

30th
Anniversary



Awards Banquet

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

TOSCA

scholarships shaping the future



Welcome

The TOSCA board of directors welcomes each and every one to the 30th anniversary TOSCA banquet. We are honored to award our Orestimba graduates for their academic work and dedication to their future education.

TOSCA is proud to award 162 scholarships this evening. This is due to the generosity of our community, OHS alumni, and many other supporters in the form of memorials, monetary gifts, individual memberships, and endowments. Every dollar contributed to TOSCA goes into scholarships to assist our students continue their education and achieve their goals.

Our sincere appreciation to all who have contributed to TOSCA and supported the mission to assist students seeking higher education.

Thank you to the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District for the support and advisory assistance.

“Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.” – Dalai Lama

Thank you,

Bernice Arnett, 2022-2024 TOSCA President

TOSCA Board of Directors

Bernice Arnett, *President*

Susan Mattos, *Treasurer*

Michael Holland, *Vice-President*

Debera Amaral, *Secretary*

Carmen Anaya

Bob McConnell

Mia Ball

Karen March

Nancy Caton

Kathy Pometta

Donna Corgiat

Jose Rodriguez

Van Felber

Cathy Wallace

Anthony Loo

NCLUSD Advisors

Randy Fillpot

Justin Pruett

Anita Palacios

City of Newman Advisor

John Pimentel

Our TOSCA History

TOSCA was formed in 1993 through the efforts of Bob McConnell, the charter president of the organization, and we are so proud to be celebrating our 30th year of helping students realize their educational dreams.

A 15 member board of directors serves TOSCA with an advisory panel consisting of the principal of the middle school, the principal of the high school, the superintendent of the school district and a representative from the city council. The board of directors conducts monthly meetings.

Every dollar contributed to TOSCA goes into scholarships as all board members are community volunteers.

TOSCA serves as a scholarship clearing house for many clubs and organizations who do not have the resources to reach each and every graduate of the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District. Through TOSCA's efforts, students have the means to apply for scholarship monies for up to 10 years after their graduation from high school. To date, over 2,500 students have taken advantage of this tremendous effort and have received over \$3,000,000 in scholarship monies and annuities.

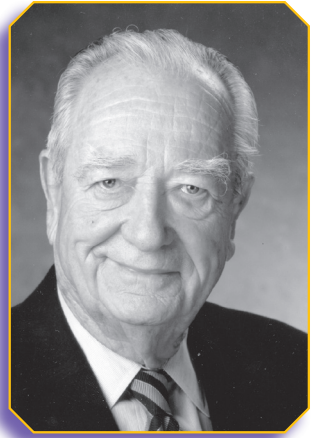
Over the 30 years of TOSCA's existence, many donors have come to realize the importance of academic excellence and encouraging students to seek further education. They have generously contributed to annual scholarships as well as to the development of endowments which will ensure TOSCA's success well into the future.



Tosca-Prien

Innovative Education Fund

TOSCA-PIE



In December of 2000 Ernest L. Prien, contributed \$1,000,000 to TOSCA. Two endowment funds were created from this generous gift; A \$500,000 scholarship fund for college undergraduates and college graduates seeking further degrees and the remaining \$500,000 to form the TOSCA-PIE fund.

TOSCA-PIE grants, totaling as much as \$40,000 a year, have been awarded each year. Interest from the original \$500,000 investment funded these grants.

The TOSCA-Prien Innovative Education Fund (TOSCA-PIE) is dedicated to enriching education in the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District. The fund seeks to form a bond between community members who care deeply about the public schools and those who are creatively carrying out the education of our children.

Mr. Prien had a great love for this community. He attended Newman schools. He graduated from Orestimba Union High School (1931) and from the University of California School of Pharmacy in San Francisco.

He returned to Newman as a pharmacist at the Pioneer Drug Store (the red brick building at 435 Main Street) in 1935. Six years later, in 1941, Mr. Prien bought Pioneer Drug.

Mr. Prien and two partners started a wholesale pharmaceutical business in 1948 - supplying the needs of drug stores throughout the San Joaquin Valley. In 1957, a branch office was opened in San Bernardino to serve Southern California and Mr. Prien moved to take over this operation. In 1958, he sold Pioneer Drug which was then located in the St. Clair Corner Building.

The drug service prospered and eventually nine branches were established in California and Washington. His next venture was the developing of a hospital service and supply corporation serving out eleven western states.

He, himself, was an extremely innovative individual.



TOSCA-PIE

Grant Award

Utilizing Technology to Increase Science Skills

Orestimba High School

9-12 Science Department

\$12,738.97

For the purchase of "Vernier Probes and Sensors" to provide students the opportunity to collect, analyze, and communicate their own data with the result being a deeper understanding of science concepts. The probes and sensors utilize an interface to send data directly to their Chromebooks and the data can then be graphed and statistically analyzed for various uses such as written reports and multi-media presentations.

The Vernier Probes and Sensors will:

- *provide an innovative way to data collection and interpretation.*
- *allow students to carry out experiments during inquiry based activities*
- *science concepts will be discovered firsthand*
- *increase in the academic level of student questioning*
- *greater desire for student active participation*
- *increase in academic discourse*
- *be a highly effective teaching tool to raise rigor and relevance in the classroom*

The primary objective of this grant is to increase student understanding of science content and boost their ability to analyze data sets and graphs. Increasing the opportunities for students to perform hands-on activities will increase their engagement in the classroom.

Total TOSCA-PIE Grant Awards

to date: \$421,817

TOSCA

Top 20 Annuity Recipients & Top 20 Scholars

The students below had grade point averages ranked in the Top 20 of their class. The annuity will be paid to them following their graduation from a Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District high school. They can earn an annuity every year they are a "TOP 20" student in grades 8-11 in our school district. This annuity will be paid to them if they graduate from a Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District high school, have an a cumulative GPA high enough to qualify for and apply for a TOSCA scholarship, and if they attend a post-secondary program the fall semester after they graduate.

8th Grade Top 20

Devin Ancheta	Rosario Mendoza
Hugo Baeza	Maely Paredes
Vanessa Campos	Imelda Pelayo
Samantha De La Cruz	Yuridia Ramirez-Gomez
Analeigh Diaz	Cooper Reeves
Zoey Doane	Ryan Sauers
Melissa Esquivez	Kiley Stevens
Cohen Felber	Abigail Watson
Kimberly Hurtado-Coria	Macie Wright
Jesus Jimenez	Kelly Zapien
Zaira Ledezma	

9th Grade Top 20

Freda Abrego	Ashlynn Meadows
Jessica Abrica	Mia Moore
Nabeel Musaid Ali	Alma Negrete
Andrea Arredondo	Evander Neth
Ashlynn Bell	Genesis Nunez
Giovani Cerna	Isabella Pacheco
Ethan Costa	Hector Padilla
Sophia Rose Dooley	Yahaira Prado-Cerna
Carmen Funez	Marian Quevedo
Melissa Gallardo	Kevin Rodriguez De La Rosa
Isabella Gomes.	Mallory Solano
Carlos Gutierrez	Jaden Sotelo
Evan Gutierrez	Hailey Starr
Cynthia Hernandez	Ella Stepro
Jose Herrera	Noah Valenzuela
Klaudia Hey	America Vega
Mason McKimmie	Krystal Wong

TOSCA

Top 20 Annuity Recipients & Top 20 Scholars

10th Grade Top 20

America Aguilera
Kim Barcelos
Kaitlin Bennett
Lilly Cherry
Madison Durbala
Daniel Franco-Rodriguez
Allen Garcia
Jesse Gomez
Olivia Gray
Kyla Hill-Rutland
Itzel Lopez-Corona

Andrew Marrujo-Gonzalez
Ariel Medina
Emmanuel Medina-Ortiz
David Miller
Jose Romero
Yahir Romero
Tylie Roque
Julietta Sousa
Kaelin Stevens
Matthew Wales

11th Grade Top 20

Lizbeth Aguilar
Madison Beach
Jocelyn Benavides
Anthony Cerna
Drew Felber
Sky Felber
Logan Garcia
Shakty Guzman
Emmanuel Islas
Joselena Madero

Kelsey Maninha
America Manzo-Garibay
Reagan Matthews
Daniel McKenzie
Martin Moran
Jocelyn Nanez
Ashley Ortiz
Ramiro Pelayo
Trina Pham
Mia Quevedo

12th Grade Top 20

Jacqueline Aguilar
Yareli Anaya
Alyssa Cordova
Imani Davenport
Alberto Esquivez
Lina Franco-Rodriguez
Ana Sofia Gomez
Nancy Hernandez
Mariyon Laurent
Nancy Luna-Baez
Justin Mello

