle Rock" was ever bestowed, Coach Lomen would be a leading candidate. He graduated from Eagle Rock in 1952 and was a stellar athlete. He attended Occidental College, majoring in mathematics and lettering in baseball. He was inducted into the Occidental College Baseball Hall of Fame.

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He began his 36-year teaching career at Eagle Rock in 1964. His impact on students, whether in the classroom, on the field or in the gym, was profound. He mentored many students who had great respect and admiration for him. Whether you were the struggling math student or the math scholar, the football third stringer or the all-league pitcher, he treated you the same and encouraged you to do your best.

Coach Lomen continued his relationship with Eagle Rock as an active member of the Alumni Association and attendee at sporting events. He received the ERHS Alumni Association's Soaring Eagle Award in 2001 as an outstanding faculty member.

**Requirements:** 3.0 GPA with a consideration toward financial need.

**Award:** \$1000

### **WILLIAM ANDREW LORD SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)**

"Drew" Lord spent most of his 36-year career at ERHS as a Biological Science teacher, teaching Life Sciences, Biology, Honors Biology, A.P. Biology, Physiology, and Anatomy. He ended his career at ERHS as an assistant principal. Mr. Lord wishes to recognize a student who will pursue a career in the Biological Sciences.

**Requirements:** A student who will be attending a 4-year college or university with a GPA above 4.0 and majoring in Biological Sciences.

**Award:** \$500

### **LULU DANDELION SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)**

Luz Duran '22 was born on a California military base and grew up as an Army and California National Guard dependent throughout her LAUSD years. The journey had its challenges, with very little support and resources available from her school community and district during deployments or activations. Now a proud UCLA Bruin, Luz is thriving with the military kid resources at her university and support services from the Cal Vet Tuition waiver provided to California military dependents who attend a UC or Cal State.

Luz and her family are proud advocates for military kids and families, and they want to ensure military kids at ERHS are supported and applauded for their academic achievements and higher education. The scholarship references the dandelion, the official flower of the military child, as it represents their resiliency (they can put down roots almost anywhere), strength (they are almost impossible to destroy), and ability to adapt (they survive in a broad range of conditions).

**Requirements:** Proof of parent/legal guardian DD-214 (military record) and/or student is pursuing a military career and can show acceptance to a military institution (e.g., academy or boot camp).

**Award:** \$500

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### **MARTIN & ALCID ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP**

Myra C. Martin, MD, and Mark G. Alcid, MD, established the Martin & Alcid Foundation because they believe education and hard work were the cornerstone to their practice in the field of Medicine. This scholarship is one way of giving back to the community for which they and their families serve and live.

**Requirements:** This is open to all graduating seniors who will be attending a vocational school, a community college, or a four-year college. Recipients will be selected based on their essays in the online scholarship application.

**Awards:** Two at \$1000

### **DONAL GEORGE McCANN SCHOLARSHIP (NEW)**

Suraya Fadel '90 and family called him Donny or Uncle Don, but he was best known as Mr. McCann to his LAUSD students. Born in Bridgeport, CT, he was the eldest of 8 children in an Irish Catholic family and was introduced to Spanish growing up in a Puerto Rican neighborhood. Mr. McCann was an avid reader and passionate about cultures, languages, and music of all kinds. Mr. McCann studied History, International Relations & Public Policy at Georgetown University and then joined the Peace Corp, travelling with his trumpet to Colombia, Mexico, and South America.

Mr. McCann was an LAUSD educator for more than 20 years, working as a bilingual teacher and bilingual coordinator in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. He was a proud long-time resident of Eagle Rock and a big supporter of the ERHS John Rinaldo Jazz Music Program that his daughter, Suraya, was part of. He played the piano up until he could no more, after retirement, and he passed away in 2016. He was a great educator and family man who believed in higher education for all.

**Requirements:** A student pursuing a career in education, bilingual education, or multiple languages; or a student with a strong interest or pursuing a career in music, including but not limited to Jazz, Classical, Mariachi, Latin jazz, Salsa, Banda, Cumbia, or Acapella. Minimum GPA 2.5.

