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TACT was created in 1969, a year of rapid change. Immigration quotas had just been repealed and San Francisco schools were deluged with English Language Learners. Chinatown was not included as a target population in the Federal War on Poverty and few social services existed. No official of Chinese descent had ever been appointed to the school board or held any elected office. Students demanded Ethnic Studies classes throughout college campuses to address the needs of their communities. Amidst the call for social change, TACT was founded with the following organizational goals:

- To produce educational excellence
- To participate in educational policy-making
- To advocate for the needs of our community to district and legislative bodies
- To promote cooperation between various educational policy making organizations
- To lead professional growth and development of educators

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53rd Annual Scholarship Celebration

Saturday, May 21st
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Little Theater

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*The above is a partial listing only; our sincere apologies for any inadvertent error or omission of names from this publication.

2021-2022 Year in Review

TACT ACHIEVEMENTS

Community Advocacy & Educational Outreach

- TACT teachers have been a part of the **SFUSD EL Plan Leadership Team**, which has the herculean task of drafting a master plan to service Multilingual Language Learners following the end of the Consent Decree in 2019.
- Along with other community based organizations, students, educators and parents, continues our participation with the **Equity Studies Task Force** facilitated by the **Human Rights Commission of San Francisco**.
- TACT strongly supports Cantonese-English biliteracy skills within our youth. This year, TACT facilitated two networking events for **Cantonese Biliteracy teachers** within SFUSD. In response to rising budget cuts and the needs of bilingual classrooms, TACT is starting an on-going fundraising account to support Cantonese Biliteracy teachers who would like to purchase supplemental materials to enrich their classrooms.

Scholarship Committee

- Record breaking number of applicants and scholarships this year. **32 scholarships** awarded this year!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2022 TACT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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"Never tire of learning,
never tire of teaching"

-CONFUCIUS

DARRELL AND JEANNE DEA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Darrell Dea was born in San Francisco Chinatown in 1950, and Jeanne Dea was born in 1958 in Cleveland, OH and moved with her family to San Francisco at the age of one. Growing up in the city, both were the products of the San Francisco Unified School District graduating from Galileo High School and Washington High School respectively. Darrell went on to earn his Bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Bethany College, became a minister, and Jeanne was the only one of her siblings to attend college and earned her Bachelor's degree in Nutrition from San Francisco State University. Darrell and Jeanne instilled the importance of higher education in both of their children, who attended universities and earned their Bachelor's degrees in architecture and graphic design. We hope that this scholarship recipient will continue Darrell and Jeanne's legacy of compassion and generosity, to continue the path of higher education and to pursue one's life passions.



GIANNA SHEN

Galileo Academy
St. Anne's K-8
Career Goal: CPA

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Salvation Army, assistant volleyball coach, Intern/teacher assistant for SEADC-MYEEP, facilitator for Leadership Exploration Workshop, varsity captain and manager for JV and Varsity Volleyball team, Galileo Celestial Dragonboat Club

"Gianna demonstrated perseverance and motivation to learn the material regardless of the challenges of online learning...one of the top students in my class in terms of self motivation but also in terms of her care for others."

Michele Yee, Math Teacher
Galileo Academy

2021-2022 Year in Review

TACT ACHIEVEMENTS

Despite a challenging year, TACT remains committed to our founding principles.

Curriculum Committee

- TACT continues our longtime partnership with the **Asian American Studies department at SFSU, the San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) and the Square & Circle Club**. This year, the APIA Biography Project is hosting a series of events at the main library this month of May (during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month) to highlight the contributions of APIA WWII Veterans. In particular, we have created and shared three new resources on Filipino, Japanese and Chinese American Congressional Gold Medal recipients.
- We continue to work with SFUSD to include and develop resources on AAPI histories and voices. Since 2019, TACT has been an avid supporter of the film **Chinatown Rising**. We co-sponsored a screening of the film for SFUSD educators and their families in November 2019. Our members contributed to the creation of a Study Guide of lessons to be used in classrooms for this film. Just last month, SFUSD's Ethnic Studies Department endorsed and adopted the film for use in its Ethnic Studies classes throughout the district. This Spring, the following schools will be using it in their curriculum: Marshall, Burton, Balboa, Ida B Wells, George Washington, Galileo, Lowell, and Downtown High School. In the Fall, licenses for the remaining dozen high schools will be purchased as well. TACT is extremely proud of its role in the implementation of the film and curriculum guide in SFUSD classrooms and are honored to lend its support to such a groundbreaking film.

ESTHER CHUI & LAWRENCE HON JOE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lawrence Hon Joe immigrated to the United States in the early 1940s and Esther Chui joined him in 1949 as a war bride. They raised four daughters in San Francisco Chinatown; a son came to the United States in the late 1950s. They taught us to be proud of our Chinese heritage, to speak Chinese, to value a good education, to persevere when faced with challenges, to be on the side of workers, and to support each other. To honor our parents and the legacy they left behind, the family requests that the scholarship goes to a student from an immigrant family who is pursuing a career that will serve the Chinese American community.



UN IENG SIT

Galileo Academy
Francisco MS
Saint Paul School ES (China)
Career Goal:
Computer Science

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Youth for Community Engagement Club (YCE)-Vice President; Youth for Single Room Occupancy (YSRO)-President; Heart in Motion(HIM) - Program Manager; Newcomer Club (NCC) - Peer Leader; JCYC Educational Talent Search; Healthy Body, Mind, and Relationships - Co-Founder

“Un Ieng is a leader at home, at school and in our community. At home she shares chores, cooks meals, translates information, fills out forms and takes care of her 92-year-old disabled grandmother....At school Un Ieng helps immigrant students adapt to a new school and country.....She facilitates tablet and disaster preparedness classes and monthly community building events ...

Kristin Tatum, Educational Advisor
JCYC College Access Program

DR. JAMES AND CAROLE YEE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For many generations, our family has valued the importance of education not only for the opportunities that it gives us but also by which we see the world. During these trying times, however, education alone isn't enough and we hope this contribution can pay itself forward by enabling these graduates to pursue their goals of community service, fulfillment, and leadership.