Alondra Mendoza
Alondra Perez
Jessie Rios
Sandra Ruiz-Tadeo
Joslyn Sotelo
Hannah Starr
Gabiell Swisher
Jasmine Vargas
Jewelene Vash
Jocelyn Zacarias

OHS Scholarship Recipients

*Jacqueline Aguilar
Ian Amador-Gutierrez*

*Yareli Anaya
Arissa Anderson*

*Kaylee Arciniega
Jasmin Arjon Vargas
Jenny Benitez Morales*

*Adriana Brambila
Nancy Carrillo Hernandez
Kiara Chaidez-Ramirez*

*Iris Cherry
Alyssa Cordova
Imani Davenport*

*Alan Diaz
Taylor Eckstein
Alberto Esquiviz*

*Ceci Estrada
Jason Franco
Lina Franco-Rodriguez*

*Makayla Fulton
Gabriela Garcia
Mia Garcia*

*Jose Garcia Leyva
Angela Garcia Rodriguez
Leonel Gastelum*

*Diana Gomez
Ana Gomez
Rafael Gonzalez*

*Mario Gonzalez
Taylor Gray
Luis Guzman*

*Ruby Guzman
Sophia Hayes*

*Mayra Hernandez Camacho
Xitlally Herrera
Mariyon Laurent*

*Diego Ledezma
Shania Lopez*

*Nancy Yanet Luna Baez
Janessa Marquez*

*Deandra Marquez
Ruby Martin*

*Grace McCauley
Camila Mejia
Justin Mello*

*Gisel Mendez
Nayeli Mendoza
Alondra Mendoza*

*Isabella Moreno
Odalis Nieblas Bajo
Ezequiel Ornelas Avina*

*Idabel Paz
Alondra Perez
Drake Perez*

*Isaac Perez-Barreto
Kali Reeves*

*Daniela Renteria
Anjel Reynoso Calzada
Jessie Eduardo Rios*

*Santiago Rodriguez
Sharon Rodriguez
Karla Rodriguez*

*Areliz Rosas-Espinoza
Sandra Ruiz-Tadeo*

*Daphne Ruvalcaba Landeros
Edwin Saavedra
Nathaniel Samson*

*Mario Sanchez-Barragan
Joslyn Sotelo
Hannah Starr*

*Gabriell Swisher
Orquidia Tejada
Allison Trovao*

*Lizbeth Vargas
Paulina Vargas
Jewelene Vash*

*Joshua Vega
Tatianna Veloz
Jocelyn Zacarias*

POST GRADUATE Scholarship Recipients

Leslie Aguilar-Garcia

Erik Alvarez

Janene Arciniega

Katherine Avila-Diaz

Izabell Barrera

Devin Bettencourt

Alexa Castaneda

Ilyssa Chavez

Natalia Corona

Atzary Corona

Doreen Dyt

Alina Eckstein

Jocelynn Esquivez

Rebecca Esquivez

Samantha Estrada

Nicole Flanders

Ana Fuentes

Alyssa Garcia

Diego Garcia

Ricardo Garcia

Vanessa Gavilanez

Kaitlyn Gray

Angelina Guerrero

Abraham Gutierrez

Marlee Guzman

Mayra Hernandez-Diaz

Gabriela Jasso

Michelle Jimenez

Yareli Ledezma Figueroa

Imalay Lopez-Corona

Jimena Lozano

Lupita Lua

Asuzena Luna

Reagan Marroquin

Daniel Martinez

Ivan Martinez

Airam Martinez-Rodriguez

Matthew Martins

Riley Matthews

POST GRADUATE Scholarship Recipients

Cristina McKenzie

Haylee Medeiros

Laura Mello

Brandon Melo

Alizaya Mendez

Fatima Mendoza

Guadalupe Montes

Estefany Montes

Mariana Moran

Elena Moreno-Leon

Yaritza Moreno-Leon

Jasmine Munoz-Ramirez

Nathalia Negrete

Ashley Newton

Monserat Olvera

Yvette Ornelas

Yasmeen Pelayo

Mary Pimentel

Lilliana Plata

Summer Pruett

Yesenia Reynoso-Acevedo

Alejandra Reynoso-Acevedo

Colton Ritola

Brendan Ritola

Monica Rivera

Jazmin Rodriguez

Xitlali Rodriguez

Daniela Rodriguez-Martinez

Mayra Rodriguez-Ruvalcaba

Adam Romero

Yahaira Romero-Munguia

Eric Schmidt

Samuel Sequeira

Ricardo Sequeira II

Parker Sharpe

Maxwelle Tartaglia

Ciera Thibodeau

Andrea Torres-Raya

Alyssa Trovao

Jayden Vargas

Natalie Velasquez

Amber Wooters

Abraham Zamora



WELCOME

Bernice Arnett, TOSCA President

INVOCATION

*Dinner and Dessert
Served by Yolo 7th Graders*

GUEST SPEAKER

Thea Grieb, OHS Class of 2011

TOSCA-PIE GRANT AWARD

and

RECOGNITION OF OUR DONORS

PRESENTATION OF TOSCA SCHOLARSHIPS

Closing Remarks

BENEDICTION

Bob McConnell

Scholarship Endowments and Contributions

Doctorate Degree Level - \$25,000 or more

Ben & Dorothy Arnhold Memorial Endowment
John Patrick Grisez Memorial Endowment
Marjorie Larsen Memorial Endowment
Bob and Shirley McConnell Family Endowment
Ernest L. Prien Memorial Endowment
Bob and Donna Staedler & Diane Woolgar Memorial Endowment

Associate Degree Level - \$5,000 or more

Kenny Caton Memorial Endowment
Manuel Caton Memorial Endowment
Harold & Jane Densmore Memorial Endowment
John Escobar Memorial Endowment
by Crows Landing Fire Dept. and Theresa Escobar
Ida Mendonca Memorial Endowment
Felisa Ponce de Leon Memorial Endowment
Roger and Lillian Pauletto Memorial Endowment
Pizza Plus, Newman
Lewis Anthony & Coralyn Ann Ramos Endowment
Small World Foundation
Douglas C. Stephens Memorial Endowment

Honorary Degree Level - \$2,500 or more

Jack Clendenin
William H. Densmore
Beverly Frias Memorial Endowment
by Jim & Arlene Moorehead
Bob & Shirley McConnell
Modesto Area A's
Roberto & Josefa Salinas Memorial Endowment
by Roberto Salinas & Family
Mary Pat Thompson Endowment
Yolo Middle School Associated Student Body

Annual Contributions

Gold Member 1000 to \$2,499

Ken & Debera Amaral
*T. Amaral & Sons, Inc., Ken
& Debera Amaral Farms*

Zac Nelson Memorial Endowment

Alan & Jose Bautista Memorial Endowments

Newman Rotary Club

Joan Bell

Newman Volunteer Firefighters Assn.

John & Sheila Borrelli

Irma Peichoto Memorial Endowment

Doris Castro Memorial Endowment

Chuck & Catherine Quittmeyer

Robert & Nancy Caton

Herman Radloff

Ron & Vicki Caton

Willis Ramos

Class of 1963 Endowment

John Gilbert Relvas Memorial Endowment

Jack Clendenin

Rudy Reyes Endowment

Crows Landing Lions Club

Roberto Salinas & Family

The DiMare Company

Edmunda Sotelo Memorial Endowment

Paul & Barbara Dompe

George & Marlene Souza

Genske, Mulder & Company

United Way of Stanislaus County
by Tim & Carrie Stephens-Bazar

Ronald & Kathryn Hansen

VPW, Joseph G. Rose Post 7635

Hearthstone Ranch II, LLC
Michael Walker

Von Renner Elementary PTO

P. B. Iyer, M.D.

Dickinson Weber Memorial Endowment

Largo Construction
Victor & Orquidea Largo

Westside Pallet, Inc.

