



20TH
ANNIVERSARY REPORT

Alan and Ruth Stein
Educational Assistance Program

“It has completely changed my prospects and overall perspective on life. My education has allowed me to provide a comfortable life for my family, and has given me the opportunity to enjoy a fulfilling and meaningful career.”

– Scholar

The Alan and Ruth Stein Educational Assistance Program supports residents living in BRIDGE communities with scholarships of up to \$6,000 to pursue their educational and career aspirations. The program provides flexible funding, covering expenses not typically covered by financial aid and education programs. All residents are encouraged to apply—from college-bound high school seniors to people entering the workforce or working adults seeking to acquire new skills or change careers



“The value of education is immeasurable when you see how it can change people’s lives for the better.”

– Alan Stein

Through the Years

1999

Resident survey revealed the need for educational assistance for residents

2001

Scholarship program launched, named after founding Chairman Alan Stein and his wife Ruth, who seeded the first \$100,000

Awarded first 10 scholarships

2002

Special scholarships: Los Padrinos, funded by former Board member Ernie Vasquez and African American Achievement, funded by Board member Ray Carlisle

2008

Board allocated \$1 million windfall from asset sale to program in honor of Alan Stein

2009

Awarded 100th scholar

2014

Raised \$1 million since scholarship launch
Expanded scholarship opportunity to all residents living in Potrero Terrace and Annex in San Francisco¹, and Jordan Downs in Watts, Los Angeles², as part of BRIDGE's commitment to public housing transformation.³

2017

Launched Kent Colwell Scholarship⁴

2018

Expanded program to residents living in BRIDGE communities in Oregon and Washington

2020

10 new scholarships created and set aside for residents living in Jordan Downs, as part of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Choice Neighborhoods Initiative⁵

Awarded 375th scholarship!

¹ www.rebuildpotrero.com

² www.hacla.org

³ 20 Stein and Colwell awards totaling \$100k have been awarded to-date

⁴ The Kent Colwell Scholarship, named in honor of a longtime friend and late Board member, has awarded \$217,000 to 14 scholars pursuing degrees in business and accounting. Scholars are eligible for up to four years of funding (\$10,000 each year) to use toward tuition, books, childcare and other expenses while pursuing their degree.

⁵ Choice Neighborhoods | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

\$2,059,000

total awarded

\$4,800

average award size

376
total
recipients

**OUR
REACH
2001-2020**



68% female
32% male



3
states
California
Oregon and
Washington

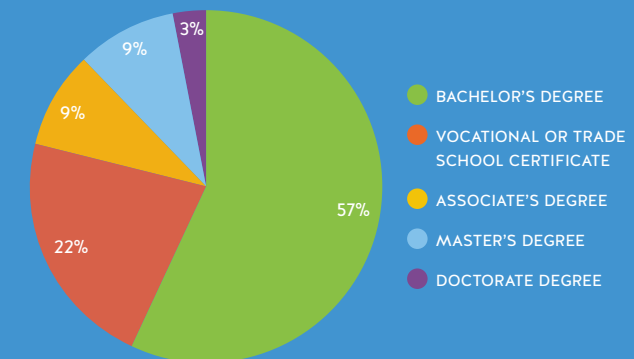


16-70
years old

27 average age

25% Black, 28% Hispanic, 18% White, 16% Asian, 9% Another race, 4% Middle Eastern, 2% Native American/Alaskan

