

## Scholarship Award Recipients



**Michelle Bau**  
Woodbridge High School  
University of California, Irvine

I'm Michelle Bau, a graduate of Woodbridge High School, who will be attending UCI in this fall as an Educational Studies major. Ever since I was in kindergarten, I've been interested in a career in teaching. You can say that I have always been and am passionate about education and educating the next generation of children as a future teacher. In addition to teaching, I enjoy reading, writing and drawing. I have been a part of my school's newspaper, the Golden Arrow, for the last two years, and I intend to continue writing throughout my time at UCI.



**Daniel Chen**  
Great Oak High School  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

My name is Daniel Chen. I was born in California, but lived with my grandparents in China for the first five years of my life. I currently live in Temecula, and recently graduated from Great Oak High School. My favorite subjects in school are math and science. I like to run, and play computer games. I will be attending MIT in the fall, and will be majoring in computer science and electrical engineering. Thank you so much to the OCCACC Scholarship Committee for this wonderful opportunity!



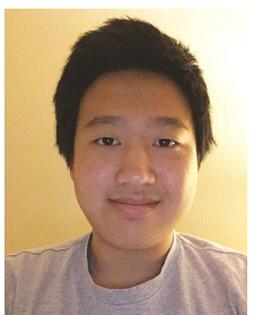
**Kevin Chen**  
Arnold Beckman High School  
University of California, San Diego

My name is Kevin Chen. I'm a 17-year-old senior at Beckman High School and am planning to study Computer Science at the University of California San Diego next year. Technology has always been a strong interest for me and I'm very excited to major in a field I truly enjoy. I'm also very grateful to OCCACC and would like to thank them for awarding me a scholarship, which will help relieve the financial stress of college and allow me to focus on my studies.



**Xinyi Gu**  
El Camino Real Charter High School  
University of California, Berkeley

Along with the lone suitcase, and three hundred dollars in my dad's pocket, my dad and I boarded our flight from China to the United States in 2010. My mother was gone because of cancer. Even though I was in pain, I had to change and understand responsibility to take care of my family. Offering help is always what I love to do because even some tiny suggestion can open a different world to people who is in pain and I love seeing people smile again. I have a dream to study at Berkeley and thank OCCACC for support.



**Brian Ho**  
Corona Del Mar High School  
New York University

My name is Brian Ho, a current senior at Corona del Mar High School and I plan on studying at NYU next year. In my free time I enjoy watching all types of sports and playing basketball. During school I spend I was involved with the programming team and hope to continue my passion for computer science to the next level. After moving from Taiwan to Orlando to California now on to New York I can't wait to experience it and start a new chapter of my life.

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**Yainshen Hu**  
University High School  
Harvard University

George Hu, a senior from University High School in Irvine, loves making music and volunteering around the community. He is avid pianist who has performed across the United States, and also locally at several benefit concerts. Outside of his musical pursuits, George is involved with several non-profits, such as Orange County Math Circle and Angel Heart International. During his free time, George passionately supports local sports teams like the Angels, Ducks, and Lakers. He plans to attend Harvard University in the fall, majoring in either applied physics or engineering.



**Jerry Jiang**  
John A. Rowland High School  
University of California, Riverside

My name is Jerry Jiang and I will be attending UCR for Computer Science in the fall. I was born into a poor family in China, and we moved to America to give me the opportunity to escape poverty. It would have been nice if it was the end of our hardships, but financial difficulties continued and worsened even more after my parents divorced. Regardless, I never gave up and tried my best in academics and extracurriculars for the hope that one day I'll not only be able to overcome my hardships, but also help others overcome theirs through programs.



**Johsuan Kao**  
Irvine High School  
University of California, Davis

I was born in Taiwan, in the city of Taipei. Most of my extended family lives around the Taipei, so I grow up surrounded by family. I had always been fascinated by animals and art and my family had always supported me. In fifth grade I moved to United States. Since then I had continued to be fascinated by animals, especially insects. I had also continued to experiment with arts, the most noticeable examples being wire wrapping and ceramic.



**Chelsea Lee**  
Arcadia High School  
University of Southern California

Chelsea Lee is honored to be a recipient of OCCACC's scholarship award. At Arcadia High, she is a member of the Varsity Swim Team and Science Bowl. Chelsea is also heavily involved in Science Olympiad where she led her team as a captain and volunteered as a student coach for her middle school's team. With an interest in STEM, she not only wishes to pursue a career in these fields but also bring more females into the sciences through future community service. Chelsea will be attending USC in the fall majoring in Applied and Computational Mathematics.



**Taylor Li**  
Westlake High School  
Harvard University

My name is Taylor Li. I am a recent graduate of Westlake High School and will be attending Harvard University in the coming fall. I plan on studying Government and Economics. My future goals are to attend law school and pursue a career in law and public service. I am passionate about giving back to my community and strive to be a person who makes a positive difference. In my free time, I enjoy playing sports, hiking, reading, listening to music, and hanging out with friends. I am excited for what the future brings!

