

RSF Honors Donors for Funding 127 Scholarships

On September 24, the Rossmoor Scholarship Foundation (RSF) hosted its annual Donor Reception in the Fireside Room. After welcoming the reception's 135 guests and inviting them to feast on the goodies, President Bob Miller reminded his audience what's now become the RSF birdsong:

"Every dollar donated to the Foundation goes into a scholarship," he said. "Because of you," he told donors present, "we were able to raise \$474,000 in 2025 that funded 127 scholarships in 2025—an incredible donor-supported milestone compared to our beginning in 1967, when just five students received \$300 each."

After thanking Davis Home Pros, Catherine Myers of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, David Schubb and Victoria Haket, Diablo Foods, and Trader Joe's for supporting the reception, Miller introduced the afternoon's entertainment—the Ygnacio High School Jazz Band (one of six high schools receiving RSF scholarships); the Band proceeded to play three tunes to audience delight. The Band was followed by an audience Zoom meeting with Chima Oluo, 2023 RSF scholarship recipient. Oluo is currently a junior at UCLA majoring in Political Science and Computational Sociology. As a child he struggled with a severe stutter. Today, however, he competes on the nation's top-ranked university Mock Trial team, lobbies lawmakers on behalf of UC students, and mentors youth through legal education all the while achieving a 4.0 GPA. "Your generosity made this possible," he told the audience. Oluo received a standing ovation.

Miller then introduced four new RSF trustees, who read messages from this year's scholarship winners. "I absolutely would not have been able to go to nursing school, graduate with honors, or volunteer while studying without scholarships like RSF's," wrote Jennifer Gushwa. Juan Martinez, now enrolled in the Doctoral Physical Therapy Program at Samuel Merritt University, wrote: "I am forever grateful to the foundation for its generosity." Currently a Computer Science/Business Administration major at USC, Eugenia Druzhinina wrote that the RSF scholarship "ended up being a huge aid for me to attend my dream school, and be on track to graduate without any debt." Veronica Cheung wrote: "I am happy and humbled to announce that I will be attending UC Berkeley this Fall, majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science."

"It's obvious from all this student testimony," Miller concluded, that "your support doesn't just provide scholarships ... it changes lives. For many, you've opened doors that once felt completely out of reach."

RSF is seeking donations to fund scholarships in spring 2026. Gifts can be made by check mailed to P.O. Box 2056, Walnut Creek, CA 94595, or online at RSF's website - www.RossmoorScholarship.org.

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