Helen Loo & Family

Decator's Yearbook Journey 2021
Yolo Yearbook Endowment

Gary & Cyndi Mall

Hugh March

Susan Mattos

Moonshine Dairy

Silver Member \$500 to \$999

Deborah Allen
Annie Amaral Endowment
Bernice & Don Arnett
Jennifer R. Avila
Norman & Marie Beach
Bertolotti Disposal Co.
Joe & Mary Caton
Mike & Katherine Crinklaw
Ed Ford Endowment
Garton Tractor, Inc.
Gustine OLM Knights of Columbus
Mary Louise Indelicato
Jim & Sharon Jasper
J. Wilmar & Judy Jensen
Jensen & Jensen Attorneys at Law
Doug Lucas Memorial Endowment
Georgette Machado Endowment
John Machado

Bill Mattos
Gary & Mary McConnell
Newman Ace Hardware
NCLUSD Teachers Association
Newman Historical Society
Newman Police Officers Association
Karen Roberts Memorial Endowment
Donna Rogers
Mary Ramos Short
Some Gave All Foundation
Charles & Michelle Staedler
T N T Farms
United Way of Stanislaus County
Bob Vizzolini
Paul & Cathy Wallace
West Side Auto Club
Angela York Memorial Endowment
Dennis & Mary Zontine

Bronze Member \$250 to \$499

American Legion,
Manuel M. Lopes Post #240
John M. Armistead
Clifford & Eleanor Beach
Walter & Patricia Beach
Lawrence Bertolucci
Glenn & Lori Black
Darryl & Maureen Cardoza
Lesley Costa
Crinklaw Fine Art
Glen Crow
Ed & Jodi Felt
Patty & Alex Hollander
Norma Jimenez
Anne Lawrence
Yvonne Lerno Memorial Endowment
Marcia McGinnis
Frank B. Marks & Son, Inc.
Irma Mattos Endowment

Mechanics Bank
Bob Moorehead
Newman Fire Auxiliary
Newman Garden Club
Newman Police K9 Association
Stephen & Janet Pearce
Barbara Powell
Angela Mackovich Reyes
Aileen & Robert Siegel
Summer Silveira
Carol Stephens
T.S.M. Insurance & Financial Services
VFW, Joseph G. Rose Auxiliary
Brian & Lunette Vos
Milt & Carol Wallace
West Coast Magnetics
Westside Theatre Foundation

Sponsor Member \$100 to \$249

Carmen & Rafael Anaya

Toni & Bill Alderson

Arthur Amaro

Kim E. Anderson

Scott & Mia Ball

Mike & Sarah Barcellos

Dennis & Patty Bettencourt

Colfax Charter Elementary School

Randy & Donna Corgiat

Glen Crow

Herb & Susie Dompe

Joan Dompe

Adam Dunbar

Janise Eckstein-Makar

Lynette Escobar

Van & Vicki Felber

Darren & Teri Filkins

Steven Fletcher

Mark & Shari Fraga

Sandra Fullerton

Gerardo Gomez

Judith & Stephen Gray

Jim & Beverly Hansen

Michael & Delores Holland

Diane Kerckhove

Anthony & Joyce Loo

Daniel & Sun Min Lundgren

Karen March

Ralph Martin & Tom Sansen

Joanne Meinhardt & R. Cortland

Joanne Mellinger

Elizabeth Mello

Jerry & Patricia Moore

Newman Pioneer Drug

Marilyn A. Oliveira

Tim, Eric & Keith Osborne

Earl & Eleanor Perez

Victor & Janet Perry

Pledgeling Foundation

Rocci & Kathy Pometta

Robert & Monica Ramos

Robert & Patricia Raspo

Red Hat Dazzling Divas

Republic Land Company, LLC

Angela Mackovich Reyes

Danny V. Ritter

Lupe Robles

Edward & Dellayne Rocha

Jim Rodriguez

Carol Schuler

Jacquelynn Mota Schwegel

Christopher & Janice Shaefer

Roger & Judy Silber

Cathy & Daniel Silva

Everett & Tracy Silveira

Richard Silveira

Toni Silveira

Maria Skoczylas

Richard Solano

Jaime & Jennifer Sotelo

Don & Rene Springer

Rodney & Carole Stackhouse

Dale & Loretta Strickler

Harry G. & Connie Tate

Audrey Thurlow

Gary & Babette Wagner

Robert & Jackie Weaver

Blanche Whitman

Michael & Barbara Wilkinson

Individual, Family, Sustaining Members Contributions Up to \$99

Rosemary Alves
Amazon Smile
Michael & Joyce Ananos
Linda & Derek Avila
Thomas & Janice Babb
Patricia Barrett
Jim Bassett
Nancy Bell
Kim Berney
Kimberly & Kevin Bettencourt
Laura Bettencourt
Rosemary Bettencourt
Mary Coelho
Debbie & Gary Crawford
Eugene & Ann Creamer
Gloria Fernandes
JoAnn Freitas
Sandra & Luis Guajardo
Gordon Hauser
Phillip & Susan Hoge
James & Mona Husman
Dora Isola
Walker Jones
Annette Julio
Terry & Deborah Lackey
Dorothy Lemas
Gary & Bobi Lerno
Beverly & Ben Lucas
Mike & Linda Lucas
Ray & Frances Luna
Joseph & Karen Martini
Joseph & Margaret Massey
Doris Mendoza
Janice Mendoza
NDGW, Morada Parlor #199
Newman Partnership
Newman Woman's Club
Greg Nunes
James & Mary O'Gorman
Joe & Cheryl Oliveira
Ed & Sue Perry
Gisel Pimentel
Kathy Ponce de Leon
Pamela Raven
Edward & Rose Mary Rego
Donna Relvas
Steve Relvas
Janice Rocha
Sylvia Rodriguez
Sylvia J. Salomon
Doris Schmidt
Sharon & David Shaw
Derke & Sandi Solano
Paul & Diane Taylor
Kimberly & Derek Thibodeau
Myron & Dianne Thon
Matt & Heather Vargas
Richard & Janice Veek
Veek Enterprises
Wasco Historical Society
Jim & Marlene Weeks
Christopher & Joann White
Yancey Lumber Company

Honorary Contributions



In Honor of Class of 1963 Scholarship

Given by Bill Densmore

I would like to challenge all recipients, former OHS students and reunion groups to honor their “alma mater” with a contribution to TOSCA and to give back to the community that gave to you

In Honor of Mary George Ramos

Given by her daughter Mary Ramos Short

In honor of my mother, Mary Ramos, an Orestimba High graduate from the Class of 1947. As a devoted mother of six, she instilled in her children the importance of education and hard work as the path to success. Her influential support and encouragement has continued in the lives of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well. May the recipient of this award be inspired and empowered to work hard and follow their dreams.

In Honor of Mary George Ramos

Given by her son Willis Ramos

My mom has always been an inspirational part of her children's lives every day. She values education and the opportunity of all to go to college. It is an honor to provide student assistance in her name.

In Honor of Ana Marroquin

Given by Von Renner PTO

This award is in honor of Ana Marroquin for her service to the students of NCLUSD for the past 25 years and being Teacher of the Year at Von Renner Elementary.

*In Honor of the
Von Renner Instructional Aides*

Given by Von Renner PTO

Instructional aides are the life blood of the school. We are blessed to work with some of the best at Von Renner Elementary. This award is to honor the work they do every day for our staff and students. Thank you!

*In Honor of the
Yard Duty Personnel at Von Renner*

Given by Von Renner PTO

This award honors the yard duty personnel at Von Renner Elementary for the work they do each day to keep all our students safe.

*In Honor of the
Beyond the Bell Staff at Von Renner*

Given by Von Renner PTO

Beyond the Bell staff: Honoring the people who work tirelessly after hours to provide a program that is safe and resourceful for our students.



Named Memorial Scholarships

Monies received this year to honor the memory of the following persons were \$250 or more and individual scholarships in these persons names will be awarded.



Annie Amaral Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Annie Amaral Memorial Endowment

Annie was a life-long resident of Crows Landing. Together with her husband, Tony, they raised four children and enjoyed their family life. Annie showed a great amount of unwavering strength and boundless compassion as she cared for her husband once he was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. She exemplified a standard to which we all could aspire. Annie was best known for her competitive edge when it came to playing cards, particularly Shanghai Rummy. Annie's greatest joy was her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and generations of nieces and nephews.

Tony Amaral Memorial Scholarship

Given by T. Amaral and Son, Inc.

Tony Amaral of Crows Landing was best known as “Swede” because of his blond hair and blue eyes in a large Portuguese family. His greatest love, besides his family, was racing the family cars. He had a very strong work ethic and loved farming.

Stanley & Fennie Arnett Memorial Scholarship

Given by Don & Bernice Arnett

Fennie & Stanley Arnett migrated to California from Oklahoma during the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl in 1937. They loaded all their belongings plus 3 children in a Model A Ford car and made the journey along with many other migrants to California. Fennie & Stanley and their children worked the harvest seasons which included picking cotton, fruits, vegetables, and any other jobs which were available to help finance and sustain the two-year trip to California which included the birth of their fourth child.... truly an example of “The Grapes of Wrath”. They settled in the central valley and raised their family of 12 children..