**Award:** \$500

### **McDOWELL-POPLAWSKI SCHOLARSHIP**

Mrs. Wilma Poplawski, a longtime resident of Eagle Rock, has endowed this scholarship because of her love for Eagle Rock. Over the years, there have been twelve members of the Poplawski family who have attended ERHS. Mrs. Poplawski passed away in 2008, but her memory will live on through this scholarship.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, a community volunteer, participation in athletics, sincere and realistic expectations for college or other training, need-based, and preferably a graduate of Dahlia Heights.

**Award:** \$2,000

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### **SARA MCKINNEY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship is awarded in memory of Sara McKinney, who was a real dynamo at Eagle Rock. Sara was the founder of the Eagle Rock High School Magnet Program and set the tone for the program to gather students from a wide range of cultural communities in Los Angeles and expose them to activities, events and materials that most economically advantaged parents might take for granted.

This award is given in recognition to a student who may not have had the highest grades in their Magnet career but has a special spark in their academic interest and aptitude. The recipient is selected by the Magnet Program Coordinator.

**Award:** \$500

### **MARTIN MODESTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship has been established for Martin S'50 by his sister, Marie Spencer W'48. Martin attended PCC and went on to a career at Beckman Instruments.

**Requirements:** Enrollment at a community college; an interest in electronics or chemistry is desirable, but not required.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **DR. JOHN J. AND JUDY MORREALE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Morreale family, prominent in Eagle Rock for many years, sent twenty-plus students to ERHS. The John J. Morreale family has established this scholarship as a permanent gift to graduating students and in memory of deceased family members.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA, and a commitment to pursuing higher education leading to a career in the health/science professions.

**Award:** \$500

### **SONYA MOST SCHOLARSHIP**

Sonya Most taught physical education at ERHS for many years. During her tenure, she coached the Girls' Tennis Teams, which won a number of individual and city championships. She also directed the Drill Team and Cheerleading squads. Ms. Most has donated funds for this scholarship.

**Requirements:** Interest in a teaching career, preferably in physical education

**Award:** \$1,500

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### **GEORGE FRANKLIN MYRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

When George Myrick W'64 attended ERHS, he was a dedicated student, a leader and an inspiration to others. In classes, he contributed to the discussions and assisted students who needed help. George was a friend to anyone who needed one. He was a class officer in the ninth grade, became a member of the Knights in the eleventh grade and was the president during his senior year. He ran cross country, track and was the starting quarterback on the varsity football team. He earned multiple letters in each sport, and his teammates voted him co-captain of the track and football teams.

George served in the US Navy as a Corpsman, and was known as "Doc" to the men in the Marine Corps unit to which he was assigned. He was awarded 23 medals for his bravery, courage and exceptional dedication to his "brothers" in Vietnam. George was killed on March 17, 1968. He was 22 years old. George Myrick's heroism and courage inspired the ERHS Alumni Association to select him as a recipient of the "Soaring Eagle Award" in 2009.

This scholarship was created to honor our friend, George Myrick. We continue to follow George's example by being leaders, hard-working, kind, thoughtful, dedicated, and respectful. We do this by drawing on inner strength, always watching for ways we can help others, and we challenge the recipient of this scholarship to do the same.

**Requirements:** A college-bound senior who follows George's example and makes each moment of his or her life one of conscious and thoughtful living.

**Amount:** \$ 1,000

### **ODELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Five members of the Odell family, all ERHS graduates, have established this annual scholarship for a senior interested in public policy and the social services.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA

**Award:** \$1,000

### **POWER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Brothers Gary Power S'51 and John Power S'54 created this award; both are also graduates of Occidental College. One award of up to \$1,000 may be made to an undergraduate attending a class at Occidental College during the school year. If no student qualifies for this award, a graduating student with a 3.0 or higher GPA and a commitment to a four-year university, Occidental College preferred. Sadly, Gary Power passed away in 2014.

