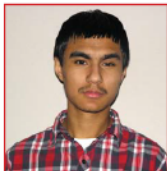


SHARON BANKS SCHOLARSHIPS



Joseph Cliscagne is a senior majoring in civil engineering at the University of the Pacific. Joseph's interest in civil engineering stems from his interest in complex engineering marvels, such as trestles, bridges and tunnels, an interest he has had since childhood. After graduating, he plans to work for a state transportation agency or a transit

authority. Joseph aspires to work on projects that maintain, revitalize and build new structures that support our transportation infrastructure.



Marie Pichay is a senior majoring in sustainable environmental design at the University of California, Berkeley. During this last summer, she was a COMTO City Intern with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority. During her internship, Marie was exposed to the process of planning and executing large rail projects. She created outreach

material and reviewed environmental clearance documents. This semester, Marie is participating in a public policy program in Washington, D.C. called UCDC (University of California in Washington, D.C.). This program combines an internship with a research seminar and an elective. She is currently interning at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a non-profit organization specializing in transatlantic policy analysis. Marie is passionate about equity and sustainability. It is her personal mission to enhance public transportation systems to ensure access to clean and affordable transportation for everyone

CHARTER AWARDS MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



Jason Luke is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering at Berkeley City College. He is the recipient of the 2017 COMTO National Jacobs Engineering Scholarship. Jason's experience with public transportation began during his childhood. Jason would accompany his father, an operator for SEPTA in Philadelphia, on his

routes. His father taught him that what he received from life would be based on upon the choices he made. It was this advice that led Jason to join the military. He completed a successful four-year career in the United States Marine Corps. During his time in the Marine Corps, he was deployed to Japan. While in Japan, Jason provided military services and conducted humanitarian missions in Palau, South Korea, and Australia. Jason said that his experiences within a variety of cultures fueled his decision to forego a military career and instead focus on furthering his education. He hopes to obtain his Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.



Jayda Preyer is a sophomore majoring in administration of justice at the College of Alameda. She plans to pursue a career in public safety. Jayda can see herself pursuing a career within the security division of a public transportation agency. She has looked into opportunities with the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

Jayda could apply her education to their police division. She wants to help bring about positive relationships between police and her community in Oakland. Jayda wants her community and the transportation systems within it be a safer place for everyone.

CURTIS GREEN SCHOLARSHIPS



Donna Ramirez-Cruz is a sophomore majoring in environmental studies and planning at Sonoma State University. She is the first in her family to attend college. Thus far, Donna's studies have taught her how the world of enterprise can intersect with environmental planning. During a recent conference, she listened to speakers from private industry speak on how an environmentally conscious company promotes a positive impact on our society. Donna wants to become a certified regional urban planner after graduating. She aspires to travel to other countries to learn the broad-spectrum of urban planning. Donna hopes that her future work will contribute to the making of communities that are safe and prosperous



Sebastian Rico is a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering at Mendocino College. He is inspired by his father who became a business owner when Sebastian was six years old. His father immigrated to the United States from Mexico without knowing how to speak English. He was determined to provide a better life for his family. During the day, he worked at car dealerships while taking automotive technician classes at the local community college at night. He now owns an automotive repair shop in Ukiah, California. Not only did his father's tenacity and determination inspire him, growing up around automobiles fascinated him, so much so that Sebastian decided to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. He wants to transfer to the University of California, Berkeley, after completing his sophomore year. Sebastian aspires to earn a doctorate in mechanical engineering. He wants to conduct research in alternative fuels for the next generation of transportation systems. Sebastian also wants to develop autonomous vehicles. Sebastian said that he wants to complete his college education, not only for himself, but also for his family and his community.

ROSA PARKS SCHOLARSHIP



Yeabsra Habtegebriel is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. While growing up in Ethiopia, she recalls traveling being very difficult. An underdeveloped public transportation system made walking to a destination faster than using the system. Having had this experience, Yeabsra can appreciate the positive impact a competent public transportation system can have on a community. Her goals include working with transportation systems such as the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit System (BART). Yeabsra wants to work at improving this system's efficiency and reducing its operational cost through redesigning key components. She aspires to work with BART as it modernizes its system and expands. She wants to be involved in the building of BART's infrastructure as it expands and builds more stations. Yeabsra is passionate about how she can contribute to the future of our public transportation systems.