

2025 Golf Classic Scholarship Awards



Reinhart Family Scholarship

Lilith Arakelyan, Cross Country/Track

- All-American in Cross Country and Track in 3000-Meter Steeplechase
- Transferring to Cal State Northridge

I am very grateful for receiving this award, thank you to the donors and nominators that have given me the opportunity to be seen and recognized. My time at GCC has allowed me to grow as an athlete, student, and person. It's taught me resilience, discipline and allowed me to have hope in myself and all future endeavors. The life of a committed student athlete has pushed me to realize two things. The first one is the responsibility towards all the people who help you along the way. They

give you pieces of themselves, their old dreams, their hopes, and their precious time. These are some of the most valuable gifts given to me by coaches, mentors, and staff. I've known that my success is built off of the perseverance but now I feel responsibility towards them. That my success reflects my respect and is the best form of repayment to these people and those that grant me awards and scholarships. The second, is that despite being prepared for things training, studying, and working, there's no guarantee that they will come easy. Therefore, receiving this award allows me to have a sense of security and motivation towards my goals. I can't express the honor I feel to be trusted to do the good I ought to do.



Trueblood Family Scholarship

Isaiah Garcia, Cross Country/Track

- Member of GCC College Corps/3.8 GPA
- 2025 Captain of GCC Men's Track Team

My name is Isaiah Garcia and for the past 5 years, I have fallen more and more in love with running. Growing up, my parents pushed me into all sorts of sports; however, none of them quite stuck like running did. As a naturally competitive person, I always looked forward to the Tuesday afternoons in middle school when we had to run a timed mile because I knew none of the kids could beat my time of 6 minutes and 20 seconds. A couple years

later, this competitive spirit pushed me to join the high school cross country team. While my start was very rocky with a 25 minutes 5k, I knew I could work harder and push myself to be

faster. By the end of high school, I was running a 5 minute and 26 second mile and a 19 minute 47 second 5k. While this was some big improvement, the passionate fire I felt for running was nowhere near satisfied. And just when I had realized that I had more to give to running, an opportunity to run for the amazing Glendale team presented itself. I trained long practices and in relentless heat to be one of the top dogs on the team. With the help of Glendale's outstanding athletic department and coaches, I was able to be faster than I ever thought was possible. With my two years of competing for Glendale coming to an end, I can proudly say my mile PR is now a 4:47 and my 5k PR is now a 16:36. All this to say, the biggest thing I'm taking from my running experience at Glendale is my found family. I will forever hold my team and my coaches in my heart as I go on to further my education and running career.



Bistagne Family Scholarship

Liam Thatcher, Baseball

- First Team All- Western State Conference South Pitcher
- Transferring to East Tennessee State University

My family and countless friends lost our homes in the Eaton fire. We were moving from place to place and going to donation centers to replace lost items for a period of a few months, it was challenging to complete school work and compete in collegiate baseball, but a few weeks after my house burned down I closed out the first game of the season against East Los Angeles

College and got the save. I pitched well in conference having a 3.24 ERA and had four wins earning all-Western State Conference first team and making it to the final four of the South in the playoffs. I have committed to attending East Tennessee State University with the help of my coaches.