**Award:** \$1,000

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### **PROHASKA/SPEROW FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Doris M. Prohaska-Talbutt grew up in Eagle Rock surrounded by extended Prohaska and Sperow families. She attended Dahlia Heights Elementary and Eagle Rock High School W'53, going on to Westmont College earning a B.A. in Education. Enjoying a 30-year teaching career with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools at military bases in the Philippines, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Germany and Belgium, Doris is committed to the benefits of higher education.

As the first person in her family to attend college, Doris made sure that each of her three children went on to college and graduate school. She has financially assisted numerous nieces, nephews and grandchildren with college costs.

Doris has the good fortune to be able to “pay it forward” and assist those outside of her family.

**Requirements:** A student who will be the first in their family to attend a college or university and has maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher during high school. In the event that no one meets these criteria, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who intends to pursue a teaching career and has maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher during high school.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **LARRY RAMSEY SCHOLARSHIP**

The family and friends of Larry Ramsey S'58 fund this scholarship. Larry was the quarterback who led the legendary 1956 and 1957 Football teams to a 19-game winning streak and two Northern League Championships; he also won All-League and All-City Football honors. He was an All-League centerfielder for the Baseball team, and a valuable member of the championship 1956, 1957 and 1958 Varsity Track teams.

Larry went on to play Baseball at GCC, and later for the Dodgers' minor league team. In 2009, Larry was inducted into the Eagle Rock High School Sports Hall of Fame. Sadly, we lost Larry in 2010.

**Requirements:** An athlete who displays leadership, integrity, and good sportsmanship.

**Award:** \$1,000

### **JOHN RINALDO AWARD**

This award provides special instrumental instruction for a talented senior. It was established by the Alumni Association to honor John Rinaldo who, in his long teaching career from 1968-1987 at ERHS, developed scores of outstanding musicians and built the school's great jazz band traditions. The scholarship continues to be funded by John's friends. Sadly, Mrs. Jenylle Rinaldo passed away in 2015.

**Award:** \$500

# Soaring Eagle Education Foundation Awards

## **SAMUEL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Don Samuel S'53 ran on the Track Team while at ERHS. After graduation, he was a photographer in the Navy, and then at Lockheed Aircraft Company. Don died of cancer at the age of 35. His family and friends have established and endowed this scholarship in his memory.

**Requirements:** An athlete or a student in the field of Visual Arts.

**Award:** \$500

## **SOCIAL IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship aims to support a civic-minded student who hopes to make an impact on important social or environmental issues at any scale—local, national, or global. The student should demonstrate a belief that one's life can be used to create social good, and their future plan for impact can take the form of a career, public service, community organizing, or volunteer work.

Chris Tokita (Class of 2010), wanting to pay forward the support he received from ERHS and the Eagle Rock community, founded this scholarship to encourage future Eagles to continue a chain of gratitude and impact.

**Requirements:** A student in good standing who demonstrates a commitment to bettering society or the environment.

**Award:** \$1,000

## **HOWARD SWAN CHORAL MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

Friends and former students of Howard Swan, ERHS a cappella and chorus director from 1930 to 1937, and later Occidental College professor and nationally renowned choral leader, have created a scholarship endowment in profound thanks for the positive influence Dr. Swan had on their lives. To this day, ERHS maintains excellence in Music education and in its student music groups. This scholarship seeks to encourage today's students to follow careers in choral leadership in the Swan tradition.

**Requirements:** 3.0 or higher GPA; seniors committed to pursuing higher education leading to a career in choral music

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

# Soaring Eagle Education Foundation Awards

## **ELIZABETH VALENCIA SCHOLARSHIPS**

These scholarships came from the will of Mary Valencia, a longtime Eagle Rock resident, who desired to help Eagle Rock students obtain a college education and to be of continuing service to the community.

**Requirements:** Seniors who have shown outstanding achievement in two or more fields: academics, visual or performing arts, athletics, leadership, or community service.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

## **NICK VALENCIA CNN JOURNALISM SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship acknowledges an Eagle Rock High School senior with a passion for journalism. The candidate should show a commitment to the pursuit of writing, reporting or broadcasting beyond high school graduation.

