More than 130 students earn Ow family scholarships

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APTOs — The Ow family is giving more than $67,000 in scholarship money to 135 students enrolling in Cabrillo College, the most it’s given in the past 24 years.

George Ow Jr. and his family will award the scholarships during a ceremony May 28 at the Senon House for recipients of the American Dream Scholarship.

Recipients are graduates of high schools countywide.

As a Chinese immigrant, Ow said he places a strong value on education and philanthropy.

After graduating from high school in 1960, Ow earned an associate of arts degree from Monterey Peninsula College, a bachelor’s in marketing from San Francisco State and a master’s from UCLA.

He took over the family’s real estate business, and has followed his father’s legacy of giving back to the community.

“The American dream is that you can come from humble beginnings and become anybody and anything that you work hard and smart enough at,” he said. “And when you become, you shall assist others.”

The ceremony takes place 4-5 p.m. May 28 in the Seson House gardens at Cabrillo College.

Since 1989, the Ow family has awarded more than $426,000 to 977 graduating high school students coming to Cabrillo.

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