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Attachment: List of Ow Family American Dream Scholarship Recipients

## **The Ow Family Cultivates the American Dream**

80 High School Students Receive Scholarships to Attend Cabrillo College

APTOS, CA - For 22 years George Ow, Jr. and his family have been providing American Dream Scholarships to local ethnic minority and disadvantaged high school seniors enrolling at Cabrillo College. Since 1989, the Ow Family has awarded over \$313,000 to 713 graduating high school students coming to Cabrillo. This year the Ow Family has awarded a \$500 scholarship per student to a total of 80 students, the highest number of scholarships ever awarded in one year. It is just one of the many ways the Ow Family has supported students and mission of Cabrillo College over the years.

The American Dream Scholarship Ceremony and American Dream Scholarship recipients will be recognized for their achievements at Cabrillo College's Aptos Campus, on Tuesday May 24 from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Sesnon House gardens.

For Cabrillo College student Theo Offei, the Ow Family has provided critical support during his time at Cabrillo, which has allowed him to fulfill his educational dreams. He is currently majoring in Political Science and is the President of the Associated Students of Cabrillo College (ASCC). Offei's parents encouraged him to work hard so that he could go to college and get a good education.

Recently, Offei was also one of 60 national winners of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, which will provide \$30,000 per year when he transfers to a four-year university this fall. He has been accepted to UCLA, UCSB, UCSC, and UCSD, and he is awaiting a reply from the University of Southern California. Offei will speak at the American Dream Scholarship Ceremony on May 24.

"Theo is a shining example of the American Dream and an amazing success story for Cabrillo College," said George Ow, Jr. "Providing support to students to go to college and fulfill their educational goals is the best use of our money. Our family believes in these young students. Our investment in them is bettering our community and our future."

"George Ow, Jr.'s philanthropy and work in diversity earned him statewide recognition in 2001



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when he received the John W. Rice Diversity award for his contribution toward advancing faculty and staff diversity and student equity in the California Community Colleges,” said Brian

King, Cabrillo College president. “His long standing generosity and commitment to diversity continues to help build our community in so many ways.”

### 2011 Ow Family American Dream Scholarship Recipients

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>High School</b>
Sara	Alvarez	Anzar
Iliana	Lomeli	Anzar
Areli	Quiroz	Anzar
Itzel	Vega	Anzar
Jennivi	Zambrano	Anzar
Kiana	Alvarez	Aptos
Hilda	Cervantes	Aptos
Cecily	Finke	Aptos
Jesus	Melgoza-Pizeno	Aptos
Jeanette	Navarro	Aptos
Mayra	Ruiz	Aptos
Travis	Shubeck	Aptos
Rachel	Strawn	Aptos
Emily	Velasquez	Aptos
Sarah	Wilson	Aptos
Samatha	Gruys	Cypress Charter
Michelle	Hatjes	Cypress Charter
Stefany	Mendoza-Garcia	Cypress Charter
Belynda	Olea	Delta
Christian	Ramirez	Delta
Christina	Vienola	Georgiana Bruce Kirby
Isabel	Alt	Harbor
Kaytlyn	Garland	Harbor
Alexandria	James	Harbor
Kalia	Ostrander	Harbor
Eduardo	Trujillo	Harbor
Jennifer	Yeung	Harbor
Jessica	Zacarias	Harbor
Kalinda	Kaiser	Oasis/SCCOE
Zane	Keith	Oasis/SCCOE
Angelina	Ornelaz	Oasis/SCCOE
Michelle	Alcantar Chavez	Pajaro Valley
Cintia	Gomez	Pajaro Valley
Rogelio	Jacobo	Pajaro Valley
Marco	Marin	Pajaro Valley
Marilu	Zamora	Pajaro Valley



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Alejandro	Avalos	Renaissance
Fabiana	Estrada	Renaissance
Jessica	Fuentes	Renaissance
Andreina	Melendrez	Renaissance
Jonathan	Monroy	Renaissance
Gabriela	Rincon-Marin	Renaissance
Flor	Rios	Renaissance
Sheila	Velasquez	Renaissance
Taylor	Burdick	Santa Cruz
Torin	Foss	Santa Cruz
Roy	Ortega	Santa Cruz
Rafael	Reyes	Santa Cruz
Crystal	Rozinsky	Scotts Valley
Andres	Bocaletti	Soquel
Jiyun	Rim	Soquel
Ana	Vasquez	Soquel
Guadalupe	Aburto	Watsonville
Jose	Alvarez	Watsonville
Guillermo	Banuelos Rodriguez	Watsonville
Eva	Bernabe-Vega	Watsonville
Noemi	Camacho Bautista	Watsonville
Michelle	Diaz-Garza	Watsonville
Karina	Diaz-Sanchez	Watsonville
Samuel	Estrada	Watsonville
Cristobal	Fernandez	Watsonville
Adriana	Gavilan-Aguilera	Watsonville
Maria	Gonzalez	Watsonville
Elvira	Guerrero Paniagua	Watsonville
Yara	Guevara	Watsonville
Cesar	Jimenez	Watsonville
Jose	Jimenez	Watsonville
Juan	Lopez	Watsonville
Diana	Martinez	Watsonville
Reyna	Olivarez	Watsonville
Fidel	Parra	Watsonville
Minerva	Perez	Watsonville
Ruby	Robledo	Watsonville
Glorisel	Rocha	Watsonville
Karina	Rocha	Watsonville
Petra	Rocha	Watsonville
Priscila	Ruiz	Watsonville
Angelica	Victor	Watsonville
Daniel	Villamar	Watsonville
Deysi	Zavala	Watsonville



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*The Cabrillo College Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1962 to raise private donations for the support of Cabrillo programs. Private support is used for student scholarships, research and educational programs, faculty and departmental support, facilities, and equipment. Of the 1,400 community colleges in the nation, the Cabrillo College Foundation ranks among the top 2%. The generosity of Cabrillo College supporters has resulted in top state and national rankings in an annual study of college donors conducted by the Council for Aid to Education (CAE), a subsidiary of RAND Corporation.*

*Local citizens, college staff, faculty and Cabrillo trustees serve on the 34-member foundation board, representing all geographic areas. Over the last ten years, the foundation has raised over \$30 million for college initiatives. Donations for the 2009-10 academic year were \$5.4 million. The foundation has helped to build an endowment of over twelve million dollars.*

### ***About Cabrillo College***

*Cabrillo College is a leading California community college serving Santa Cruz County with locations in Aptos, Scotts Valley and Watsonville. It is ranked #1 in transfers to UC Santa Cruz. Founded in 1959, the college offers over 100 academic and career technical education programs that serve multiple educational goals such as A.A. and A.S. degrees, certificates of achievement, skills certificates, transfer to 4-year institutions or for lifelong learning and personal enrichment. Its mission is to enhance the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of our diverse community by assisting all students in their quest for lifelong learning and success in an ever-changing world.*

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