



Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Christ the King Conference
29 North 32nd Street
San Diego, CA 92102

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Dear Society of St. Vincent de Paul, San Rafael Conference,

Our Christ the King Conference continues to support and mentor the educational advancement of our parish youth, thanks almost completely to your generosity. We truly apologize for the tardiness of this report. However, we assure you that we have pursued this mission with enthusiastic dedication.

Since the Scholarship program's inception in November 2015, we have helped 28 students with tuition, registration, books, computers, transportation and licensing fees. We are in contact with each one, helping them set spiritual, educational and vocational goals and ensuring that they stay on track to meet them. Our Vincentians pray for, mentor, tutor and encourage the students and their families. While we want them to set the bar high, we also counsel them to set a practical, realistic course.

The majority of our students are enrolled in adult education certification programs, community colleges and state universities. Most live at home. Two attend private schools in California, the University of San Diego and Notre Dame de Namur. To date, all students have remained continuously enrolled or have graduated. They are grateful for both the support and the recognition of their hard work. We thought you might like to hear from a few of them.

Devyn (Engineering)

Thank you for awarding me the scholarship to continue my scholastic endeavors. I have managed to maintain a 3.54 GPB in mechanical engineering. I operate as the vice present of the National Society of Black Engineers chapter on campus. Your contribution will allow me to continue my academic and athletic aspirations as I work to make my family and CTK proud of me.

Monserrat (Culinary Arts; Business Administration)

I just finished my first semester of Culinary Arts. I will be getting my grade by Tuesday. I started my second semester already. I just applied to SDSU in business administration and I will get notified if I get accepted around March.

Karen (Business Administration)

I am training to be a volunteer income tax assistant and am the Vice President of a student organization at my school. I am actually starting some graduate courses this semester so financial assistance would be very helpful for the additional cost of the classes.

Corrine (Psychology)

I have just finished my first semester of college with a 3.7GPA. I am thankful for the support because, without it achieving this would be nearly impossible.

Brenda (Nursing)

I am currently half way through the program in my second semester. My capping ceremony was last December. I am in clinicals for my peds rotation at a High School nurse's office and more rotations to come to Children's and Kaiser. I am thankful for all the help I have received from you guys. It has been really helpful. I paid for facility badges, online resources for classes such as practice tests or some helpful online books. I attached a picture of my capping ceremony.

Ashley (Cosmetology)

I take my licensing exam on March 27! Thank you for all your help. Pray for me.

These are just a few of many voices for who you have made a difference.

We are very careful stewards and try to both maximize the impact of the scholarship and stretch funds to fill as many financial gaps as possible. We anticipate summer and fall educational expenses will deplete the remaining balance before the end of the year. For we Vincentians, this will be a marvelous occurrence because it means our students continue to thrive and achieve.

Many Blessings,

Claudia Dunaway
Conference President