MEIHUA (JASMINE) TAN

San Francisco International HS
Everett MS
ES: China
Career Goals: Therapist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Youth for Community Engagement (YCE); Newcomer Club (NCC) - Peer leader; Seniors Tablet Class (CYC) - Vice President; International Committee (IC); Vice President; Peer Leadership Program - peer tutor; Job Readiness for English Language Learner (JRELL)

“I would describe Jasmine as exceptional. She is confident, patient, independent yet helpful, and intelligent but humble....Also, when she helps she is respectful and kind to everyone she works with. ...She is from a low-income family...will be the first in her family to attend college...She has my highest recommendation and I know that she will succeed...She also knows that education is a powerful tool that can unlock the door to many opportunities for her future.”

Tiffany Ng, Mathematics Teacher & Department Leader
San Francisco International High School

CLARENCE CHAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Clarence Chan was born and raised in San Francisco, graduating from Washington High School. He received his bachelor and master degrees in civil engineering from UC Berkeley. His field of specialty was Soils Mechanics. He was a lecturer and taught graduate students until his retirement at UC's Lab in Richmond, California. He was an inventor, avid skier and bird watcher. He was a member of the First Chinese Baptist Church in Chinatown and was instrumental in overseeing its two major renovation projects and served as a youth leader. He had also served as a volunteer staff member in Chinatown YMCA's summer camp programs as a lifeguard and waterfront director. Clarence and his wife, Diana Ming established a fund for Social Workers in partnership with the San Francisco School District. After retirement from UC Berkeley faculty, he volunteered with Camp Alumni Membership Program (C.A.M.P.) as a craft instructor, teaching youth how to use hand tools to build musical instruments.



KEVIN JIARONG JIANG

Galileo Academy
Roosevelt MS
Montebello ES (Phoenix, Arizona)
Career Goals:
Software Engineer
(Machine Learning)

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Learning Center - Supervise and tutor students; Zero Waste - Record and Analyze patterns of trash usage; Galileo AI Society; SEO Scholars

"As a member of the SF Chinatown Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) community, I know firsthand the challenges that come...where family members eat and work in one single room," Kevin writes.

"I've continually been impressed by his work ethic, as I know he is continually challenging himself with difficult academic classes, but continues to work to get the most out of his education....he will be successful because intrinsically there is just something special about the way he continues to push himself to be the very best he can be. I really appreciate having had the opportunity to have him in my class.....and expect great things from him ahead.

Jeremy Lee, AVID teacher
Galileo Academy

JOANNA LAI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Joanna was active in the Square and Circle Club, a SF Chinatown service organization, the Chinese Christian Youth Conference Movement, and the Hip Wo School Drum Corps. She was a club leader at the Chinatown Y and an active member of the Chinese Congregation Church choir. She desired to promote music education among young people.



KAREN KWONG

Ruth Asawa SOTA
Alice Fong Yu K-8
Career Goal:
Pharmacist, Professor

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: American Red Cross Blood Services Committee; Boys and Girls Club Excelsior Elite Keystone Club - Vice President; Asians United Club at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts - led workshops; SFUSD Student Advisory Council - Committee Chair; SOTA Red Cross Club - President; Medical First Aid for Youth Non-profit - Founder.

"She is highly successful in facilitating meaningful community programs with both children and peers. She successfully collaborated with other members of our Keystone service club to gain a grant from the Excelsior Collaborative for a teen mental health program...I know with certainty that an investment from any scholarship foundation ...will create a positive impact on the community she is from..."

Ashley Simmons, Assistant Clubhouse Director
Excelsior Clubhouse, Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco

DAVID AND BETSY LEONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The son of parents who had both immigrated to San Francisco from Zhongshan County in Guangdong Province, David Leong (1937-2010) grew up with traditional Chinese values, especially the importance of taking care of family. David went to Commodore Stockton Elementary, and also attended afternoon Chinese classes first at Yeong Wo School and later at Gin Gwok School. David lost his father at the age of 13, and so he started delivering newspapers as a teenager—not just one route for one newspaper but multiple routes for several newspapers. He always had some part-time job to support the family while he attended Francisco Junior High and then the High School of Commerce. He served in the Air Force for two years during the Korean War, and then received an education as a draftsman on the GI Bill. He worked in the mechanical engineering department at Standard Oil (Chevron) until retirement. Throughout his life, David kept his word to his father to put family first in every decision.

Betsy Mar Leong (1939-2001) was raised in a family that was dedicated to doing community service as their family activities. She enjoyed being busy helping others, and would often sacrifice her personal time, weekend time, and vacation time to spend weeks, months, and even years to complete projects that helped the community. After graduating from George Washington High School and attending classes at City College of San Francisco, she worked two jobs to help contribute to the family income. In 1963, she married David, and together they raised their two sons, Darryl and Markus, and instilled them with the same commitment to community service. Even when working full-time and raising a family, Betsy continued to volunteer whenever and wherever help was needed throughout San Francisco. If you asked Betsy what she did in her free time, she would tell you that she didn't have any free time. She was always happiest when busy doing something for others.



JESSICA LEON

Lowell High School
Lawton Alternative K-8

Career Goal:
Educator, Int'l Law

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Japantown Youth Leaders, SF Food Bank, church camp counselor and director, Las Americanas volunteer tutor, President of the Japanese National Honor Society, Black Belt Hapkido instructor

"Jessica is one of my highest performing students and one of the most impressive and innovative students that I have ever had...a standout determination to delve deeply and really learn the Japanese language and culture—not merely get a good grade. Ms. Leon and a friend figured out how to create a grading system that would allow TAs to correct students' assignments digitally without compromising their privacy...it became a system that was shared with the entire Lowell faculty and used...she has the ability to think out of the box, signs of a true leader and very special student."

