

Outstanding Alumni

Thousands of current and former TELACU Scholars continue to contribute to a legacy of distinguished leadership that characterizes our College Success Program. Here are several of their stories—living testimonies of these respected leaders' shared commitment to building a better future for our community and nation.



Mónica García, MSW

USC
BA in Chicano Studies &
Political Science
UC Berkeley

Mónica is serving her fifth year as Board President of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), the nation's second-largest school district. With her bold call for "Diplomas for All," Mónica has successfully championed innovative school reform models and led the campaign for a \$7 billion school bond, the largest in US history. García has aggressively fought for the implementation of pilot school models under a new reform labor contract and has impacted a fundamental shift in the District's instructional approach to English Learners, who account for 40% of students.

Robert Aguirre, MBA

Harvard University
BA & MA in Mechanical Engineering
USC



Robert joined the Boeing Company as a Structural Analysis Engineer after earning his Masters degree. Taking on increasing levels of responsibility leading people and projects in the development of space vehicle structures and equipment, earned him a place in Boeing's High Potential Leadership Development Program. Robert was also selected as one of only four employees to participate in the United Way Loaned Executive Program, where he helped lead fundraising on a \$5M portfolio of corporate donors. A 2011 David C. Lizárraga Fellow, Robert is currently employed by the world's first all-electric car company, Tesla Motors, with responsibility for starting and leading corporate fleet sales in North America, beginning with their award winning luxury sports sedan—the Tesla Model S.



Maria Maldonado, MPAP, MPH

USC / UC Los Angeles
BA in Psychology
USC

Maria is a Faculty member at the University of Southern California (USC) Keck School of Medicine Primary Care Physician Assistant Program, where she teaches family medicine. Upon graduating from the USC Physician Assistant Program in 2006, she served for almost 5 years as a National Health Service Corp Scholar working at Community Health Alliance of Pasadena, a primary care clinic delivering quality health care to predominantly under- and uninsured patients. For the past year, Maria worked as an Emergency Medicine Physician Assistant at the LA County + USC Medical Center. Her life mission includes contributing to the delivery of culturally sensitive health care to medically underserved populations and the empowerment of disadvantaged communities.

Eric Barajas, BA

Business
CSU Fullerton



As a TELACU Scholar, Eric participated in the Citi/TELACU Mentoring Program, which opened the door for him to intern at the company and eventually establish a successful career as a personal banker. He is currently in charge of sales at the Citibank De Novo branch in Belmont Shore. Chosen as one of only nine United States-based bankers to participate in a three-month pilot program at Mexico's Banamex, Eric personally raised \$9.4 million USD and introduced a new product to a new market, earning him the ranking of number one in total revenue and new clients. In addition to his career at Citibank, Eric serves on the City of Cudahy's Planning and Parks and Recreation Commissions; and he mentors three 2012-13 Citi/TELACU Scholars.

TELACU Education Foundation College Success Program

Administered by the TELACU Education Foundation, the College Success Program (Program) was created in 1983 to develop and empower new generations of leaders in the communities it serves. The Program is funded by TELACU and the generous contributions of our partners—corporations, colleges and universities, non-profit organizations and individuals—who have joined us over the past 30 years in advancing educational opportunities for our community.

The TELACU Education Foundation reserves the right to make the final selection of scholarship recipients based upon, but not limited to, the criteria described in these application guidelines.

More Than Just Financial Support

Faced with the new rigors of college life, the future leaders of our nation need more than just financial support during their collegiate years. To help ensure that TELACU Scholars make the successful transition from high school to college and, ultimately, into the workplace, the Program integrates four inseparable components: scholarships, seminars that focus on personal and professional development, ongoing advisement and guidance, and giving back to the community through volunteerism.

Through participation in the seminars, which is a required component of the Program, TELACU Scholars learn to successfully navigate the college experience through study skills and time management seminars, motivational exercises, counseling, and leadership development and training. Other elements of the Program include:

- Career Strategy Development
- Financial Empowerment
- Professional Development
- Graduate School Preparation
- Internship Opportunities
- Mentoring
- Parental Involvement

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must:

- Be a first-generation college student
- Be from a low-income family
- Have a minimum 2.5 GPA
- Be enrolled full-time for the entire 2013-2014 academic year
- Attend the mandatory seminars taking place on Saturdays throughout the academic year (Required only for students attending local area schools.)
- California Applicants: Be a permanent resident of an underserved community within the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, or San Bernardino, such as East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, Baldwin Park, Bell Gardens, Commerce, Huntington Park, City of Los Angeles, Montebello, Ontario, Pico Rivera, Pomona, South Gate, Santa Ana, and San Bernardino
- Texas Applicants: Be a permanent resident of San Antonio, Austin, Laredo, Edinburg, or Rio Grande City
- Illinois Applicants: Be a permanent resident of the Greater Chicagoland Area
- New York Applicants: Be a permanent resident of the state of New York

