



AAUW MPB LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS RECIPIENTS-2025

The Local Scholarship selection committee is pleased to announce the award of 12 scholarships of \$2,500 each to students attending CSUMB, Hartnell College, and MPC. One Scholarship was awarded to the memory of Sally Hekkers.

CSUMB:

Marisa P.-CSUMB and Recipient of the Sally Hekkers Memorial Scholarship

Inspired by her foster father, Marisa re-entered college after starting her family, and has achieved a 4.0 GPA. Her dream to become a social worker was inspired by her own life experiences and the desire to help other young girls and women. After obtaining her B.S. in Collaborative Health and Human Science, she plans to obtain a master's degree in social work.

Miah S.-CSUMB

As a first-generation student inspired by her mother, Miah states she feels a deep responsibility to use her education to create meaningful change. She has her eye on a career in the non-profit sector focusing on global humanitarian efforts. In two years, she will earn a B.S. in Global Studies from CSUMB and then pursue a graduate study.

Araceli P.-CSUMB

As a first-generation student, Araceli understands the pressures of being a student, and has used her volunteer time to mentor other first-generation students to accept themselves and develop tools to handle the pressures. She has witnessed the lengthy process of obtaining a U.S. citizenship and plans to combine her degree in Business Administration with immigration law in order to make a difference in peoples' lives. She will graduate next year from CSUMB with her B.A. in Business Administration.

Josephine J.-CSUMB

Josephine's life has been guided by her dual passions for art and music as she explores mediums ranging from making a short film to designing a computer game. Overcoming a difficult childhood, her mother has been her guiding light. She has achieved a near-perfect G.P.A. Josephine will earn a B.A. degree in Communication Design with a concentration in Game Design in two years.

Jennifer C.-MPC

As a re-entry and first-generation student, Jennifer wants young girls and women to know that if she can juggle raising four children while attending school full-time and working, they can as well. Her unflinching determination has earned her top grades at MPC and a sure path to becoming a speech pathologist when she enters CSUMB in the fall. After graduation, she plans to obtain a Masters in Speech Pathology.

Angelica G.-MPC

With dreams of helping women start their own businesses, Angelica is pursuing a degree in Business Administration at San Jose State University in the fall. She has obtained a 4.0 GPA in her two years at MPC while working to help support her family. She is a first generation student.

Aminah K.-MPC

Inspired by her grandmother who was a mid-wife, Aminah is well on her way to becoming a compassionate Labor and Delivery nurse. She also wants to focus on community outreach and education for women. She will obtain her B.S.N next year from Boise State University.

Yesenia C.-MPC

Yesenia's goal of becoming a medical interpreter was inspired by caring for her grandparents and navigating the health care system during her high school years. She sees the need for clear communication between patients and health care workers to facilitate sound health care decisions. She will attend CSUMB in the fall to earn a B.A. degree in Professional Translator for the Health Care Field.

Jenny D.-Hartnell College

Jenny's interest in pharmacology was first developed by her experience as a child of caring for her grandmother and not being able to help her to get well. She is passionate to learn about the effects of drugs on medical conditions and ensure people have access to medication. She plans to become a pharmacist. She is transferring to UC Davis in the fall where she will earn a B.S. in Biology in the next two years.

Cynthia G.-Hartnell College

Inspired by her lived experience and those who have helped her in her life, Cynthia aspires to become a psychologist. She is a re-entry student and juggles parenting, part-time work, and a full-time courseload. Cynthia will attend UC Santa Cruz in the fall with a major in psychology. After obtaining her B.S. in psychology in two years, she plans to pursue a graduate degree in Psychology.

Dulce M.-Hartnell College

Witnessing firsthand the difficulties of new immigrants achieving the American Dream, Dulce aspires to become an immigration lawyer to help the people in her community. Her accomplishments at Hartnell include a 4.0 GPA, playing the violin and flute in the orchestra, forming a LaCross team, class valedictorian in 2025, and being the leader of the Association of Students. Dulce will transfer to UCLA to complete her degree in Political Science, and then pursue a law degree.

Jimena H.-Hartnell College

Inspired by the intersection between science and justice, Jimena plans to pursue a B.S. degree in Biology. Ultimately, she strives to become a forensic pathologist. With a near-perfect GPA, she has managed to balance a full courseload with her passion of cross-country track and field. Jimena is a first-generation student bound for St. Martin's University in the state of Washington.