



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2020-2021



Birdville Independent School District

Dear Scholarship Winners:

This spring marks the twenty-ninth year that the Career and Technology Education Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to BISD students. It is because of dedicated individuals on the Career and Technology Education Advisory Committee and strong business and community support of our students that these scholarship opportunities are made available.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients! You have excelled both academically and technologically, because you have prepared yourselves for the workplace and for post-secondary success.

We wish you the very best as you graduate from high school and pursue your dreams. You are the leaders of tomorrow, and we know that the future of our communities and our country is in good hands.

Respectfully,

Allison Vinson, Director

Career and Technology Education

2020-2021

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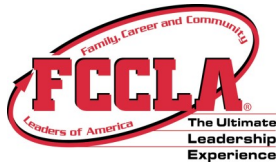
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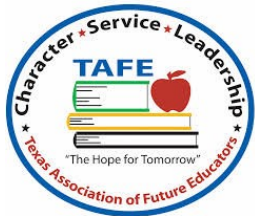
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Preparing for Leadership in the "World of Work"



The Hope for Tomorrow's Future Texas Educators



Learning to Do, Learning to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve

HALTOM HIGH SCHOOL
Denis Murillo
Khoa Nguyen
Mahim Shrestha
RICHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
Alora Allison
Samantha Bennett
Alison Gibson
Hetvi Patel
BIRDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Alexis Ayala
Morgan Purdy
Bethany Tirhi
Emmalia Wilson
BCTAL
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Mahim Shrestha



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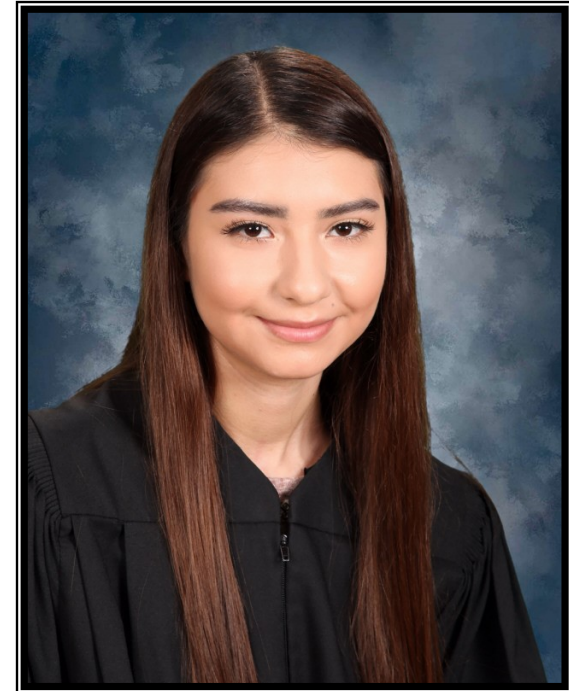
Unity One Credit Union Scholarship



Lauryn Birkes



Denis Murillo



“Being a veterinarian has been my dream job for as long as I can remember. I have always felt I was made to save animals’ lives. I would love to grow in this field and with dedication and effort one day own a veterinary clinic. The Career and Technology Education courses I have taken have brought me amazing opportunities and great experiences.”

Denis plans to attend Tarrant County College.

Haltom High School

Khoa Nguyen



“Taking Career and Technology Education courses in healthcare and engineering has been a huge opportunity for me in finding my passion and setting a goal for the future. I have seen the connection between robotics and healthcare and imagine how technology will be used in the future. I have decided to pursue a degree in Biomedical Engineering and studying at BCTAL has helped me along this path.”

Khoa plans to attend University of Texas at Arlington.

Ari Klein



“Throughout high school I have had many dreams that have changed over the years. I began with a dream of directing movies, then a culinary career, starting my own business and finally deciding on a career in law. A CTE Criminal Justice course is what impacted me the most. I learned how police officers operate, how the courts work, how to defend and prosecute and how to analyze things in forensics. I want to achieve my dream to help those who need defending and to fight for what is right.”

Ari plans on attending University of North Texas.

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Mr. Paul Andreason Memorial Scholarship

Paul Andreason served as the Dean of Students at the Birdville Center of Technology and Advanced Learning. He had a passion for his career and he genuinely cared for all of the students that he served over the years. His family wanted to keep his legacy alive by awarding scholarships to Career and Technology Education students.



Mahim Shrestha



“Career and Technology Education classes have taught me new things about real-world situations. It is my goal to open an accounting firm. It is my ultimate career objective to help people in underdeveloped countries understand their finances and have a better life. By taking Dual-Credit Accounting as an elective and joining DECA and TAME, I have gained real-world experiences that will ultimately help me in the workforce.”

Mahim plans to attend the University of Texas.

