Ows award 129 scholarships

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APTOS — More than 100 high school seniors who will be entering Cabrillo College in the fall have been awarded $500 scholarships, the college announced in a press release Thursday.

The Ow family, which owns and manages the Kings Village Shopping Center in Scotts Valley, awarded 129 American Dream Scholarships to local, ethnic minority and disadvantaged high school seniors, the highest number of scholarships ever given in one year.

Since 1989, the Ow family has awarded more than $368,000 to 842 graduating high school students, the release says.

The American Dream is "that you can come from humble beginnings and become anybody and anything that you work hard and smart enough at," George Ow Jr., wrote in the release. "And when you become, you shall assist others."

Ow's parents emigrated from China and eventually settled in Santa Cruz, where they operated a grocery store at which all six children worked.

Ow received a Masters of Business Administration from UCLA, then took over management of the family's real-estate business after his father's death, according to the release.