Degrees & Certificates Attained



Popular Fields of Study



#1
Social
Sciences



#2
Nursing



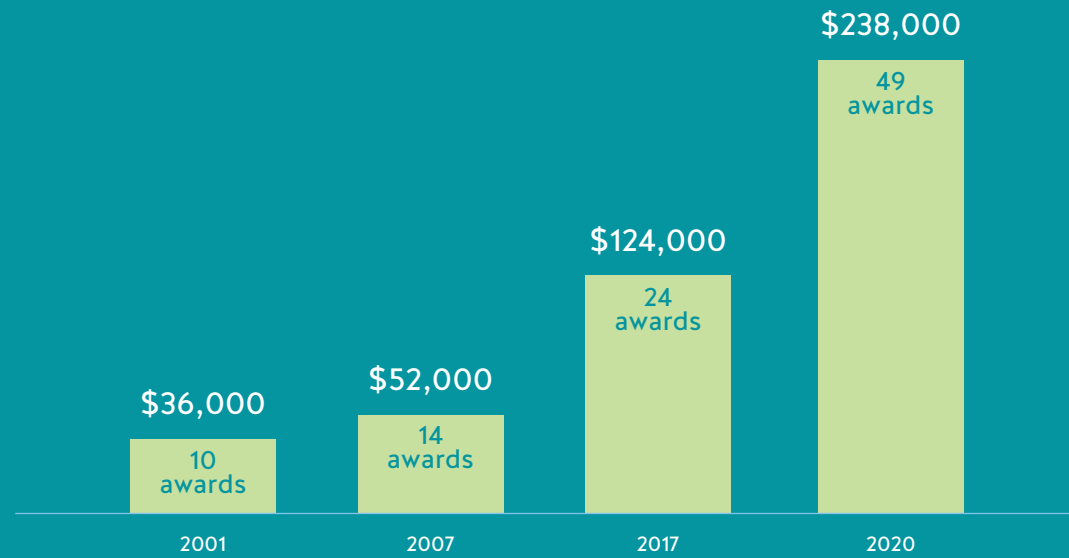
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Sciences



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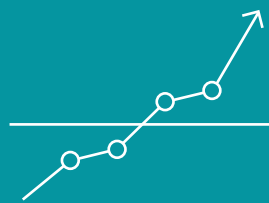


Over the years, the program has grown to support more scholars with more dollars.

OUR IMPACT

“The impact on me and my family is beyond words. It’s not just the money, but someone cared and trusted me enough and wanted me to succeed.”

– Scholar



An independent analysis of income changes among recent scholarship recipients showed that over half saw an increase in their employment income two years post-award.

Scholars’ average income growth ranged from 111-284% – far above the average wage increase (3-5%) for Californians during the same time period. This suggests that scholars’ pursuit of vocational and college education catalyzed their income growth to levels higher than state economic trends.

Scholarships directly supported scholars in pursuing and finishing their education

97%

of scholars have more time to focus on their studies

52%

of scholars completed their programs and 39% are on their way to completion

“Programs such as this are hugely important in helping people with dreams of a better life... Having a helping hand during those times when you need it most goes a lot farther than most people realize.”

– Scholar

Scholarships reduced financial strain and stress on scholars and their families

98%

of scholars worry less about money

86%

of scholars take out fewer student loans

“I was worried about how and if I would be able to pay for what my financial aid did not cover. When I received this scholarship, it took a lot of weight off my shoulders.”

– Scholar

Scholarships inspired scholars’ family members and friends to pursue their education, too

100%

of scholars unanimously shared they are role models to others

95%

of scholars encouraged their friends and families to go to school

“I was a big role model not only to my kids, but almost everyone around us...I feel proud of myself that I could make positive impacts on others.”

– Scholar

Scholarships reduced financial strain and stress on scholars and their families

Scholars overwhelmingly agreed that their education afforded them better career opportunities and supported their ability to earn a good wage



Scholars grew their incomes at rates above and beyond the typical Californian⁶

“I am breaking the generational poverty gap in my family.”

– Scholar

⁶While the program is available to BRIDGE residents living across California, Oregon and Washington, the analysis focuses on California where a majority of recipients reside.

Scholarship Highlights



Shane completed his undergraduate degree and maintained a 3.9 GPA while juggling a part-time job and a family. Shane went on to earn a Master's in neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania and now works as a project manager in the clinical trials field. Shane credits BRIDGE and the scholarship for a large part of his success.

Karen received a Stein Scholarship, which provided her with the financial assistance she needed to attend school and become the first in her family to graduate from college. Karen has since graduated from San Francisco State University with a degree in public health education and a minor in holistic health and is currently working at a nonprofit health care provider.



German had years of experience doing body work on cars for friends and through volunteering at local body shops. "My parents always said to keep studying," he said. "By volunteering, I've gotten all the hands-on skills needed. Now I'm ready to move on to the next step and get certified." With the help of a Stein Scholarship, he pursued a certificate in collision repair and refinishing at an automotive training school.



