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Citrus College Foundation Honors Scholarship Recipients

An impressive gathering of Citrus College students were recently honored at the Citrus College Foundation's fifth annual Scholarship Reception. In observance of the college's Centennial, the Foundation and the college community celebrated "A Century of Scholarship," awarding 61 scholarships to nearly 200 recipients. These students are currently focusing on college completion and aspiring to enter fields that include science, technology, education, architecture, and business.

The honorees' scholarships were made possible by the generosity of the donors who contribute to Citrus College Foundation scholarships and the dedicated efforts of the Associated Students of Citrus College, the Foundation, and the Financial Aid Department. Nine new scholarships were added this year, many of them established by Citrus College faculty and staff in honor of their family members and colleagues.

The scholarships were awarded to students at various stages of their college journey: new transfers to four-year colleges and universities; students continuing their education at Citrus College; and recent high school graduates beginning their higher education journey.

"Citrus College, from its beginning, has championed and rewarded academic achievement," noted Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "The students who received scholarships personify the college's commitment to completion and excellence, and they deserve our heartfelt kudos."

Joshua Galvan received one of the 14 scholarships awarded to students who are transferring to four-year institutions. Galvan received a Raul and Wanda Fernandes Memorial Scholarship for transferring students who plan to major in architecture.

As one of the reception's student speakers, Galvan recalled his challenges as an 18 year-old, out-of-state student who entered Citrus College "looking to begin the rest of my life." A search through the class schedule led Galvan to a program of study—architecture—that set him on a pathway of academic success. He graduated from Citrus College with honors in June 2014, and will enter Cal Poly Pomona this fall as an architecture major.

"Fortunately, I committed to a great program with great professors and supporters," Galvan recalled. "I am grateful to Citrus College for giving me the knowledge and opportunity to succeed, not only now, but also in the future."

The majority of the scholarship recipients were Citrus College students who are continuing their education at the college. They received financial awards based on criteria such as academic performance, student leadership, and chosen programs of study.

One such continuing student was Amanda Jones, who also spoke at the reception. Jones received the Writing Skills Scholarship, awarded by the Language Arts Division. Jones attended Citrus College in 1999 and then put her education on hold to work for several years. After a series of personal challenges, she has returned to Citrus College as a full-time student and is now studying to become a teacher and a food writer.

"I believe everyone can overcome his or her obstacles by concentrating on what makes them happy. All it takes to succeed is perseverance, sacrifice, commitment, and focus," she said.

As an incentive to local high school students, the Citrus College Foundation also awards the Bright Futures Scholarships. This year, 26 students who graduated from Citrus Community College District high schools received scholarships and are now Citrus College freshmen.

"I was very pleased to see the students receive scholarships that will enable them to reach their educational goals," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees and a scholarship donor. "I am proud that Citrus College students, faculty, staff, Foundation members, and donors have demonstrated their commitment to supporting our students at each level of their matriculation: beginning, continuing and transferring."

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Citrus Community College District Trustees Susan M. Keith, Joanne Montgomery and Patricia A. Rasmussen join Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D., and Citrus College Foundation President Brian Bowcock in congratulating scholarship recipients and program speakers Amanda Jones and Joshua Galvan. (Photo by Lisa Amezcua)

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