

2018 WTS San Diego County Scholarship Winners

The Paulette Duve Memorial Scholarship recognizes female students in all transportation- related fields. A founding WTS San Diego Chapter Member, Paulette Duve worked as a senior transportation planner for the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. Paulette's wealth of transportation knowledge, project management skills and her dedication towards our community led the San Diego Chapter to name our local scholarships in her honor.

High School Scholarship Winners



Belen Marquez
Castle Park High School

Belen Marquez is a young Hispanic student with many aspirations in life. Two years ago, Belen moved to San Diego from Tijuana to accomplish her goal of being the first in her family to attend college. During her two years at Castle Park High School, Belen was enrolled in various AP classes and participated in several extracurricular activities such as Upward Bound, the Spanish Club and MeCha. Her passion for transportation developed when she was young, by selling clothes at Swap Meets and online. She is currently enrolled at SDSU where she is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.



Dafne Perez
Clairemont High School

Dafne Perez is a native San Diegan who grew up in North Park and attended Clairemont High School. She enjoys the outdoors, trying new things from different cultures, and being in a diverse community. During her high school years, Dafne was part of the cross country team, AVID, Upward Bound, CalSOAP, and Student Council. She is currently enrolled at San Diego City College and plans to transfer to a four year university to earn a degree in Public Health & Nutrition. Dafne hopes to influence parts of the world that do not have access to clean water or healthy food options and requires people to walk hundreds of miles to obtain such necessities. After college, Dafne wants to serve a term of the Peace Corps and then work with the Spanish speaking community as a Business Advising Volunteer.

Undergraduate Scholarship Winners

Born in Iraq and raised in the Middle-East, Raya Fattah survived the war in Iraq, and moved to the United States as a refugee at the age of 17. As a refugee from the Middle-East, Raya enjoys volunteering for new refugees in the San Diego area who suffer culture, language, or economic shock. She assists them with documents, trips to doctor/grocery, donations, etc. She is currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering from San Diego State University and is an intern with the roadway design team at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.



Raya Fattah
San Diego State University

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Israa Khan
San Diego State University

Israa Khan is a first-generation Pakistani-American student pursuing a degree in civil engineering. She comes from a family of strong-willed women who were forced to put their education and career aspirations on hold to fulfill societal expectations. Because of this, she has received tremendous respect and support to accomplish her goal of becoming the first female engineer in her family. She is currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering at SDSU and is a traffic operations intern with Chen Ryan & Associates. After graduating this December, Israa plans to pursue her EIT and eventually her PE. Inspired by her current employers, Chen Ryan & Associates, her long term career goal is to start her own consulting firm.



Vianney A. Ruvalcaba
University of California, San Diego

Vianney Ruvalcaba is a fourth year Urban Studies & Planning Major and Spanish Literature Minor at UCSD. Although she was born in National City she currently resides in Chula Vista and work in City Heights community as a Transportation & Planning Coordinator with the City Heights Community Development Corporation. Upon graduating from UCSD, Vianney hopes to apply the knowledge she learned at UCSD to make San Diego more walkable and bikeable for all San Diegans.

Graduate Scholarship Winner

Paola Boylan is a student at San Diego State University where she is pursuing a Master of City Planning. She has worked in active and alternative transportation advocacy, and environmental education conveying important information in impactful ways. She serves as the Vice President of the SDSU American Planning Association student group and helped secure SANDAG's Go-by-Bike mini-grant to bring the first ever Bike to Campus Day to SDSU. She is passionate about building better and more sustainable cities.



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