Ben & Dorothy Arnhold Memorial Scholarships

Given by the Ben and Dorothy Arnhold Memorial Endowment

Ben's first trip to Newman was after the earthquake and fire in San Francisco in 1906. He came to stay with his grand-uncle Simon Newman and his family came a little later while his father stayed in the city to repair their home. Ben returned in 1917 to work at the Simon Newman Store but volunteered for service. After the war, he returned and established his own business Newman Security Company in the Russ House. When he retired he had been in business for almost 60 years in Newman.

Mrs. Arnhold was a school teacher in Sebastopol, CA and loved students of all ages. When she and Ben were married they made their home together in Newman and they were involved in Newman's prominent clubs and organizations and lived here until they both passed. They loved this community and the people who lived here and wanted to pay forward their successes in life. Though they never had any children of their own – their love of education and citizenship lives on in this endowment.

Amos J. Avila, Jr. and Nancy Avila Memorial Scholarship

Given by West Side Auto Club

Amos was a devoted charter member of the West Side Auto Club and he and Nancy were great friends to many of the club members. They enjoyed attending car shows with Amos' '48 Ford pickup.

Jim Bassett Memorial Scholarship

Given by Hearthstone Builders II, LLC Mike Walker

Jim Bassett was a farmer and a rancher. He was happiest when he was riding the range, working cattle and doing anything "In the Hills". He attended Orestimba High School and graduated in 1956. He worked at Simon Newman from the time he was 13 until the company sold in 1974. He loved the history of the West Side.

Jim Bassett Memorial Scholarship

Given by Newman Historical Society

He was born & raised in Newman and graduated from Orestimba in 1956. He worked for Simon Newman Ranches until they sold out. He continued with his own cattle business until his health declined.



Alan G. Bautista Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Alan G. Bautista Endowment

This scholarship is in honor of an extraordinary young man who continues to inspire our family and others to live with gusto, use our gifts fully and spread joy.

Alan was a lifetime resident of Newman and attended Orestimba High School where he was active in drama, choir and the soccer team. He loved the performing arts. Alan was a performer with the Youth Entertainment Stage (YES) Company in Modesto. He also performed in Newman-Crows Landing school drama production, Modesto Symphony productions and also a show at West Side Theatre. Alan, you are loved and remembered. Your beautiful light shines on.

Jose Francisco Bautista Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Jose Francisco Bautista Endowment

Jose was born in Mexico and was a resident of Newman for 16 years. He graduated from Modesto High School in 1979 and continued his education at Stanislaus State, where he proudly played soccer as a team sport for the university. He coached soccer for Orestimba High School, traveling teams of Modesto, Newman, Gustine and Patterson and played in the over-50 soccer league and inspired many youth. He loved playing guitar and singing. His great love was his family. He was a devoted father and husband. His Legacy lives on.

Delouries Bertolotti Memorial Scholarship

Given by Bertolotti Disposal Company

The beloved wife of company owner, Bert Bertolotti, Delouries was born July 17, 1932 in Belingham, Washington. She moved to Modesto as a child, and graduated from Modesto High School. She loved to do charity work and her favorite charity was the United Samaritans. She is dearly missed by her entire family.

Ed Borba Memorial Scholarship

Given by Newman Historical Society

Ed moved around a lot and moved to Newman with his parents. He left school and joined the Air Force. He settled here for the rest of his life. After he retired, he and his wife, Rose, RV'd all over the U.S. He was a member of several clubs and organizations.



Joseph and Frances Ann Cabral Memorial Scholarship

Given by their daughters Aileen & Robert Siegel and Patty & Alex Hollander

A native of Gustine, Joseph was a lifelong resident of the West Side. He graduated from Orestimba High School with the Class of 1931 and he also graduated from Healds Business College. He was a farmer and rancher for over 43 years. Frances grew up on a dairy farm with her fifteen brothers and sisters. She moved to Crows Landing after marrying Joseph and together they were blessed with three beautiful children. She had a passion for life that included gardening, baking pies, cookies and card playing, especially six hand pedro. Frances treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Both Joseph and Frances knew the importance of providing a good education to children.

Richard "Dickie" Cabral Memorial Scholarship

Given by Misc. Donors

Dickie was the son of Joseph and Frances Cabral. He graduated from Orestimba High and went on to Modesto Junior College before attending Fresno State University. He was, first and foremost, a cattle rancher. His hobbies were his horses and his airplane, both of which fit right in with the cattle industry. His flights checking cattle, flying to Mexico for fishing trips, and cross-country flights were legendary. He loved his horses and he loved flying. Everyone who knew Dickie has a story about times spent with him.

Doris Castro Memorial Scholarship

Given by Doris Castro Memorial Endowment

Doris was an upbeat, friendly girl who was tragically murdered in December 2004. She was a good student who loved school, and who also enjoyed karate. Her death touched many people in Newman. She was a 6th grade student at Yolo Middle School when she died.

Kenny Caton Memorial Scholarships

**Given by Joe & Mary Caton, Norman & Marie Beach
Robbie & Nancy Caton and Ron & Vicki Caton**

Kenny graduated from Orestimba High School in 1982. During his four years there he was active in FFA and sports. He showed dairy cows and beef cattle. He played football and earned many awards and was part of the three-time league championship team. As a baseball player, he hit a grand slam in the final inning of the championship game clinching the league title.

Kenny was a loving son, brother and friend to all and was known for his infectious smile. He will be forever missed because of his kindness to everyone he met, his heart of gold and his contagious laugh.

Manuel Caton Memorial Scholarship

Given by Ron & Vicki Caton

Manuel was a life-long resident of Newman and a 1954 graduate of Orestimba High School. He was a huge fan of Orestimba High School sports events, especially the 2007 and 2008 OHS women's softball teams.

Otto, Alice & Gilbert Coelho Memorial Scholarship

Given by Susan Mattos

The parents and brother of Susan Mattos, they believed in giving back to their communities through hard work and being involved. Alice and Otto were very involved in many Catholic and Portuguese organizations and the Hilmar Holy Rosary Catholic Church. Gilbert was very involved in the schools of Firebaugh, serving on the school board for 38 years. He was also extremely active in the Firebaugh Rotary Club and St. Joseph's Catholic Church. They had a deep love of family and enjoyed the many times they shared. They were people of action, and helped to raise families that believed in making their communities better.

Barbara Costa Allan & Lucille Costa Davis Memorial Scholarship

Given by Deborah Allan

Sisters, Barbara & Lucille, were born and raised in Newman. Barbara was a graduate of Orestimba High School, Class of 1939 and Lucille was a graduate with the Class of 1940. They were the first high school graduates in the family - one went off to business school, the other became a housewife and mother. This scholarship is presented by Barbara's daughter, Debbie Allan.

Edward W. Costa Memorial Scholarship

Given by Lesley Costa

Ed had happy memories of school, his classmates, 4-H and sports. After graduating he was in the automotive industry, cars being one of his many passions. He is deeply missed by his wife Lesley, son Edward, daughter Sandra and grandson Caleb.

Debra Ann Crow Memorial Scholarship

Given by Glen Crow

Debbie was born in Modesto and was a lifelong resident of the West Side. She was a parishioner at the Shrine of Our Lady of Miracles in Gustine. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was always a strong supporter of TOSCA.

Harold & Jane Densmore Memorial Scholarship

Given by Bill Densmore

Harold was Newman City Attorney for many years as well as an Orestimba High School Trustee. Jane was a former teacher at Orestimba High School. Both loved the community and knew the importance of a good education.

Marco Antonio DiMare Memorial Scholarship

Given by The DiMare Company and Glenn & Lori Black

The second of four children of The DiMare Company owner, Thomas DiMare, Marco was born March 1, 1969 and passed away on December 1, 2010, the victim of a traffic accident. After attending college at the University of Colorado and receiving his MBA from the University of Southern California, Marco joined the family produce company that had been started by his grandfather Dominic. Initially, working out of the company's Newman facility, Marco honed his skills as a salesman selling tomatoes and later moved to the company's Indio facility where he learned all aspects of the family business. Over the course of his career he had earned the respect of all who worked with him and had established himself as an emerging industry leader. He is dearly missed.

Americo & Mary Dompe Memorial Scholarship

Given by their son Paul & Barbara Dompe

Both Americo and Mary Dompe were children of immigrants to the United States. Americo's parents were from Italy, and Mary's parents were from Spain. Americo, along with his brothers Frank and Pete Dompe, established farming, processing, and marketing companies on the West Side in the 1940's. These companies continued as a family run business until 2020.

Mary Dompe was well-known for her generous hospitality, and loved entertaining her family and many friends.

Americo and Mary proudly followed the educational successes of their grandchildren and fostered their grandchildren's interests in learning. They would be humbly honored to be a part of TOSCA.