Scholarship Recipients

Abdurrahman Aburwein	Christy Van Waas	Gloria Lemus	Kevin Safaie	Naomi Embleton	Shayonni Rollersmith
Adetola Williams	Courtney Warren	Gloria Lopez	Keyvan Farhad	Nazir Noori	Sherolyn Sampson
Adi Duenas Alvarez	Curt Leong	Gloria Trujillo	Kien Ngo	Negar Jesmani	Shirin Asgari
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Ahmed Abdul Wahid	Danielle T Jackson	Halla Alexandra Wallace	Kimberley R. Reed	Neomi Square	Shonte Johnson
Aisha Malakzay	Danyom Berhane	Hana McQuinn	Kimberly McArthur	Nergal Issaie	Siham Merzougui
Alan Chu	Dario Salcido	Harmona Beshah	LaDonna Bonner	Netsanet Kifle	Sonia Melinda Vizcarra
Aleksis Livshits	David Deharo	Heath Bernstein	Larisa Kolyvayko	Ngan "Ashley" Cao	Soosan Zahedi
Alexandria Ferrey	David Hill	Hedali Robledo	Laseana James	Nicole Gaston	Spozhmai Nabiyar
Allison Hon	David Parsons	Hedaya Aburwein	Lemlem Ghebremakiam	Niesha Lazette Gooden	Stanislava Paina
Allison Wine	Daya Predon	Henry Ostenoorf	Leonids Markusins	Nima Kashani	Stephanie Lynn Boggs
Amy Alfaro	Dayana Salazar	Henry Romero	Lin Hein	Nishtha Jolly	Sueper Beh
Amy K. Chavarria	Delara Derakhshanian	Hunter Lee Mills	Lisset Stevenson	Norlisha Long	Susan Boles
Ana Gaby Orozco	DeLonzo Pope	Iman Hebbar	Lizbeth Robledo	Nzechi Nwaokoro	Susanna Zheng
Anahita Soroushi	Delores Jackson	Imel Babaamaniesian	Lori Jang	Olga Lidia Sedano	T Mwaura
Anayeli Hernandez	Demarco Hargrove	Imperial Hyde	Lourdes Best	Pablo Chavez	Talitha Saldivar
Andebrhan Elfu	Diana Abrams	Ivette Lorenzo	Luis Cervantes	Parvin Ansari	Tamekia Eugene
Andrea Helms	Diane Wing See Lee	Jaber Ansari Pegah	Luxi Wan	Patricia Calderon	Tanisha Nicole Jacobo
Andrea Ozuna	Dina Smirnova	Jafar Ahrar	Lydia Esparza	Paula Carrasquillo	Tara Gharai
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Angela Li	Du H Tran	Jane Hansen	Maral Aibyek	Ramin Farhad	Thanh Truc Thi Nguyen
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Angela Xhurape	Edishoo	Jawad Hebbar	Maria Consuelo Arana	Raquel Fiorello	Tiffany Clay
Angeline Leonard	Babaamanesyan	Jazelle Lynette Washington	Mariah Sapp	Regina Porras	Tiffany Davis
Anh Nguyen Tran	Ehsan Yousefi	Jennifer Cortez	Mariam Nabiyar	Rhianna Marie Craig	Tishira Metcalfe
Anisha Pathak Benjamin	Elia Rubio	Jennifer Kenning	Mariana Anahi Rodriguez	Rhonda Roberts	Travis Esparza
Anlora Gipson	Elizabeth Hodges-Penalozo	Jesse Taylor	Mariana Salazar	Rizza Gordon	Trent Taylor
Anna Kho	Elizabeth Joy Kingsbury	Jessica Correa	Marlena Nicolas	Robert Triplett	Tresean Bishop
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“In addition to having the opportunity to meet so many of the scholars over the years and feel their commitment to their education despite personal obstacles, I’ve also seen how the flexibility of the scholarship has helped so many overcome that last hurdle to their education. Non-traditional funding such as cosmetology starter kits, the initial set of tools for a mechanic, and childcare expenses that allowed single parents to attend school made all the difference to so many of our scholars.”

– Lara San Pedro, Scholarship Program Administrator for 10+ years and active donor

A special thanks to Scholarship administrators, BRIDGE staff and Board of Directors; and program evaluator, Harder+Company Community Research.

Program Highlights

Stein Scholarships are accessible. Application materials are translated into six languages, ensuring as many residents as possible can equitably access the program.

Stein Scholarships are flexible. Scholarships cover unique expenses—such as transportation, childcare, computer, technology and equipment—that are not typically covered by traditional financial aid and scholarship programs.

No gift is too small. A \$4,000 scholarship can pay for \$3,000 in childcare, \$600 computer and \$400 lab equipment. To make a gift to the Scholarship programs, visit us online at bridgehousing.com/donate or contact Julianna Benfica at jbenfica@bridgehousing.com

“After my bachelor’s, I am now pursuing a Master’s degree. This will change my life for me and my family for the better. This will improve an entire generation’s socio-economic status.”

– Scholar



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