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Austin Dick

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“After taking Gateway to Technology in 7th grade, I have not been able to think about anything but engineering. The first time I built a marble coaster, put working code onto a robot and led my team to a surprise victory, made it clear that I wanted to make people feel the same as I did about taking engineering classes. Robotics has been my biggest passion over the past 5 years; it has been a complete escape for me. My goal is to be a software developer for a major tech company. I have leadership skills and knowledge from my computer science classes to thrive in this “new” environment.”

Austin plans to attend University of Texas at Arlington.



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BCTAL

Laurnyn Birkes



“I got involved in DECA my junior year and that is what started my love for Career and Technology Student Organizations (CTSOs). DECA helped me see my own potential. I ran for district office and was given the opportunity to serve as District 7 Vice President for the 2020-2021 school year. This position really refined my leadership skills and was a great learning experience. I have been blessed with many amazing educators and these teachers have been some of the most influential people in my life.”

Laurnyn plans to attend Baylor University.

BCTAL

Alora Allison



“As a BISD student, I feel so grateful for the CTE programs so that we are able to see what careers are a fit and which ones are not before we begin college. I took medical classes and Clinical Rotations but realized that nursing was not my calling. My heart was pulling me towards becoming a teacher. Throughout my years as a student, I have looked up to my teachers and hoped to be just like them one day. I am very thankful for the opportunities I have been given through Career and Technology Education.”

Alora plans to attend Texas Women’s University.

Richland High School

Samantha Bennett



Olman Arevalo



“Career and Technology courses have given me the knowledge and skills I need to excel toward achieving my goal of becoming an Agriculture Education teacher. I want to inspire students to be the best that they can be in school and in life. By taking Floral Design classes along with Education and Training, I will have an advantage when starting college. These classes have helped me with life skills, such as responsibility, time management and team work.”

Samantha plans to attend McPherson College.

“Coming from a family of restaurant owners and operators, the food industry is in my blood. The Culinary Arts Program has brought my standards to a different level. My culinary teachers have been the best coaches, teaching me how to work through just about any obstacle. These experiences have prepared me for the Culinary Institute of America and will give me a head start on my culinary education.”

Olman plans to attend the Culinary Institute of America.

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Alison Gibson



“The CTE classes I took have proven to be beneficial in more ways than one. I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, so I was motivated to take these classes as soon as I entered high school. While in this program, I have met exceptional staff members and students within BISD. I have benefited from working with children of various ages and understanding how they learn, as well as being mentored by many wonderful teachers. It has truly been an honor to be a part of the Education and Training Program.”

Alison will be attending Midwestern State University.

Richland High School

Hetvi Patel



“Being enrolled in the Clinical Rotations Program has opened so many opportunities for me. I have earned certifications in Patient Care, Phlebotomy and EKG. I have also been President of Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) and had the opportunity to attend the HOSA leadership conferences. I have been able to shadow health care professionals in various fields at Medical City North Hills; including, the emergency room, medical intensive care unit and the pediatric unit. It is my ultimate goal to obtain my Ph.D. and pursue a career in Pediatrics.”

Hetvi plans to attend University of Texas at Dallas.

Richland High School

Emmalia Wilson



“I have always had a passion for teaching and in 2018 I began taking the steps I needed to become a kindergarten teacher. I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, and being a part of Education and Training for the past three years has provided me with so many amazing opportunities. I have a vast knowledge and hands-on-experience which has prepared me for my future career.”

Emmalia plans to begin her college career at Tarrant County College and complete her degree at Texas Wesleyan University.

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Bethany Tirhi

Birdville High School

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“Beyond teaching me about business, marketing and competition, my CTE classes have allowed me to gain countless twenty-first century and soft skills, such as management, communication, networking, public speaking, interviewing and more. My goal is to be able to make a difference in the lives of people that I would not typically come across. I hope to gain an understanding of various backgrounds to create a better society by working internationally as a diplomat or at a non-profit organization.”

Bethany plans to attend Biola University.



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Morgan Purdy



“Career and Technology Education courses have really opened my eyes to finding what I want to do after high school. After taking several business classes, I feel a deep calling for a career in business; specifically, corporate law. My teachers have opened my mind to many different career options and have guided me through getting a job, becoming an upperclassman and competing in DECA district and state competitions.”

Morgan plans to attend Abilene Christian University.

Birdville High School

Alexis Ayala



“Throughout the years I have spent taking CTE Courses, I have gained a lot of experiences. These opportunities have put me on track to making my dream of teaching come true. I have been able to join TAFE, participate in contests, win awards and gain experience with becoming an educator. I have been able to see first-hand what a wonderful environment it is to be around people who all want to be in the field of teaching.”

Alexis plans to attend Tarrant County College.

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Birdville Independent School District Career and Technology Education



Career and Technology Education embraces quality instructional partnerships with business and industry to successfully prepare students to position themselves for the challenges of post-secondary education and to excel with integrity in a globally competitive workplace.