



Don Diego Scholarship Foundation 2023 Annual Report

REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation is proud to have a year marked by remarkable achievements and generous contributions. Thanks to the unwavering support from our community, sponsors, and dedicated team, we've made significant strides in our mission to empower future leaders and support educational initiatives.

Financial Highlights

Junior Livestock Auction:

We are immensely grateful for the astounding success of our Junior Livestock Auction, which raised \$15,000 for Don Diego Jr. Livestock Scholarships. This achievement was made possible through the generous donations from those who donated their animals to the Scholarship Fund Resale Board. Many of the San Diego County concessionaires also contributed to the "Support the Exhibitors" fund which allowed the foundation to purchase animals in the auction.

Partnerships:



The collaboration with the Fair and Hollandia Dairy for selling milk yielded remarkable results. A portion of the proceeds contributed to our support the exhibitor fund, enabling us to purchase animals at the auction and further support aspiring talents.

Plant*Grow*Eat Program:

Our Plant*Grow*Eat initiative exceeded expectations by raising over \$16,000. This success translated into tangible support, allowing us to finance 42 buses for Title One Students to experience the enriching Fair environment and learn the importance of agriculture education.



Annual Gala

The highlight of our social calendar was the Annual Gala held at the Turf Club. Themed "Sweet Home Alabama," it was a night of celebration and recognition for our scholars. The event was a huge success, culminating in the "Alabama" concert at the Fairgrounds and raising more than \$83,000.



Part of a newspaper article from the Vista Press. Shown here are 2023 scholars Collin Cavataio and Canyon Benner.





San Diego Union Tribune

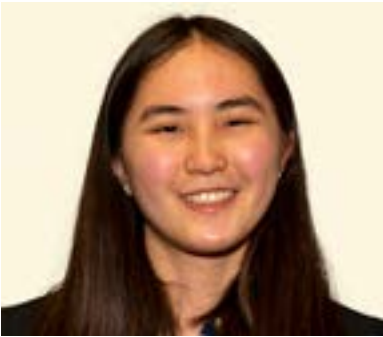
OUR CLASS OF 2023 SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS GARNERS PUBLICITY!

In 2023, we were able to award \$62,000 in scholarships, demonstrating our commitment to supporting academic excellence and future leaders. Additionally, an extra \$10,000 was granted to our 4-year scholarship winners, offering substantial support for their educational endeavors.



Taite Tephabock - Escondido
\$5,000 Zable Foundation FFA Scholarship
\$3,000 Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship
\$5,000 Spanjian Family Scholarship
Cal State San Marcos

"I'm a straight A student who intends to obtain a Master's degree in Zoology so I can give exotic animals living in captivity the most authentic and humane experience they can have. I want to put my passion for animals into active work to save endangered species and make the world a better place."



Maria Wang - San Diego
\$5,000 Ranglas Family Endowment Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship
Brown University

"With twin talents in coding and cello, I will double major in Computer Science and Music. Having developed and taught online programming to girls around the world, I will continue to mentor the next generation of female engineers as I work toward becoming a software engineer."



Reagan Ochalek - Lakeside
\$5,000 Zable Foundation 4-H Scholarship
UC Davis

"My love for animals translated into a passion for helping people live their best life, leading me to my goal of earning an MD and becoming a radiologist. I am a well-rounded woman: I play four sports, am a professional classically trained violinist, excel academically, and show in FA."



Moriah McLellan - Encinitas
\$5,000 Karetas Family Endowment Employee Scholarship
USD

"Working at the Fair was very rewarding. I loved being part of a team helping to make the Fair a memorable event. I plan to major in Chemistry and become a research chemist working in a lab; helping to make discoveries that aid the planet and benefit our lives."