Thomas J. & Emily Duarte Memorial Scholarship

Given by their son Frank and Alice Duarte

Both our father and mother born of poor immigrant Portuguese families and lived during the Great Depression. They had limited opportunity for higher education but always stressed education as the key to prosperity.

John Pereira Escobar Memorial Scholarship

**Given by Crows Landing Volunteer Fire Department
and John's wife, Theresa Escobar**

John was a farmer in Crows Landing for over 30 years. He was a well respected businessman who developed and managed a successful farming operation with his wife Theresa and son Jack growing almonds, walnuts, lima beans, alfalfa and corn. As a farmer John was well known for his attention to detail and meticulously groomed fields. He was humble, generous and kind to his employees and business colleagues.

John believed in serving his community and helping people in need. He was active in the town of Crows Landing throughout his life. John served in the Crows Landing Volunteer Fire Department for over 32 years and held the position of Lieutenant and served as the organization's president. When called to duty, John might be heard over the radio responding, "No Show, Just Go," rejecting the accoutrements of formal uniforms and badges.

John was a baseball fan throughout his life and he lead the Crows Landing Youth Baseball Program for 22 years. He found joy in studying and teaching the finer points of the game and the principles of honor and sportsmanship. John coached dozens of teams and hundreds of boys and girls to whom he was the very essence of baseball. To those eager students, John will be remembered as "Hey Coach."

Edward Ford Memorial Scholarship

Given by Endowment

Ed was a tireless advocate for fellow veterans and an avid community volunteer. As a long-time Newman resident, he was devoted to serving veterans and held numerous offices at the post, district and state levels of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was dedicated to the community as well, a good-natured, selfless volunteer who was always willing to help others. He served as a volunteer firefighter for many years in Newman, was a former member and past-president of the Newman Lions Club and served on the TOSCA Board of Directors for a number of years. His many interests included a love of events which brought people together, such as class reunions and the Newman Fall Festival.

Edward & Mary Jane Ford Memorial Scholarship

Given by George and Marlene Souza

Ed and Mary Jane were both proud Orestimba graduates. They helped to organize the large Orestimba Class Reunion. They lived in Newman and were proud of both their town and Alma Mater.

Tony & Bernice Fraga Memorial Scholarship

Given by their family

Tony was born in Gustine and was a resident of Newman for 87 years. He worked as a funeral director for nearly 50 years. He was a parishioner at St. Joachim's Catholic Church, where he was a lector for many years. He was an active member of TOSCA and could be seen working in the kitchen during the awards banquet. He loved spending time with his family and enjoyed woodworking, reading and model planes.

Bernice was a lifelong resident of Newman, a wonderful and loving homemaker and she also worked at Y-Not Newman Floral for many years. She was actively involved in her community as a member of St. Joachim's Catholic Church, a 50-year member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, a 50-year member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and a member of the Altar Society and UPPEC. She and her loving husband, Tony, raised their family in Newman and she was an avid supporter of the Newman schools and TOSCA.

Beverly Moorehead Frias Memorial Scholarship

Given by Jim & Arlene Moorehead

Born at the Newman Hospital, located above the St. George Hotel, Beverly always enjoyed her life to the fullest. She enjoyed a long career in the banking industry rising to Vice-President of Wells Fargo Bank. She and her husband Bob enjoyed living many years in Maui Hawaii but returned home to Newman.

Jose Bonifacio Garcia Plascencia Memorial Scholarship

Given by Largo Construction - Victory & Orquidea Largo

Bonifacio "Boni" Garcia, loved the Newman - Crows Landing community. He and his wife, Leticia, raised four children; products of this school system. He was a lifetime learner with no formal education who believed in the value of empowerment of a college education.

Bud Garton Memorial Scholarship

Given by Garton Tractor, Inc. through the Stanislaus Community Foundation

Bud Garton, founder of Garton Tractor, Inc. of Turlock, dedicated his life to serving the Agricultural community and was a proud supporter of the local youth organizations. Bud was always willing to help those in need and his example of hard work and generosity continues on.



Joey Graves Memorial Scholarship

Given by Jennifer Avila and Some Gave All Foundation

In memory of SPC Joey Graves who gave his life for his country on July 25, 2006 in Baghdad, Iraq at the young age of 21. As his father, I am extremely proud of him for his service and his sacrifice. Together with Jennifer Avila, his fourth grade teacher at Von Renner Elementary in 1994-1995, we are honored to present this scholarship.

Meena B. Iyer Memorial Scholarship

Given by P. B. Iyer, M.D.

My mother, Meena B. Iyer, felt and indicated to me during her lifetime to serve and donate to the community where I live and work. I am following her directive.

Margaret & W.H. Jensen Memorial Scholarship

Given by Wilmar and Judy Jensen

My father, W. H. Jensen was born in Gustine and worked most of his life there. My mother, Margaret Jensen, came here at an early age and worked very hard to raise her family and support my dad.

They were hardworking productive West Siders who did their very best to raise sons who would honor their ancestors and community.

Marie Knause Memorial Scholarship

Given by Donna Rogers

Life long friend! Traveled extensively in Europe and around the world. She lived a great life and left us in 1995. She was a VERY special person

Marge Larsen Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Marge Larsen Memorial Endowment Fund

Marjorie Larsen began her teaching career at Orestimba High School in 1940. She taught history and girls physical education and was Class of '44 advisor for 4 years. She left Orestimba in 1946 for a teaching position in Stockton but her heart never left Orestimba. She attended many class reunions of former students and visited Newman often. She was one of the first financial supporters of TOSCA and regularly attended our TOSCA awards night banquet.

She died on January 9, 2014 and left a major gift to TOSCA as a memorial endowment.



Michael Joseph Lawrence Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Misc. Contributions

Mike grew up on a chicken ranch outside of Gustine, attended school there and graduated in 1975. He played football and participated in track and field events and once held the school record for shot put distance. He settled in Newman, upon marrying Anne Densmore. Their children attended Newman schools. Mike was known as a talented and masterful mechanic/machinist/welder/fixer of ALL things. He could assess a problem, determine the necessary parts and tools needed, even if he had to manufacture one or the other, and then perform the repair. He was a lifelong LA Rams fan, loved NASCAR, deer hunting and fishing with friends and family, BBQing on his Weber grill, camping and bike riding.

Yvonne Lerno Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Yvonne Lerno Memorial Endowment Fund

Yvonne, a native of Long Beach and graduate of Anaheim High School, lived in Newman for 56 years where she was a homemaker. Her hobbies included painting and working with stained glass. Yvonne's three sons, Larry, Garry and Jerry all attended Orestimba High School and she was an avid supporter of TOSCA and all Orestimba High School events.

Fred Loo Memorial Scholarship

Given by Helen Loo and Family

Upon moving to Crows Landing in the early 1970's Fred Loo, his wife Helen and their four children began a family-run grocery store business that spanned more than 40 years. Fred was a very hard-working father who raised his children to be strong individuals and to give back to their community.

All four of Fred's children attended local schools and graduated from Orestimba High School as well as many of his 10 grandchildren. Helen and her entire family is extremely grateful for the support and kindnesses always shown to them from the Newman and Crows Landing communities.

Doug Lucas Memorial Scholarship

Given by Hearthstone Builders II, LLC, and endowment

He was a faithful steward and preservationist of the West Side and family properties with 100+ years heritage holdings. Doug served many community organizations in his lifetime and proudly served as a board member to TOSCA for many years. Golfing, traveling and exploring new hobbies were his passions. He was an automobile enthusiast and enjoyed countless road trips and also enjoyed his involvement in general aviation especially everything Beechcraft. His true devotion in life was to his many close friends, his business partners and sister, and his Lucas/Borba family. Spending time with them on the course, at the ranches, dining out, flying away, exploring Idaho and simply shooting the breeze gave Doug a beautiful life and to everyone else, precious memories they will never forget.

McConnell Family Memorial Scholarship

**Given by the Bob & Shirley, Robert & Christine and Gary & Mary McConnell
Glenn & Joan McConnell**

This gift from Robert & Christine McConnell honors his dad, Glenn McConnell and wife, Joan. Following OUHS graduation he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was assigned to Fort Lewis, Washington as a Japanese code translating cryptographer machine operator.

He attended Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, was elected student body president, and frequently met with the college president. He fell in love with the president's administrative assistant - Joan Frey. Glenn and Joan married, moved to Sacramento, and had two sons. They were dedicated to serving their community and Glenn was a welcomed gift store product salesman.

John Francis McConnell

John was honored by his son, Gary and wife, Mary. He served in World War II as a dental technician in Belgium, just 40 miles away from the Battle of the Bulge.