Naomi Okada, Japanese Language Teacher, Lowell High School

THE LEE AND TSE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Lee and Tse Family represent four generations of SFUSD beneficiaries. Along with their roots in the Chinatown-North Beach community and the greater Chinese communities of San Francisco, they are committed to support a SFUSD student pursuing a path in higher education. Thank you TACT for providing a platform to make this a reality.



CHRIS LIANG

Lincoln High School
A.P. Giannini MS
Robert Louis Stevenson ES
Career Goal:
School Counselor/Business

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Community Youth Center (CYC), Heart in Motion, California Dragon Boat Association, SFUSD Internship, Keyboard Club, Community Youth Center – Dragon Boat

"...Having Chris in class has been an immense pleasure because of the mature way he conducts himself in class, the contributions he makes to his group and his insightful and thoughtful work in the different units we've completed this year. He is willing to dedicate his time to help others...evidenced by his work with kids as a Heart in Motion intern...He is a leader....He has overcome significant challenges... Chris is an outstanding young adult, and he is well-deserving of the TACT scholarship.

Jack Doyle, Teacher
Lincoln High School

ROBERT LOUIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP #1

Robert Louie was an active member in the Chinese community. Among his community services were the countless hours he spent volunteering at Chinese for Affirmative Action. Robert had aspirations of becoming a teacher, but sadly, passed away at a young age. When setting up this scholarship fund in memory of their son, the late Sinclair and May Louie requested that those who receive this scholarship choose teaching as their career goal. It was their hope that their son's aspirations would be realized in the dreams of other young Chinese Americans.



LESLIE PUN

June Jordan High School
SKH St. Andrew's Primary, HK
Chan Shu Kui Memorial School, HK
Career Goal: Mechanical Engineer

"...he strives for excellence in every endeavor he undertakes...he is a young man who has the power to change the world in a positive way."

Sandy Amos, Humanity Teacher
June Jordan High School

ROSE T.Y. CHEN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY THE ROSE T.Y. CHEN CHARITABLE FUND

Rose Chen was born and educated in China. She completed college under wartime circumstances. She came to the U.S. with the goal of working as a teacher. She was headed to Honolulu in 1941 to take a teaching job when historical events changed her plans. She married T.Y. Chen, an entrepreneur in San Francisco. When her husband fell ill, she assumed management of the family business while raising four boys. She and her husband valued education and long supported scholarship programs, including an annual scholarship for medical students in the name of her late son, Dr. Lester Chen. The Chen family is grateful to the dedicated Chinese teachers in San Francisco and would like the Rose T.Y. Chen Family Scholarship to be awarded in memory of their mother, to a student who is passionate about becoming a teacher.



MICHAEL YU

Lincoln High School
Alice Fong Yu K-8
Career Goal:
Medical Social Worker, Special
Education Teacher

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: SF Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Youth Transportation Advisory Board – Board Member/Co-chair of Tenderloin Subcommittee; SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) – Flu/COVID-19 Vaccine Ambassador; SF Share – Founder; SFUSD/Community Advisory Committees (CAC) – Student Representative; UC/High School Summer Research Internship

"...Besides showing great love and care for his brother he also enthusiastically looks to find ways to benefit the community...such as starting his own service group and donated PPE supplies to clinics. Michael is an intelligent, warm-hearted, hard-working, and forward-thinking leader, and I have no doubt he will do much good in this world."

Dr. Kenneth Marcus ChinStaff Psychiatrist
San Francisco Department of Public Health

YEE FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Yee Family Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009. TACT member Dan Yee established this scholarship in memory of members of his immediate and extended family. His parents, Yit Cho Chang Yee and Kwai Fong Yee, operated a corner grocery store in the City that provided for the immediate Yee Family, as well as his siblings and their families. In addition to his parents, the scholarship memorializes his brother, Kenneth Jit Kun Yee, who worked with lung transplant patients during his long and dedicated career at UCSF; his brother-in-law, Paul Takanari Yamada, who was the CEO of Genzyme Japan, in Tokyo, Japan; his maternal grandparents, En Chew Chang and Young Shi Chang; his paternal grandparents, Sar Dung Yee and Kam Yin Chang.



MICHELLE LI

Lowell High School
West Portal Lutheran
Alamo ES
Career Goal:
Genetics Research

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Chinese Progressive Association (Youth Movement of Justice and Organizing – Core Leader, Enoki Collective; Photo Voice Youth Project; Lowell Key Club – President; Shield and Scroll Honor Society; CORO Exploring Leadership

“When she joined our core leadership, Michelle took courageous risks that challenged herself and expanded the scope of our work. This included representing CPA in school district spaces to hold them accountable to our campaign, notably through her participation in an SFUSD hiring committee for peer coaching program coordinators at two schools. She is a reminder of how capable youth are in leading the change we need to see in our city. I have no doubt that Michelle will be able to make great change through her next chapter, and further her own endeavors to uplift our communities and expand our power for self-determination.”

Carolyn Nguyen, Lead Youth Organizer
Chinese Progressive Association

ROBERT LOUIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP #2



STANLEY CHOW

Lowell High School
Herbert Hoover MS
Sherman ES
Career Goal:
Mathematics Degree/Teacher

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF) – Community Funder; Provide Advocacy & Care to All (PACA) – Executive Director; Opportunities for All – Local Governance Summer 2021 Cohort Intern; Lowell Mathematics Club; Lowell Criminal Investigative Forensics Club; Lowell Spring Musical Pit Orchestra

“Stanley pursues his passions with a combination of commitment, unabashedness and wonderment in a way I have rarely seen. He makes sure that in addition to making time for schoolwork and academics he is just as organized and committed to making time for his extracurriculars....Stanley cares about people. He believes that people having access to resources is a form of justice, and he puts action and effort behind this sentiment. ...Stanley is probably one of the strongest 3 leaders I have been fortunate enough to work with in my career, both youth and adults. He always considers and is capable of visualizing both the big picture and the details of a project or a team. ...He puts both time and intention into his leadership style and skills...”