Morgan Nelson

Ramona
\$3,500
Tulloch Family
Junior Livestock
Auction Scholarship
\$1,000
Kirby Morrison FFA Scholarship
Fresno State



Collin Cavataio

Escondido
\$2,000
Junior Livestock
Auction Scholarship
\$1,000
Zable Foundation
4-H Scholarship
Texas A&M University



Canyon Benner

Oceanside
\$1,500
Roxana Foxx Endowment
FFA Scholarship
\$1,000
Palomar College/
UC Santa Barbara



Wesley Gratzner

Julian
\$2,500
Allan Royster Endowment
Vocational Education
Scholarship
WyoTech



Marisa Monasterio

Fallbrook
\$2,500
Zable Foundation
4-H Scholarship
Belmont University



Karlee Klemm

Ramona
\$2,500
Tulloch Family Partners FFA
Scholarship
UC Davis



Nicole Guerrero

Encinitas
\$2,500
Schenk Family Endowment
Employee Scholarship
Cal State Northridge



Gregory Flores

San Diego
\$2,500
Shewmaker Family Endowment
Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship
UCSD



Mallory Sehnert

Fallbrook
\$2,000
Junior Livestock Auction Scholarship
MiraCosta Community College/
University of Nebraska



Luke Anderson

El Cajon
\$1,500
Zable Foundation
4-H Scholarship
University of Idaho



Denisa Petricko

Encinitas
\$1,500
Howell Boys
Employee Scholarship
MiraCosta Community College



David Gooding

Carlsbad
\$1,500
Mannen Family Endowment
Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship
UCSD



Bart Backer

San Diego
\$1,000
Ecke Family
Exhibitor/Participant Scholarship
UC Irvine



Jordan Reyburn

Fallbrook
\$1,000
Junior Livestock
Auction Scholarship
Cal Poly Humboldt



Spencer Abramson

Lakeside
\$1,000
Junior Livestock Auction
Scholarship
Montana State University



Emily Grothe

San Diego
\$1,000
Junior Livestock
Auction Scholarship
Southern Utah University



Taylor Michalke

Fallbrook
\$1,000
Junior Livestock
Auction Scholarship
Palomar College

Grants and Support to Further Our Mission



A \$5,000 Zable Foundation scholarship recipient, Reagan Ochalek, pursues Chemistry at UC Davis.

Zable Foundation:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Zable Foundation for their unwavering support, contributing a generous \$15,000 grant to further our mission.



Charity Fair Horse Show:

The generosity of the Charity Fair Horse Show once again presented the foundation with a check of \$10,000 thanks to our board member and Susan Farrior.



Don Diego donors say one of the best things about the Gala is getting to meet "their" students. Frederick and Shari Schenk chatting with Nicole Guerrero.

Tribute Gift:

Board member, Frederick Schenk celebrated a memorable birthday in 2023 and in lieu of gifts had his guests donate to the Don Diego Scholarship Foundation. Thank you for your continuous support.

ORGANIZATIONAL MILESTONES THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE



Chief Executive Officer Carlene Moore, of the DDA, and Stephen Shewmaker at the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding in March 2023.

Under the guidance of our esteemed Chairman, Steve Shewmaker, and the dedicated Board, the Foundation achieved numerous milestones. These included the establishment of a Memorandum of Understanding with the 22nd District Agricultural Association (DAA), a strategic planning day, and the addition of new board members.

"As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023, we extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported our cause. Your contributions and dedication have empowered us to make a significant impact on the lives of aspiring scholars and the community at large." — Stephen Shewmaker, Chairman

CURRENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Executive Committee

Stephen Shewmaker, Chair
Glenn Drown, Vice Chair
Jim Edwards, Treasurer
D Prestininzi, Secretary

Board

Mark Arabo, Lisa Barkett
Alyson Connolly, Sandra DiCicco
Susan Farrior, Joe Harper
John Hoeflich, George Karetas
Kirby Morrison, Russ Penniman
Frederick Schenk, Alysha Stehly

Chairs Emeritus

Paul Ecke III, Roxana Foxx, Jon Liss

Executive Director

Ashley Colburn McCaughan



New Board Member Jim Edwards

In 2023 we welcomed Jim Edwards to the board. Jim has contributed a lot to the Foundation throughout the year and was recently voted in to serve as the Foundation's 2024 Treasurer.

MISSION:

The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation promotes education in a fair and fiscally sound manner by providing scholarships to deserving San Diego County graduating high school seniors and graduates who have been associated with activities at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, including the San Diego County Fair. The Don Diego Scholarship Foundation also provides grants for agricultural education.



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