In 1948, he studied radio broadcasting in Los Angeles. He became a well-known radio personality on Radio KSCO, Santa Cruz. He was a d.j., interviewed visitors on the sidewalks of downtown and was the late night, big band MC in the Coconut Grove at the Boardwalk.

Later he became a Soquel teacher and Soquel principal where he started a county junior high school Olympic Games. For years he served, as a founder and director of the Santa Cruz to Capitola "Wharf To Wharf" race, he and his family all worked on the races.

Seth & Arleen McConnell

In 1928, they moved to Newman with their three sons. Bob & Shirley are honoring Bob's parents. Mr. McConnell became the principal of the P street School and Yolo School. Both were deeply involved in serving the Newman community.

Mrs. McConnell became a fifth grade teacher at Yolo. The McConnells moved to Suisun City in 1955 after almost 30 years of Newman service. There he became the district supervisor of student testing and Principal of the Travis Air Force Elementary School.

William McGinnis Memorial Scholarship

Given by his daughter, Marcia McGinnis

William was the owner of The West Side Index for many years. He and his wife, Alberta, were avid supporters of Orestimba and the community.

Georgette Machado Memorial Scholarship

Given by John Machado

Though born in San Francisco, Georgette was raised in Crows Landing. She attended Bonita School and was the valedictorian of the Orestimba High School Class of 1961. She and her family relocated to Concord in 1968 but moved back in 1984. Georgette believed in education for all – she was a teacher for 32 years, including 25 years at Von Renner Elementary School. She served for a short time on the Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District Board of Trustees following her retirement. Georgette loved to spend time with family and friends and enjoyed line dancing, reading, traveling and playing Bunco.

Carol March Memorial Scholarship

Given by her husband Hugh March

"Music is the sound of love."

Harold Mattos Memorial Scholarship

Given by Bill Mattos

Harold was a life-long resident of Newman and attended Newman schools. He was an avid and award winning cowboy and an accomplished farmer. Harold was a member of many farming and water organizations, including those dealing with flooding issues on the West Side. He was a man of action and always spoke his mind. He always believed in making our community a better place.

Irma Mattos Memorial Scholarship

Given by Endowment

Irma, sixth in line of eight children born to Serafin and Maria Morais, was a life-long resident of the West Side. She proudly attended Bonita Elementary and enjoyed telling stories about her time there. She went on to attend Orestimba High School after graduating from the eighth grade at Bonita. She was the Orestimba High School Mascot, a Warrior, and was homecoming queen in her senior year. She married her high school sweetheart, Harold Mattos in 1949.

She was a kind and loving mother, grandmother and friend who enjoyed showing and/or teaching any young person any skill that she knew. She was an excellent cook and loved inviting all neighbors and friends into her home to eat at any time of the day or night. All who came through her door were welcomed and treated with love and kindness, a quality she continued throughout her lifetime.



Ida Mendonca Memorial Scholarship

Given by Endowment

The community knows Ida's family as tight-knit and that is 100% because of her. She treated them to weekly family dinners, encouraged them to gather and partake in Catholic Mass, and made sure to always be there for birthday celebrations. Her investment in the happiness and success of her loved ones is admirable, and they will strive to maintain that standard. There will always be traces of her, and her husband Bob, and the legacy they shared. Whether it's via the Splash n' Dash Carwash, or a brick in front of the West Side Theatre, they will always be there, supporting their community and cheering on future generations. Ida was a frequent contributor to TOSCA.

Mailo Meza Memorial Scholarships

Given by the Newman Historical Society

He was a Newman resident and graduated from Orestimba in 1951. He played sports while in high school. He had his own business, E & M Electric, until he retired. He helped on the red school house project by donating time and supplies.

Mary Beth Moorehead Memorial Scholarship

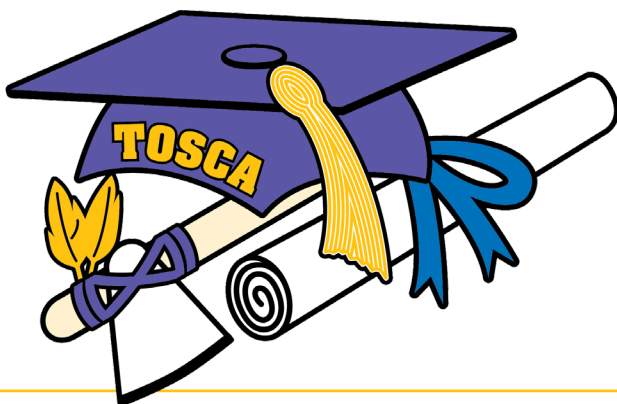
Given by Bob Moorehead

Mary Beth "Penny" Moorehead was a life-long resident of Newman and attended Von Renner, Yolo, and Orestimba, graduating in 1974. She went on to Modesto Junior College where she earned an AA degree.

She was a devoted wife and mother and was an avid Orestimba Warrior fan.

She touched the lives of hundreds of Newman children as a teacher's aide for 23 years at Bonita, Yolo and Orestimba. Her greatest sense of accomplishment was to see a struggling student be able to graduate with her help.

She would be happy and proud to know that she is still helping students to further their education through TOSCA.



Zac Nelson Memorial Scholarships

Given by the Zac Nelson Memorial Endowment

Zac lived his whole life in Newman and loved this community. He was a CHP explorer and a volunteer fire fighter and loved helping people.

Ernest & Joyce Nunes Memorial Scholarship

Given by TNT Farms

Ernie was born in Modesto and was a lifelong resident of Crows Landing. He was a farmer for 60 years. Mr. Nunes was an avid sports fan who officiated high school football games for many years. He was a dedicated supporter of TOSCA for many years, contributing in the name of his late wife, Joyce Nunes. He belonged to the Crows Landing Pentecost Society and Crows Landing Lions Club for many years and he also enjoyed fishing.

Joyce M. Nunes resided in Crows Landing for 47 years with her husband Ernie Nunes. She was a homemaker and proud mother of three sons, Mark (Wayne) Nunes of Newman, and Tom Nunes & Tony Nunes of Crows Landing. Joyce has four Grandchildren. Daniel Nunes of Santa Cruz, Alyssa Hilpert-Hagan of Escalon, Kelly Nunes of Fremont and Laura Nunes of Davis.

Joyce's husband, three sons and grandchildren were graduates of Orestimba High School. Joyce passed away at 71 yrs. old in 2004 and is missed by her family every day.

Jerry Palermo Memorial Scholarship

Given by Jason, Katherine and Mike Crinklaw

In loving memory of Jerry Palermo. A very kind and special person. He was brilliant and accomplished in the field of engineering. He is forever in our hearts.



Roger "Coach" Pauletto Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Roger Pauletto Memorial Endowment

Roger Pauletto began his career with the Newman school district when he joined the Orestimba High School staff in 1968. He quickly made a name for himself in both the classroom and on the football field.

He was the epitome of old school football. He was a mentor and a father figure to so many of his students and players alike. Winning was rewarding but building strong character in his players was the most important goal for Coach Pauletto.

He had many assignments during his tenure with the Newman school district and he enjoyed them all. He looked at each opportunity as a challenge to educate young people.

He was matter of fact, to the point, willing to give every student he taught, every player he coached, the opportunity to be the best they can be.

Lillian Pauletto Memorial Scholarship

Given by Misc. Contributions

They say that behind every man, there is a good woman...that would be Lillian, the wife of Roger "Coach" Pauletto. Sports was an integral part of the Pauletto family and Lillian always put her husband and family first. She never missed a sporting event, her door was always open and she never met a stranger.

Education was important to Lillian, she graduated from Weed High School and the College of the Siskiyous, both as class valedictorian. She then attended UC Davis where she wanted to pursue an education in medicine. She married Roger who took a teaching and coaching job at Orestimba High School, thus the Paulettos began their life in Newman.

Lillian was smart as a whip and people knew it. She was employed at schools in Newman and everywhere she worked, she was respected and loved for her attention to detail, personality and work ethic. She was the ideal employee and you had to keep up or she would run circles around you.

Lillian loved Newman and Newman loved her back. She will be forever missed.

Irma Marie Peichoto Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Misc. Contributions

Irma was born in Newman in 1918 and passed away in 2022 at the age of 104. She was the glue that kept her family together. She was loved for her sense of humor, quick remarks, and genuine concern for whoever she was conversing with. If you needed your day brightened up, Irma was the one to see. Everyone who met her has a story to tell.

She was a proud Orestimba High School alumni, who attended many of the reunions and loved to see her fellow classmates.

Melissa Pimentel Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Modesto Area A's

Melissa Pimentel was a member of the Class of 1997 at Orestimba High School, and the daughter of John and Nancy Pimentel.