Jessica Kravin, Program Coordinator, Youth Empowerment Fund
YMCA

ROBERT LOUIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP #3



JODI JANG

Lincoln High School
Presidio MS
Sunset ES
Career Goal: Small Business
Owner/Large Scale Non-profit

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Youth Art Exchange – Youth Advisory Board Member; Apparel of Activism; CA Lawyers for the Arts; Associated Student Body – Core Vice President; Youth Outreach Workers (YOWs); SFUSD Against Sexual Violence Liaison

“...Jodi embodies the highest echelon of the growth and development we strive to foster in each youth through our programs which live at the intersection of arts education, youth development and civic engagement. Jodi embeds creativity, a strong work ethic and leadership into everything she does. Jodi’s kind nature, dedication to the greater good and reliability have shone through as qualities that set her apart. Jodi is passionate about improving the world through creative solutions and community building...”

Sofia Vivanco Airaghi, Program Manager
Youth Art Exchange

TACT LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY SOPHIA YANG AND CHUN-YO CHAN, 陳俊佑

As TACT president, Dr. Roger Tom guided the organization through its inaugural year. Under his leadership, service to the Chinese community was a basic principle around which the organization revolved. He was instrumental in formulating the TACT Scholarship Program in 1975. Dr. Tom’s distinguished career in the San Francisco and Stockton School Districts included Program Manager for the Title VII Chinese Bilingual Project, Director of Curriculum Development, and Deputy Superintendent. Throughout his career, Dr. Tom was an exemplary leader in the school district and community and an inspiring mentor for our organization, always encouraging teachers and administrators to become proactive in educational and political issues. Helen S. Chin’s career began as a bilingual resource teacher in 1972 and continued as a classroom teacher, curriculum coordinator, assistant principal and lastly, principal of Gordon J. Lau Elementary School. Throughout her career, Ms. Chin was a relentless advocate for education access and civil rights at the local and state levels. She was involved in numerous community organizations and in 1979 served as TACT President. She led the organization through a tumultuous time of teacher layoffs. She continued to be active in TACT, mentoring many and inspiring others into community service and activism. The TACT Leadership Scholarship honors Dr. Roger Tom and Helen S. Chin and their legacy of leadership and service.



AGNES LIANG

Mission High School
Presidio MS
Lafayette ES
Career Goal: Software Engineer

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
SFUSD Student Advisory Council student delegate, surfing instructor, Mission Leadership club leader, Mission Surf and Snow Club, tutor

“In my opinion, Agnes’ work ethic and drive are what really distinguishes her from her peers. ...she gets up before 5am to swim every day before school...the determination and discipline this takes...In short, Agnes is a brilliant and determined young woman whose kindness, humility, and resilience make her a true leader.”

Max Anders, English Teacher
Mission High School

LEUNG FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Everything I have I owe to my parents and teachers. My third-grade teacher, Mrs. Maxine Fong, was my first teacher in America. Although I was an unmotivated and challenging student, Mrs. Fong gave me a love of the English language in her ESL classroom. Teachers and friends at Lowell High School challenged me and shaped the person I would become. Mr. Bob Jow taught my Psychology and Asian American Studies classes, and he was also my counselor. Each student finds their place in high school, and Mr. Jow's office was my place. I remember countless hours spent in that chair next to Mr. Jow learning academic and life lessons from my mentor. Those were some of my fondest high school memories. After Lowell, I crossed the Bay to attend Cal, where I majored in Biochemistry and minored in Philosophy. I spent five years working in a viral molecular biology lab before I decided to take the LSAT. My three years at the UCLA School of Law were intellectually stimulating and personally empowering. A blink of an eye later and I have practiced law for 20 years. Five years ago I became a partner at my law firm, gaining equity in the business where I had worked for many years. With the help of caring teachers like Mrs. Fong and Mr. Jow, I have lived and continue to live my American dream. The wide-eyed nine-year-old brought to the Gold Mountain by his parents would not have believed that four decades later he would be living his dream and passing on his story to inspire the next generation. The most important lesson my parents and mentors taught me is that time spent pursuing your passion is not tedium or work, but rather a part of a joyful and fulfilling life.



MONICA LUO

Lowell High School
Presidio MS
Alamo ES

Career Goals: Business

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Education For All (EFA) - financial team member; SFUSD - child development intern; OperationStart- program coordinator. Varsity wrestler at Lowell; Violinist on school orchestra; Castellon Professional Services - executive intern, prepares summaries about major financial news and phenomena for the team and clients.

"Monica has been an intern for my firm, Castellon Professional Servicesshe has performed various tasks and projects such as review of tax articles and distilling into blogs for social media distribution. ... her blogs provided informative guidance for readers. ...Monica shares with me her desire to develop an international understanding of culture, economics and business...As trilingual, English, Mandarin and Cantonese, I believe she will thrive in an educational experience offering study abroad at New York University in Shanghai."

Frank Mario Castellon, CPA,CGMA, MST

ROBERT LOUIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP #4



CHERRY CHEUK YAN LI

Balboa High School
Holy Trinity College (Hong Kong)
SKH. St. Andrew's Primary School
(Hong Kong)
Career Goal: Computer Science

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) – Youth Leader, Vice President, Intern; SF Community Youth Center, California Scholarship Federation – Tutor; Japanese Community Youth Center; Code Nation Coding Program; Basketball (Hong Kong); Code Tenderloin Robotics Cohort – Intern

"When Cheuk Yan first immigrated to America ... everyone was in the middle of distance learning. Cheuk Yan knows how it is like to feel isolated. ...she has been dedicating herself to various virtual community service events to engage low-income seniors and families through creative outlets... to combat social isolation. Cheuk Yan has been a strong youth leader... spearheaded the project to write holiday cards and assembled care packages for more than 800 low-income monolingual seniors in the community. Cheuk Yan is a patient, helpful and kind individual... she is supportive and reliable. Cheuk Yan has shown resilience, strong leadership skills, and a passion for helping others through her services to the community. This world needs more people like Cheuk Yan."