Priority will be given to:

- Applicants majoring in the fields of Business and STEM—Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The Foundation prioritizes these disciplines to focus available resources on addressing the need for more professionals in these fields
- Applicants attending institutions that provide matching funds (listed on last page) and/or are located in Southern California
- Current College Success Program participants



Selection Criteria

A select pool of applicants will be invited to interview with the Scholarship Selection Committee, which consists of representatives from our community, corporate and educational partners. Candidates will be ranked according to their ability to demonstrate a combination of the following:

- Extracurricular involvement exhibiting a commitment to the community
- Academic achievement
- A need for financial and academic support in order to successfully complete a post-secondary program
- Proven leadership within student, on-campus, or community organizations

Completed applications, together with all required documents, must be postmarked no later than **March 22, 2013**.

General Scholarship Information

Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$5,000, which include any matching funds from the college or university. Applicants entering college as a first-year student this fall are eligible to apply for a Scholarship that can be renewed for up to four years.

Criteria for Renewing a Scholarship

Scholars currently enrolled in the Program are eligible to renew their Scholarship if:

- Maintained a minimum 2.75 GPA
- Attended school full-time for the entire academic year
- Attended all events and seminars conducted by the Program (Scholars attending school out of state or the local area are not required to attend)
- Volunteered a minimum of 20 hours of community service
- Plan to be enrolled full-time for the entire 2013-14 academic year
- Submit a renewal application and participate in a renewal interview

Additional Scholarship Opportunities

Toyota/TELACU Scholarship

(College Juniors & Seniors Preferred)

Funded through a partnership with Toyota, scholarships of up to \$5,000 are awarded to students majoring in Business or Engineering disciplines.

Please refer to application for additional requirements and to indicate interest.

Special Awards

- TELACU Business Award
- TELACU STEM Award
- TELACU Community Leadership Award
- TELACU Education Award
- TELACU Arts Award

Graduate Opportunity

David C. Lizárraga Graduate Fellowship

Sponsored by Toyota, Fellowships are awarded to students who are pursuing their Masters in Business Administration or Engineering, and who demonstrate the potential and commitment to advance TELACU's mission of building self-sufficient communities through economic empowerment. Individuals pursuing advanced degrees in other fields may also be considered.

A specific application is required. For more information, please contact Jonathan García, Associate Director, at jogarcia@TELACU.com, or at 323.721.1655, Ext. 486.

Health Careers Program

In partnership with White Memorial Medical Center, the Foundation provides community college nursing students with a full complement of support services and resources, including financial assistance of up to \$9,000, to cover book, tuition and living expenses.

A specific application and preliminary interview are required. For more information, please contact Lilian Gonzalez, Health Careers Program Coordinator, at 323.721.1655, Ext. 412.





Colleges & Universities

Following is a partial list of colleges and universities attended by TELACU Scholars. Eligibility is not limited to students attending these institutions. However, **priority** will be given to applicants attending institutions that provide matching funds (denoted by an asterisk) and/or are located in Southern California.

Azusa Pacific University*	Mount St. Mary's College*
BIOLA University*	Notre Dame
Cal Poly Pomona*	Occidental College*
California Institute of Technology	Pepperdine University
Chapman University	Purdue University
Claremont Colleges	Krannert School of Management
- Claremont McKenna College	San Diego State University
- Harvey Mudd College	Stanford University
- Pitzer College	UC Berkeley
- Pomona College	UC Davis
- Scripps College	UC Irvine*
Cornell University	UC Los Angeles*
CSU Channel Islands	UC Riverside*
CSU Dominguez Hills*	UC San Diego
CSU Fullerton*	UC Santa Barbara*
CSU Long Beach*	UC Santa Cruz
CSU Los Angeles*	University of Illinois at Chicago*
CSU Northridge*	University of La Verne*
CSU San Bernardino*	University of Redlands*
East Los Angeles College	University of Southern California*
Harvard University	University of Texas-Pan American
Loyola Marymount University*	Whittier College
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	

About TELACU

Established in 1968, TELACU is the largest Community Development Corporation in the United States. Utilizing one of the most successful approaches to community and economic development, TELACU focuses its assets on empowering the lives of individuals and families within the communities it serves.

Since 1983, the TELACU Education Foundation has been advancing communities through education. Each year we provide scholarships to 500 Latino college students in California, Illinois, Texas and New York. We also annually provide academic programs and guidance to 1,500 middle and high school students, nursing school students and veterans. The success of the Foundation is best summarized by the numbers: 100% of TELACU Scholars earn their college degree and are prepared to make lasting, positive impact across all areas of society.

For more information, please contact:
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