Felisa Ponce de Leon Memorial Scholarship

Given by her husband Jack Clendenin

Felisa attended local schools and graduated from the Modesto Junior College nursing program as a Registered Nurse. She also graduated as an OB-gyn nurse practitioner from San Jose State. She worked in Sacramento for a time and was then a traveling nurse. When she, and her husband Jack, returned to Newman, she worked in Modesto with Dr. Susan Ways. She worked for over 30 years in her chosen profession. She loved being a nurse practitioner and she hoped other young nurses would be able to experience that kind of fulfillment. Felisa had a caring nature and deeply loved her work and all of her patients.

She loved the outdoors and was an expert skier and very competitive softball player and coach. Most of all, Felisa loved life and always made the most of it.

Tom Powell Memorial Scholarships

Given by Barbara Powell

Tom moved to Newman in 1950 with his family. He entered Orestimba High School, graduating in 1954. Tom served in the U.S. Army in Panama.

He served with the Newman Fire Department and was Fire Chief from 1978 to 1983. He served the Newman Historical Society from 1995 to 2021 and was instrumental in getting the Museum to the public.

Tom enjoyed traveling in his RV and was able to spend time in Chiloquin, Oregon - his second home.

Ernest L. Prien Memorial Scholarships

Given by Ernest L. Prien Endowment

Ernie Prien was a successful businessman who never forgot his Newman roots or the value of educational opportunity. He was raised by working class parents in Newman, where he started sweeping floors and making deliveries for a local drug store as a teen. From that humble beginning, he went on to fulfill his dream of becoming a pharmacist and eventually bought that store (Pioneer Drug) before going on to the pharmaceutical business and other related industries.

He never forgot the value of a \$200 loan from a relative which allowed him to pursue his college dreams. It was important to him that young adults in the community have the same opportunity. He always believed that those who "have" should put something back for others. He always appreciated the underdog.

The 1931 graduate of Orestimba, where he was student body president and active in sports, drama, music and more, moved away from Newman for many years and then returned five years before his death on September 1, 2013 - just five days short of his 100th birthday.

Walter E. Radloff Memorial Scholarship

**Given by Herman, Beverley & Sylvia Radloff
and Victoria, James & Porter Sale**

Walt was born in San Francisco and attended elementary school in Newman. He moved to the San Jose, CA area to complete his education and then he entered the US Army and served in Vietnam for over twelve months.

Walt worked in the emerging electronics industry in the Silicon Valley for over twenty years before taking early retirement

Walt was an age-group marathon and triathlon athlete where he used his swimming, running and biking skills. He completed the Ironman Triathlon in Hawaii four times and participated and won many races in Northern California.

Walt was an avid photographer and we still watch his pictures of Europe and Mexico thirty years later. His favorite place was Lake Como in Italy.

Lewis and Coralyn "Ann" Ramos Memorial Scholarship

Given by their family

Lewis, or Lewie, as he was affectionately known, spent all of his childhood and adult life in the Newman/Crows Landing area. His mother died when he was only three years old. He graduated from Orestimba High School with the Class of '44 and then served in the military with the Army Air Corps. He was a "jack of all trades" throughout his career, working as a dairy hand, blacksmith, welder, mechanic and eventual successful business owner of Newman Tractor Company, from 1949 until his retirement in 1989. Lewie also served on the Newman-Crows Landing School Board in the 70's.

Ann, as she was known to friends and family, was a homemaker, a Girl Scout Leader for over 20 years, a long-time active member of the Orestimba Presbyterian Church, Life Member of the P.T.A. and a member of the Newman Historical Society. Family histories were particularly important to her and she was proud to be a member of the Mayflower Society, tracing her lineage from John Howland and Elizabeth Tilly, who were passengers on the Mayflower.

Ann and her beloved husband Lewis Albert Ramos, lived in their home on Hills Ferry Road in Newman for over 65 years. Together they raised five children who all attended Newman schools and had 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

John & Mary Relvas Memorial Scholarship

Given by Don & Bernice Arnett

Mary and John Relvas had limited educational opportunities growing up in the Azores Islands. Immigrating to America gave them hopes for a better life as they started their family. Self-education included working from sun up to sun down and whatever lessons came from life on the family dairy! However, they understood the importance of honesty, hard work, respect, and being responsible for your actions. Those traits were passed on to their four children as they grew up.

Mary and John appreciated the educational opportunities available through public schools and always stressed the importance of learning and striving to do your best with the opportunities presented.

John Gilbert Relvas Memorial Scholarship

Given by misc. contributors

John Gilbert Relvas was born and raised in Newman and attended local schools, graduating with the Class of 1959. While at Orestimba High, he was a proud member of the Newman FFA and also participated in track. He joined the Army and served for three years, returning to marry and raise his family in Gustine. John was a very active member of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and served several terms as Commander of the American Legion in Gustine. As a member of the Honor Guard, he felt that he was bringing comfort to the families of deceased comrades and this was very important to him. He would polish the spent shells from the 21 Gun Salute and present them to loved ones.

He made scholarship presentations on behalf of the American Legion at Yolo and Orestimba High School graduations, always happy to return to his Alma Mater. He was pleased that he and Donna saw their three children all attend colleges of their choice. Education and learning were very important to Him.

Rudy Reyes Memorial Scholarship

Given by misc. contributors and his family

Rudy Reyes was a loving husband, father, grandfather and a dear friend who passed away on February 9, 2022. Rudy was a graduate of CSU Stanislaus where he also ran cross country. Rudy taught physical education and shop in the Hughson Unified School district for over 25 years. He was an avid sports enthusiast, and coached basketball, volleyball, soccer, track, and flag football. Education was very important to Rudy and he was always proud to be the first person in his family to graduate from college.

The family of Rudy Reyes felt that TOSCA was the perfect organization to honor Rudy's remembrances because it supports education and the future of our young people in the community. The family felt awarding a future educator was most fitting to remember Rudy, because the "children are our future."

Karen Roberts Memorial Scholarship

Given by misc. contributors

Karen Julia Goodman Roberts loved children. Her time with us celebrated this through her work with Newman Co-op Preschool, as a leader in Scouts (Girl, Boy and Cub), as a cheer coach with Westside, NCLUSD and Westside Theatre, working with children at Von Renner and Bonita on the playground and after school program, Newman Softball, Baseball, Soccer, time in snack bars and living in the band fireworks booth each July. The Roberts family would like to offer this opportunity to honor Karen "getting her wings" by offering support to the children of the community that graciously accepted her into the fold.



Evelyn Rocha Memorial Scholarship

Given by misc. contributors

Evelyn was born in Oakland and was a resident of Newman after moving with her parents in her early years. She moved from town out to the dairy becoming a country girl when she married Joe Rocha. She helped her husband on the ranch by driving tractor and even the hay truck. She was a homemaker who also worked as a school bus driver for Patchett's Bus Company for 10 years. She loved her family with her whole heart, always giving hugs and kisses on their entry and exit. She enjoyed all aspects of nature and Monterey was her "happy place".

Norbert Rocha Memorial Scholarship

Given by West Side Pallet, Inc. – Bernie Rocha and Carolyn Beach

Westside Pallet, Inc. is proud to donate in the name of its founder, Norbert Rocha – he will always be in our hearts and our memories.

Jack Rogers Memorial Scholarship

Given by Donna Rogers

My husband of 50 years. Lovely man, great provider, good father and respected by all.

Marilyn Elaine Rowley-Harbord Memorial Scholarship

Given by her daughter Janet & Steve Pearce and family

Marilyn attended Orestimba High School (Class of 1947) where her many activities included sports, music, drama, Girl Scouts and Girl's State. She was Senior Class secretary and named Outstanding Senior Girl.

Roberto & Josefa Salinas Memorial Scholarship

Given by their son Roberto Salinas, former NCLUSD Superintendent and his family

My parents valued education, especially music. They knew that an education was a key to a successful life and volunteered at many school events.



George Schmidt Memorial Scholarships

Given by misc. contributions

A lifelong resident of the West Side, George grew up on a ranch in Gustine and graduated from Gustine High School in 1955. He was active in the FFA, becoming one of the first to achieve the degree of American Farmer in the Gustine chapter. He enlisted in the Army Reserve and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He returned to farm the family ranch in Gustine and became a leader in the agriculture industry. He served his communities through many clubs, organizations and through public service, most recently the West Side Community Health Care District. He loved to watch his grandchildren play sports and was an avid football, baseball and basketball fan.