Sandy Jiang, Senior Community Organizer – Youth Leadership Empowerment
Chinatown Community Development Center

ROBERT LOUIE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP #5



TASHI GOTLIEB

Lowell High School
Aptos MS (Mandarin Immersion)
Starr King ES (Mandarin Immersion)
Career Goal:
Financial Analyst/Entrepreneur

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: SF Transit Riders – Team Leader; San Francisco Department of Elections – Team Leader; SF Change – Workshop Director; Lowell buildOn – Head of Service; Lowell Parliamentary Debate (Varsity); Wushu (Pacific Wushu)

“Tashi is an outstanding student. ...Tashi’s academic record proves his combination of intelligence and application with nearly perfect grades in challenging AP courses...Tashi took the initiative to start taking university classes online and by now has completed no fewer than nine college classes, some of them at UCLA. ...This shows an unusual drive and ability to focus. His ability to do so many activities alongside academics shows his excellent ability to manage his time and work efficiently”.

J. Monty Worth, AP Government Teacher
Lowell High School

AUSTIN & VANITA LOUIE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Louie family embraces all the future young leaders who attend public schools in San Francisco. By being selected means you have been identified as one of the future young leaders! Thank You to ALL the Chinese Teachers in San Francisco.



ADRIANNA ZHANG

Lowell High School
A.P. Giannini MS
R.L. Stevenson ES
Career Goal:
Government/Law

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: San Francisco Youth Commission – District 7 Representative, Executive Chair of SF’s only chartered youth body; San Francisco Communities Who Help Advance the New Generation of Education (SF CHANGE) – Founder and Executive Director; Families for San Francisco – Youth Fellow; Model United Nations – President; Lowell Student Government – Treasurer; San Francisco City Hall – District 7 – Policy Intern

“Adrianna is a gifted science student. ...However her true passion appears to be in the realm of politics. She is extremely articulate, determined and confident. ...Her confidence is not overbearing or undeserving. ...It is rare to see this level of leadership in young women. She is a very balanced young person that participates in a wide variety of activities in her school and city community....While all of her accomplishments are striking, what impresses me the most is her positive energy....She is a compassionate leader and will make Stanford proud to have her as a member of their community.”

Alena Killpack, AP Biology Teacher
Lowell High School

WILLIAM AND GAYLE CHAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Both William and Gayle immigrated to this country at the age of twelve and strongly believe that education is the key to the betterment of a person and society at large. Education opportunities should be made available and academic excellence be acknowledged and encouraged. Toward this end, we are very proud to support this wonderful scholarship, to help develop the next generation of innovators, contributors and leaders.



HELEN ZHUO YUE CHOW

Lowell High School
KIPP SF Bay Academy MS
Sherman ES
Career Goal: Orthodontist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Worked for Snapingo in China teaching English, Instructor at Center for Bridge Education, Tutor, Peer Mentor Leader, President of Lowell Bridge Club, Intern at UC Santa Cruz in COVID research

“Helen’s best qualities are that she is hard working, thorough, and participates well in class...she took advantage of opportunities, she learned to persevere and work efficiently and accurately...biology and chemistry would be fields that suit Helen well, as she pays close attention to detail.”

Jonathan Fong, AP Chemistry Teacher & Science Dept Chair
Lowell High School

MRS. NGOOK JEAN DER KUAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Ngook Jean Der Kuan (關謝玉珍) was born in Malaysia, the youngest of three daughters. She married her husband Joaquin Kuan and immigrated to Peru. Together they raised eight children: Luis, Orlando, Virginia, Aurelio, Albert, Emilio, Gloria, and Ann. During Ngook Jean's youth, girls were not expected to be educated. After being taken advantage of due to her illiteracy, Ngook Jean's widowed mother swore that her daughters would get an education. In spite of the hardship of raising three children as a single mom, she made sure Ngook Jean attended school. Ngook Jean would often repeat this story to her children to instill in them the value of education. Later on, her youngest daughters Gloria and Ann both became educators. In honor of her mother, Gloria and her family set up these scholarships so that other children can pursue their dreams of education.



KYLE YEHAO ZHANG

SF International High School
ES/MS: China
Career Goal:
Computer Programmer

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Youth for Community Engagement (YCE) – President; New Comer Club; SFI Varsity Boys Basketball Team – Captain; International Committee Club – Leader; Peace Club – Leader

“Yehao has shown true dedication to helping those in need and giving back to the community in San Francisco...Yehao has been able to thrive not in small part because of his drive to succeed and create a better future for himself by learning all that is possible. Smart, a quick-learner, and highly dedicated ... Despite a busy and impressive academic schedule and multiple extracurricular activities, Yehao has proven highly capable of balancing out his priorities and responsibilities. ...I have no doubts that he will be successful in whatever goals he sets for himself and go far in life.”

Sharon Guo, Program Coordinator
Youth for Community Engagement Program

THE ANITA FONG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Vincent and Anita Fong immigrated to the United States at the age of 10 and 6. They both attended the San Francisco public school system. Anita attended Jean Parker and West Portal Elementary before going to Herbert Hoover Middle and Lowell High Schools. She received her BA in Sociology from UC Berkeley, a MS from Sacramento State and MBA from Golden Gate University. Anita was passionate about healthcare, seniors and youth. Vincent is grateful to Chinese teachers in San Francisco and would like to dedicate this scholarship in memory of his sister, Anita.



MICHELLE YEUNG

Lowell High School
St. Brigid School K-8
Career:
Doctor, Researcher

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Youth Girls Basketball Coach, Library Leadership
Intern, Varsity Tennis Team Captain, President of Shield and Scroll Honor Society, Peer Mentor.

“She is driven, goal orientated and competitive, yet she does all of this with care and kindness....I have no doubt in her integrity...”