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**Xuemei Li**  
San Gabriel High School  
Citrus College

My name is Xuemei Li however, most people call me Irene. I just graduated from San Gabriel High School and I am currently employed at one of The Salvation Army Summer School Programs with hopes of inspiring other students to achieve a higher education. I will be enrolling in Citrus College this summer, majoring in Chemistry, and I also plan to pursue a higher education in the field of Pharmacy.



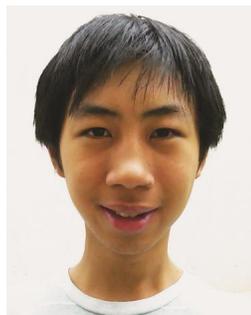
**Christina Lin**  
Woodbridge High School  
University of California, Berkeley

Christina Lin attended Woodbridge High School, and will be attending UC Berkeley next fall as an intended statistics major. In high school she participated in Key Club and various mathematics and computer science related contests. However, she is also passionate about language and culture, and she loves relating traditions of different places. Therefore, she is excited to join the diverse community that the UC Berkeley campus has to offer. In college she plans to participate in intermural sports, and get involved in animal shelter volunteering.



**Calvin Lu**  
Los Osos High School  
Yale University

My name is Calvin Lu and I will be attending Yale University in the fall of 2015. I grew up as a regular kid in the city of El Monte with a less-than-modest standard of living. My parents worked very hard each day to provide for my brother and me. Realizing just how great their sacrifices were, I did my best at school. Years later, my family would move to Rancho Cucamonga, where I would graduate from Los Osos High School after four years. My life has been a blessing, and I owe it all to my friends and family.



**Jen-Yeu Wang**  
Northwood High School  
University of California, Berkeley

My name is Jen-Yeu Wang. I am graduating from Northwood High School in Irvine and will attend the University of California, Berkeley, as a chemistry major. Throughout high school, I have participated in diverse extracurricular activities such as speech and debate, music, language-learning, and tutoring. My interests are diverse as well, ranging from politics to linguistics, however my main passion is chemistry. After college, I plan to attend medical school and become a neurosurgeon. I am very grateful to OCCACC because the scholarship will help me focus on my academics, so that I can achieve my educational and career goals.



**Jennifer Wong**  
Gabrielino High School  
University of California, Santa Barbara

My name is Jennifer Wong. I graduated from Gabrielino High School and will be attending UC Santa Barbara in the fall. I will be majoring in Economics and Accounting. I enjoy making ceramic pots and traveling.

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**Michillinda Yao**  
Arcadia High School  
Northwestern University

A recent graduate of Arcadia High School, I played the contrabass in the Arcadia Symphony Orchestra. As a community leader, I oversee the Arcadia Recreation Volunteer Program. Additionally, I work about 21 hours weekly, tutoring and advising students. I recently partook in the rigorous Project Bridge Youth Ambassadorship to South Korea to promote American-Korean bonds and relations. In the fall, I will be studying Communications Science and Disorders at Northwestern University as I pursue a career in Children's Speech Language Pathology.



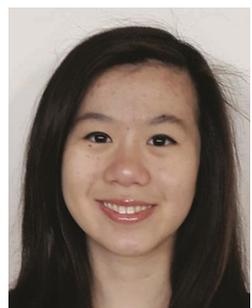
**Audrey Ye**  
Walnut High School  
University of California, Irvine

As a student of Walnut High School, I have graduated recently with high honors and completion of the International Baccalaureate Program. I have also previously earned the achievement of being an AP Scholar, as well as a finalist in the 2014 QuestBridge National College Match. Following this summer, I plan to attend the University of California, Irvine, as a Computer Science major.



**Chih Hsuan Yu**  
Irvine High School  
California State University, Long Beach

My name is Chih Hsuan (Steven) Yu. I am the second son in a family of four children. Throughout my high school career, I have attended various art classes both on campus and off campus, such as the ones I took with Ryman Arts. In addition, I have also participated in many other extracurricular activities including Marching Band, Jazz Band, and volunteer work at my local library. I have recently graduated from Irvine High School and will be attending California State University Long Beach during their fall semester, majoring in art. !



**Amy Zhang**  
Los Osos High School  
Yale University

Amy Zhang, recent graduate from Los Osos High School, passionate maniac for the Future Business Leaders of America, ardent skier commonly seen at Mountain High, solves Calculus problems for relaxation, fascinated by the American stock market and economy, can sleep for 13 hours straight, believes that the potato is the greatest vegetable, addicted to taking pictures of elegantly arranged food, and proud member of the Yale Class of 2019. Go Bulldogs!  
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**Kellie Zhao**  
Brea Olinda High School  
Columbia University

I'm a student who will be moving to NYC to study architecture, art, and humanities this fall. As a hopeful architect-to-be, my goal is to continue my passion for architecture at the collegiate level, and learn about our society through its human-made, physical structures. Juggling my artistic, academic, and life pursuits, it has definitely been a rollercoaster of a ride these past few years. I know that I've only crossed one little hill to stand at the base of the mountain before me, but the prospect of the future is thrilling.