The award is established by ERHS alumnus Nick Valencia S'01, now a correspondent for CNN based in Atlanta, Georgia. Nick was an editor on the *Eagle's Scream* newspaper while a high school student and went on to earn his Broadcast Journalism B.A. from the University of Southern California Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. A portion of this scholarship is funded by CNN.

**Requirements:** The award recipient should be a student in good academic standing. Ideally, the candidate would portray some of the tenets of a journalist including being poised and observant, ethically and morally strong, with a desire to educate and inform.

**Award:** \$1,000

## **CARL I. and HELEN WHEAT SOUTHWEST HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS**

Friends of Carl I. Wheat and his wife, Helen, former Eagle Rock residents, endowed this scholarship. Mr. Wheat was a California lawyer and noted historian who wrote extensively about the history of Western exploration. Their two sons attended ERHS in the 1930s.

**Requirements:** Demonstrated interest in Southwest or California history as shown by written work; competence in Spanish language desirable.

**Awards:** Two at \$1,000

## Soaring Eagle Education Foundation Awards

### **COACH CHUCK WILLIAMS PHYSICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Former students of ERHS and Mary Williams, wife of Coach Williams, have established this scholarship in Coach Williams' honor. Charles "Chuck" graduated from UC, Santa Barbara, in 1959. He majored in Education and was Football coach at ERHS from 1959-1969. He also coached swimming and gymnastics. Fifty years after he started coaching at ERHS, he was honored as a Soaring Eagle in 2008.

Chuck moved to Pierce College in Woodland Hills, where he coached Football and Swimming and taught for 25 years, until 2004. This scholarship is presented to a young man or young woman committed to pursuing a career teaching physical education or as a school administrator.

**Requirements:** A 2.75 GPA athlete who demonstrates leadership, dedication, teamwork, good citizenship and good sportsmanship in all.

**Award:** \$500

### **WOMEN'S 20<sup>th</sup> CENTURY CLUB OF EAGLE ROCK SCHOLARSHIP**

The Frackelton-Shelton Scholarship, two long-time Eagle Rock educators, is awarded each year by the Women's 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club of Eagle Rock to a young woman who graduated from an Eagle Rock elementary school, and who has successfully completed her studies at Eagle Rock High School.

A further important requirement is that the recipient intends to pursue a teaching career and/or a career related to service to the community. Designated members of WTTC shall select the recipient.

**Requirements:** 3.0 GPA or above

**Award:** \$1,000

### **ZIEGLER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

This scholarship comes from the trust of Raymond Ziegler, Class of W'37. It is to be awarded to a worthy and determined ERHS student who desires to become an architect, carpenter, roofer, plumber, electrician, bricklayer, commercial artist, draftsman, musician, nurse, or to pursue another worthy vocation that may be attained through apprenticeship, trade school, art school or community college.

**Requirements:** Student with a determined vocation

**Award:** \$1,000

# SOARING EAGLE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Eagle Rock High School Alumni Association established the ERHS Scholarship Foundation in October 1993, which is now the Soaring Eagle Education Foundation.

The Soaring Eagle Education Foundation's goal is to increase the number of awards made annually and to raise its permanent ERHS scholarship endowment.

The foundation seeks to encourage the community and alumni to initiate and fund college and vocational school scholarships for ERHS graduating seniors, and will:

- Act as liaison between the high school and scholarship sponsors.
- Prepare an annual guide to inform students, families, faculty and friends of available awards and to motivate applicants.
- Manage scholarship accounts and invest funds prudently.
- Assist in conducting award programs.
- Provide emergency assistance, when needed, to allow students to complete their high school education.

If you would like to sponsor a Scholarship for a deserving ERHS Senior, please contact SEEF President, Vicki Nakata '94, at (808) 225-9067 or [vicki.nakata@erhsalum.com](mailto:vicki.nakata@erhsalum.com).

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