Amber Wilson, School Counselor
Lowell High School

DR. WELLMAN TSANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Wellman Tsang was born in September 1949 in San Francisco. He grew up in the Telegraph Hill neighborhood living in a large family of flats housing three generations and extended family. The crowded conditions of an urban SF childhood fostered a strong sense of community and laid the groundwork for Wellman's lifelong commitment to public service. While attending The Salvation Army Chinatown Corps, he developed his love of teaching as a Sunday school teacher and cultivated leadership skills as a day camp director. Wellman graduated from UC Berkeley in 1971 with a degree in bacteriology. Wellman matriculated to UC Davis to pursue his medical degree. After graduating in 1975, he returned to St. Mary's hospital to complete his internship and residency program. Throughout his career, Wellman enjoyed mentoring interns and residents which gave him perspective on how the house staff must struggle to complete their education, and also gave him an opportunity to help whenever possible. Coming from a family with humble financial means, Dr. Tsang can identify with the struggles each scholarship recipient must have endured. Large or small, each scholarship was a means of a student achieving their goal in life. This scholarship will continue Dr. Wellman Tsang's legacy of being generous, kind and supportive.



FIONA GAN

Lincoln High School
AP Giannini MS
Francis Scott Key ES
Career: OB/GYN

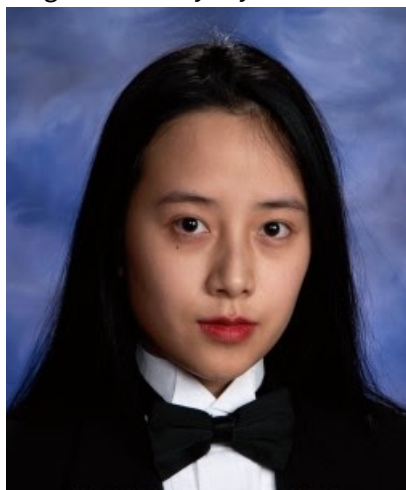
Community Service/Extracurricular:
Founder of Asian Awareness Club, Tutor, member of Heart in Motion, president of Pre-Med Club, Associated Student Body Treasurer

“Fiona has a unique emotional maturity and a strong sense of self. While compassionate, she is also bold, never backs down from conflict and always speaks her mind. She is invaluable during class discussions and group work.”

Shamira Gratch, Language Arts Teacher
Lincoln High School

RICHARD AND LILLYAN MAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

My parents Richard and Lillyan Mar taught us that service to the community was as natural as drinking water. Together they volunteered for over a decade to help build Buddha's Universal Church in San Francisco. Their steadfast commitment to the church was shown through their "can do" attitude, their dedication to hard work, and regular contributions of a portion of their income to the building fund. After Richard's passing, Lillyan helped to pioneer a citywide program called "Stress Busters" which continues to thrive today to foster practical ways for senior citizens to manage stress better. Through Richard and Lillyan's involvement in serving the community, my siblings and I have learned the value of caring and sharing in our everyday lives.



SHU YIN (CANITA) HUANG

Thurgood Marshall Academic HS
Xueye Middle School
Taicheng Di Er ES
Career Goal: Therapist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Community Youth Center Newcomer Club leader, Youth for Community Engagement President, academic tutor, student representative of the School Site Council, Mock Trial Defense witness, Prosecution Attorney, Co-Captain, awarded 'Most Valuable Player' two times, Mission Bay Hub ambassador. Cashier job at a restaurant.

"Canita's desire to constantly seek new challenges, self improvement and inspire others to advance is highly motivating and deeply inspiring. Without a doubt, Canita has evolved into one of the most brave, generous and fearless students at Marshall and one of the bright young leaders in the SF Bay Area."

Lance L. Cheng, School Counselor and Mock Trial Sponsor
Marshall High School

THE TY SING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

TY SING was born in Virginia city, Nevada, with the Sierra as his backyard. He trekked the mountains and camped in the forest. He worked as a cook for mapmakers surveying the wilderness. Other trail groups also engaged his service. He was a trail chef for the U.S. Geological Survey for 30 years. When 11 national parks were established, millionaire Stephen Mather wanted the government to create an administration to protect these parks. He invited congressmen, writers, tycoons, 19 in all, to the Sierra for 10 days. Ty Sing fêted this party with his gourmet meals. The project succeeded and the National Park Service was created in 1910. Ty Sing died in a mountain accident in 1918. There is a 10,552 ft. mountain in Yosemite National Park named SING PEAK honoring this mountain chef. This scholarship is donated by Wilmer Fong in honor of Ty Sing.



CAITLIN CHAN

Lowell High School
Herbert Hoover MS
Sutro ES & Ulloa ES
Career Goal: Policymaker,
Cybersecurity Analyst

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Neat Mentality - External Affairs Coordinator; Lowell Shield and Scroll Honor Society; Policy Debate - Varsity Debater; Senior "No-Boat" Committee - Vice President; Caretaker

"Caitlin has grown a tremendous amount through her high school years....Despite this growth she has retained her humility...Caitlin has a penchant for working with her peers....She has a way with words that empowers her peers....Her willingness to drop what's on her plate and help others reach their potential will be greatly appreciated by anyone who gets the chance to work with her."

Alex Cheng, Math Teacher
Lowell High School

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SAN FRANCISCO CHINATOWN SCHOLARSHIP

Rotary Club of San Francisco Chinatown is the first community service organization in the world. Rotary San Francisco Chinatown supports and recognizes humanitarian service, leadership and helping to improve the lives of others.



SALLY WU

Burton Academic HS
Herbert Hoover MS
Monroe ES
Career Goal:
Undecided Psychology

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Youth for Community Engagement; Kumon - Math Grader, Office Worker;
Balboa High School Dragon Boat Team; American Red Cross - National Youth
Volunteer and Club Member; FACES for the Future's Public Health Youth Corps;
Minds Matter San Francisco - Mentee

"Her parents immigrated here from China...By fifteen years old she consistently worked at jobs...to help support her struggling family...As a result....Sally has developed a maturity and wisdom beyond her years. Sally Wu is an exceptional, driven student who would be a wonderful addition to your college and community."