Ronil Singh Memorial Scholarships

Given by Newman PD K-9 Assn. and Newman Police Officers Assn

Cpl. Ronil Singh passed away in the line of duty on December 26, 2018. Ron was deeply devoted to his beloved, Mika, and to his son, Arnav. Ronil was devoted to the community. He served with integrity and honor.

James Soares Memorial Scholarship

Given by Misako Itosu Soares

James Soares was one of 5 children born August 30, 1925. Growing up in Newman, California James would spend time working on engines, whether it be for agriculture or pleasure, he loved working with his hands. One of the jobs that James had in Newman was a projectionist at the local movie theater. One of his jobs involved changing reels during movies. This gave him the opportunity to watch a plethora of movies that were made in 1940's.

In 1950 James joined the United States Army. His active duty to the United States took him to various locations in America in addition to Europe and Asia.

In 1975 James retired from the military with 25 years of service. He was an active member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. James helped lead the groups on several occasions as well as being a member. In 2007, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors recognized James for his guidance, leadership, and membership for 12 years with the Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission.



Edmunda Sotelo Memorial Scholarship

Given by misc. contributors

Edmunda was born in Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas, Mexico and was a resident of Crows Landing for 26 years where she and her husband raised their family after making the move from Mission, Texas in 1972. The family then moved to Newman where she resided for 25 years. She as a homemaker and enjoyed sewing and taking care of her beautiful garden. She very much enjoyed watching her children play sports and continued with her grandchildren, always attending their games. She also enjoyed cooking and bringing the family together for big meals.

Bob & Donna Staedler and Diane Woolgar Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Small World Foundation, and Robbie & Nancy Caton

Bob and Donna Staedler were proud to give back to the community not only through service clubs, but also through their business and the many children Donna taught at Yolo. They both touched the lives of many families and children through their years of service to Newman. They were caring and loving and always there for anyone who needed help.

Diane Staedler Woolgar was the salutatorian of the Orestimba Class of 1979. She received many awards upon her graduation from Orestimba. She graduated from CSU Sacramento with a BA in business in 1983 and stayed in the Sacramento area to raise her family. She loved visiting her family in Newman often. Diane was a supporter of TOSCA and attended many of the banquets as a tribute to her parents Bob and Donna Staedler who have been honored with an endowment scholarship.

Muriel Staedler Memorial Scholarship

Given by Charles & Michelle Staedler and Robbie & Nancy Caton

Long time TOSCA supporter, Muriel Staedler, passed away at the age of 97. She was an energetic, generous, caring and a woman of integrity. She grew up in the gold country, was one of the original "Rosie the Riveters" in WWII, a business woman, traveler and most importantly to her a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Muriel was a life-time member of Soroptimist International and encouraged young women to be independent.



Douglas C. Stephens Memorial Scholarship

Given by his wife Carol Stephens and misc. contributions

Doug was born in 1940 at the West Side Hospital and his early years were spent in Newman, later moving to Livermore and San Francisco. He graduated from Lowell High School in 1957, joined the U.S. Coast Guard for two years and then attended Santa Rosa Junior College, where he met his wife of 61 years, Carol. Their first year together was spent in San Francisco, where he worked for Southern Pacific Railroad at their corporate headquarters. In 1962 he was offered an opportunity to buy the family owned West Side Theatre in Newman, and he did not hesitate. In Newman, he and Carol raised three daughters, Shawnie, Carrie and Dana, all who attended local schools. He owned and operated the theatre until it closed in 1987. He also created his own theatre company, Signature Theatres, with a partner and together they grew the business to include 330 screens in Northern and Southern California, Montana, Hawaii and Washington.

He was a real estate broker and developer for over 50 years. He opened his full service real estate business in 1967 and sold the business in 1999. Even though retired, he maintained an office and continued with development projects as Stephens Realty & Development. His Newman development projects included subdivisions Stephens Manor and North Manor and most proudly the West Side Marketplace. His last contribution was the addition of Taco Bell to the Marketplace. Doug was proudly involved in the community and also served as a Stanislaus County Planning Commission member as well as the Stevinson Water Board.

Doug had many interests and hobbies that included family vacations, his annual salmon and steelhead fishing trip to Alaska, deep sea fishing, hunting trips and his love for golf. He was fortunate play iconic golf courses worldwide. He was a private pilot and flying his Beechcraft Bonanza 7AW was a favorite pastime.

Michael Swalley Memorial Scholarship

Given by his wife Michelle Swalley and Family

Mike left us too soon – he always regretted not finishing college. We know he'd be happy to help local students achieve their educational goals.

Jerry & LaVona Trow Memorial Scholarship

Given by Chuck & Catherine Quittmeyer

LaVona and Jerry Trow, believed that education was important and made sure all three of their children went to college. Jerry Trow was in education all of his life, beginning as a 4th grade teacher and ending as Assistant Superintendent for Stanislaus County and then as a children's advocate in special education after retiring.

Victor "Vic" Vescere Memorial Scholarship

Given by Dennis & Mary Zontine

Vic was raised in Crows Landing where he attended Bonita Elementary School and was an all-star pitcher at Orestimba High School. He was a Sergeant in the United States Air Force and worked as a postal employee for over 35 years in Charlotte, NC. He was an avid baseball fan, who especially loved the Los Angeles Dodgers. Vic was loved by many and touched the hearts of all he met.

Robert Vizzolini Memorial Scholarship

Given by T.O.S.C.A.

Bob was a past member of the T.O.S.C.A. Board of Directors and former teacher at Yolo Middle School and Orestimba High School. He was instrumental in the development of the Student Portfolio Program at Orestimba High School.

He grew up in Westley, graduated from Patterson High School and continued his education at Modesto Junior College and Fresno State University.

In his early career, he was Director of Heald Business College in San Jose. He never forgot his West Side connection though and returned to the Westly area to begin another chapter in his life as the owner of the successful steakhouse, The Westley Hotel, from 1976-1984.

He always had a passion for education and returned to school to earn his Secondary Teaching Credential at UOP. He then began his teaching career at Yolo and then Orestimba. He then returned to his alma mater Patterson High School in 1999 and became Principal - the first Patterson High alumnus to become Principal. He later served as principal of Valley Charter High School in Modesto.

Bob also established Vizzolini Realty, which he retired from in 2019. He was a proud supporter of T.O.S.C.A. and instrumental in the organizations development.

Dickinson Weber Memorial Scholarship

Given by the Dickinson Weber Memorial Endowment

Dick graduated from Orestimba High School in 1947 and from UCLA in 1951. He earned his Master's Degree in Geography from the University of Chicago and continued his love of learning at Berkeley and Oxford. Besides teaching at various universities and colleges, he pursued his interest in geography and architecture with frequent worldwide travel, often sketching pen and ink drawing of urban buildings.

A student of the world, he was both an artist and a gifted scholar. This scholarship is made in his memory.

Angela Relvas York Memorial Scholarship

Given by Endowment

Angela Relvas York was born and raised in Newman and attended local schools graduating with the class of 1963.

She started her long career with the school system at Orestimba High School and later began working at Yolo Middle School. She loved the students, parents and her wonderful co-workers who supported her in so many ways as she lived with cancer for 30 years. She was a dedicated and loyal employee who enjoyed going to work every day and knew the importance of education in a student's life.

She was so proud to be a part of the educational system in Newman.



Miscellaneous Memorial Contributions

Up to \$249

Monies received this year to honor the memory of the following persons were combined as TOSCA Memorial Scholarships

Jerry Arnett
Gene Carranza - Class of '62
Herberto Cardoso
Royce Kelley Hollister
Edward Lucas
Rose Lucas
Kerry McWilliams

John Moe
Autumn Myers
Anthony Nunes
Joseph O'Leary
Tom Perez
Coupe Snyder



Honor a deceased loved one or friend with a contribution to TOSCA. Acknowledgements are sent by TOSCA to the family on your behalf. Invest in the education of our students.

TOSCA RECOGNITION



*Scholarships are awarded
in honor of the following persons
for their pro-bono services to our organization*

Robert Burroughs, Genske Mulder & Co.



**J. Wilmar Jensen and Mark Jensen
Jensen & Jensen Attorneys at Law**



Newman-Crows Landing Unified School District



**John & Sheila Borrelli
Stephens & Borrelli Real Estate**

*We thank them for their many acts of
kindness and generosity in helping to
make our organization so successful.*

The success of TOSCA means increased financial aid to help our youth continue their education after high school

Become a part of TOSCA'S success story.....

Become a TOSCA member today!!



TOSCA

P. O. Box 18

Newman, California 95360

Phone: 209-243-8118

Website

www.toscascholarships.org

Email

info@toscascholarships.org

Our Mission

To provide opportunities for continued education through academic excellence.