Ted Cotsen, Social Studies Teacher
Burton High School San Francisco

SQUARE AND CIRCLE CLUB/ ELAINE JANG SCHOLARSHIP

The Square and Circle Club (S&C) was founded in San Francisco Chinatown in 1924 and is the oldest Chinese/Asian women's service organization in the nation. The Club's name 方圓社 is derived from a Chinese adage, "Be SQUARE in deeds, and all-ROUND in knowledge."

Dr. Elaine Jang attended Commodore Stockton Elementary School, Francisco Junior High, and Lowell High School. She joined S&C in 1937 when she was 17 years old and celebrated her 102nd birthday in October 2020. She is a lifelong member of the Congregational Church in Chinatown, where she was born on the fifth floor. Elaine earned her Doctorate of Optometry from UC Berkeley, being one of three women in the class of 1940. After graduation, she substituted for her classmates' practices in Fresno when they were sent to internment camps during WWII, and worked at Fort Mason giving eye exams to soldiers before deployment. She eventually fulfilled her dream of opening her own business, taking over a practice when an Italian optometrist in North Beach retired. Elaine's practice was the first Chinese-owned business in North Beach. Some of Elaine's S&C activities, which has helped support the community, include holding various offices and chairing numerous service and fundraising committees. She serves as a mentor and role model for members. Through the years, Elaine's dedication to S&C and the community has been unyielding.



JASMINE BAO

Lowell High School
Holy Name K-8
Career Goal: Business

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Flying Angels Chinese Dance Company – Dancer;
Key Club Int'l – President, VP of Public Relations; Provide Advocacy and Care for All (PACA) –
Administrative Director; Lowell 2022 Escape Committee; Lowell Shield and Scroll Service and
Honors Society; Lowell Science Research Program

"...I have been continually impressed by her hard work and dedication to not just her studies but also her extracurricular activities. Jasmine is a resilient, resourceful, and ambitious student who is well-respected by her teachers and her peers. Jasmine has supported her family, particularly her mom, throughout her life. Jasmine has had to work to financially support her family while also helping with tasks...Her experiences have cultivated her interest in learning more about how cultural literacy intersects with the ways in which businesses can invest in their communities. I have no doubt that Jasmine will thrive in college and beyond,"

Melissa van Gelder, School Counselor
Lowell High School

SFABE BILINGUAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The San Francisco Association for Bilingual Education (SFABE) is a Chapter of the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), a non-profit that promotes bilingual education. The CABE Vision is Biliteracy, Multicultural Competency & Educational Equity for All. We recognize and honor that we live in a rich multicultural, global society. SFABE is honored to sponsor the SFABE Bilingual Education Scholarship to a student who hopes to serve the community as a bilingual educator. Through this scholarship, we support Bilingual Education as a means to equitable educational opportunities for immigrant and English Learner students and as a benefit to academic and personal success for all students. Our local chapter's focus is anti-racist collaboration with other teacher groups that reflect the cultural diversity of SF. For more information contact us at sfabe20@yahoo.com, www.gocabe.org



ASHLEY ZOU

Galileo Academy
Marina MS
Gordon J. Lau ES
Career Goal:
Teacher, Counselor,
Psychologist

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program (MYEEP) - Counselor-In-Training; Chinese Independent Baptist Church After School Tutorial Program - Tutor, Volunteer; ENgin - Volunteer, Speaking Buddy; College Ambassadors Club - President/Club Leader; Youth Outreach Worker Program (YOW) - YOW, Wellness Ambassador, Peer Leader; SFUSD Internship - Jean Parker Elem. School - Intern/Assistant Teacher

"I am continually impressed by Ashley's initiative, leadership skills and drive to help others...Ashley has led six meetings about completing the activities section of college applications, writing college essays....and steps to take after college decisions. She created these presentations entirely on her own...Ashley finds the most joy in teaching others....She wants to work in education in the future."

Kristin Tatum, Educational Advisor
JCYC College Access Program

THE CHAN-YANG SCHOLARSHIP #1

The Chan-Yang Scholarship is funded by Ms. Sophia Yang, a former SFUSD parent, in honor of her son, Chun-Yo Chan, for students who desire to become successful through hard work and perseverance. Ms. Yang is an immigrant who has endeavored and built a successful company, telCade___a certified Women & Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (WMBE). Ms. Yang has a strong belief consequently in contributing back to the community and has been a TACT scholarship sponsor since 2012 to help others achieve their goals and dreams. TACT is grateful for Ms. Yang's generosity to the scholarship fund.



TIFFANY LIANG

The Academy SF @
McAteer High School
Herbert Hoover MS
Monroe ES
Career Goal:
Pediatrics, Pharmacy,
Psychiatry

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Kumon Math and Reading Center - Tutor; San Francisco Marin Food Bank at Temple United Methodist Church - Volunteer; Youth Outreach Workers - Intern; Student Equity Group; Academy's Assembly Performer

"Tiffany Liang is an amazingly creative and diligent student...Tiffany has really grown into herself, trusting her voice by contributing to class discussions, and sharing parts of herself like her hobbies and interests with her peers...is one of the school's youth Outreach Workers. She is learning about mental health and wellness, and partnering with a UCSF provider to test a mental health guide for teens. Through all of this Tiffany is a young individual who is hard of hearing....She has been a positive influence to those around her. Tiffany has the potential to be successful because she is well motivated to pursue her passion of working with children in the future."

Olivia Leung, MA, PPSC
The Academy SF @ McAteer High School

THE CHAN-YANG SCHOLARSHIP

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VIVIAN MA

Lowell High School
Roosevelt MS
George R. Moscone ES
Career Goal:
Real Estate Developer

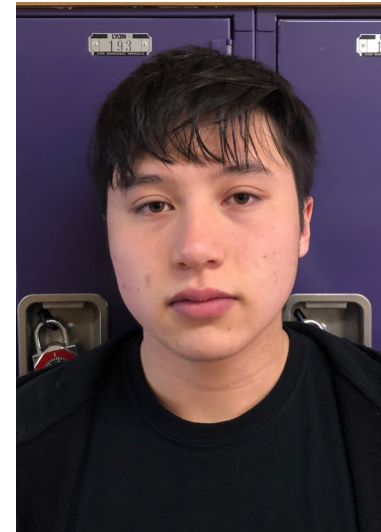
Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:
Youth Works (JCYC); Clothes Recycling Business; Real Estate Club – Treasurer;
Advocacy Club – Vice President; Lowell Science Research Club

“I learned that she was one of the main caretakers for her father, who recently passed away during the pandemic. No one would have guessed Vivian was experiencing this hardship, because she remains diligent in pursuing her goals and has a positive, determined attitude. Academically, she is a curious student and purposely sought out courses that combined both her interest and need for challenge. Vivian is not only thoughtful on how she can help others, but she has a strong passion for making a positive impact on our planet. ...With her drive and creativity, I have no doubt she'll thrive in college and beyond, and will make a positive impact while doing so.”

Jamie Frazier Vargas, Head Counselor
Lowell High School

THE JU FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Our family selected the TACT scholarship program for our annual donation to a non-profit this year...a supportive start for a deserving student heading on to college.



JOSEPH TAM

Galileo Academy
Aptos MS
José Ortega ES
Career Goal: Business

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Boy Scouts of America – Eagle Service Project, Camp Royaneh; Wrestling, Cross Country

“The Troop has provided a positive environment in which Joseph Tam has had the space to learn and grow into a mature and responsible leader and contributor for his community...As a patrol leader, he led his patrol to win the first annual Troop 343 Cook-off competition. ...His patrol came out with the most points on top. ...as an instructor for 2 merit badges, ...he is a very knowledgeable and engaging instructor...I have no doubt that he will grow beyond his scouting and teenage years into a responsible adult, giving back to others and promoting goodwill.”

Christopher David
Scoutmaster Troop 343

JOHN AND RUBY KOBAYASHI FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

It all started with the first ring of the school bell, reminding us to run down the stairs and out the door to make it to school just across the street before the final ring. Although our parents lacked the opportunities of an American education, they wanted to make sure that their children would have that advantage—after all, this nation is thought of as the land of opportunity, “Gold Mountain”. The Kobayashi family continues to value education as one of the pathways to a productive, happy, and successful life. We trust that this scholarship will encourage the recipient to be steadfast and persistent in achieving his/her educational and life goals which enrich personal life, as well as contribute to making this a better world – this accomplishment is truly the “golden nugget”.



KAYLIE (MEIQI) LI

Balboa High School
A.P. Giannini MS
Jefferson ES
Career Goal:
Sustainable Entrepreneur

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Students Taking On Opportunities Resources & Movements (The STORM SF), San Francisco - Co-Founder and Head of Communications; SF City Surf Project - Surf Instructor in Leadership Training (SILT); SFUSD Student Advisory Council (SAC) - Elected Vice President & Executive Team Chair, Former Treasurer; SF Planning Department Internship - Social Media Youth Engagement Intern; Balboa High School Environmental Club - Founder & President

“Kaylie is dedicated to making a difference in all her actions. Beyond her start as the freshman class president...She joined the SFUSD Student Advisory Council....She was elected on the executive team ...became the cabinet chair on the district and city accountability committee... In addition to being the primary translator...she was a financial provider in the family....also expected to be the caretaker of her 8 year old sister during online learning.... Kaylie will thrive in her future academic pursuits and career.

Shu Ping Guan, School Counselor
Balboa High School

THE CHAN-YANG SCHOLARSHIP #3



JIAYONG (EMILY) XIAO

SF International High School
ES/MS: Attended in China
Career Goal:
Kindergarten Teacher

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities:

Summer Program (CCR); Badminton Team; Peace Club – Facilitator

“Emily is a highly motivated, bright studentShe has held a leadership position in Peace Club and spends her afternoons supporting elementary school students in their learning. ...Emily is an excellent manager of her time ... always demonstrated competence in communication in a professional manner. ...I have seen and learned about how passionate Emily is about child development. I believe her dedication to her community will continue to ignite her will to continue her schooling even when times become tough. Emily is a determined and empathetic person in all regards. ...With her newfound tenacity, Emily resolved that she wanted to help other newcomer students as well. ...I cannot wait to see how she takes her academic career further in higher education.”

Lucy Nguyen Tate, Government and Economics Teacher
San Francisco International High School

WILMER FONG

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP

Wilmer Fong was born and raised in San Francisco, graduating from Galileo High School. While studying at UC Berkeley, he was active in the Chinatown community, advocating for better housing and health care. After graduation, he served a career in youth work with the Chinatown and San Jose YMCAs. After retirement from the YMCA, he began a second career. He acquired a teaching credential and taught ESL at Everett, Ben Franklin, and Francisco Middle School. Through the years, he has sponsored numerous TACT scholarship winners in the names of the many Chinatown community social activists. Furthermore, he is an active volunteer staff leader and administrator for the Camp Alumni Membership Program (C.A.M.P.) which operates a camping program for community youth. Wilmer's ongoing dream is for "children to be fed, sheltered, go to school and have the opportunity to all go camping" while imparting lifelong lessons for social justice and community mindedness.



HUA HE

Thurgood Marshall Academic HS
Francisco MS
ES: China
Career Goal:
Public Health Educator

Community Service/Extracurricular Activities: Community Youth Center (CYC) Youth for Community Engagement, Program Manager for Heart in Motion, CYC Newcomer Club, Mock Trial lead trial attorney and team captain, President of Road To Success, Student Ambassador for Mission Bay Hub

"Annie is committed to giving back to the community and joined Heart in Motion knowing that she is the only participant at our school for this organization. I am impressed with her motivation and energy to give back to the community and willingness to challenge herself."

Lydia Ma, School Counselor
Marshall High School



In the words of his friend and author, Ruthann Lum McCunn, "Wilmer's dedication to youth and their education is a bright light in a sometimes dark world. Too often, education is thought of only in terms of book learning. We could all benefit, however, by learning to be more like Wilmer, a shining example of a compassionate, thoughtful, lifelong educator, whose enduring generosity has benefited countless youth."