

# Stories of Impact

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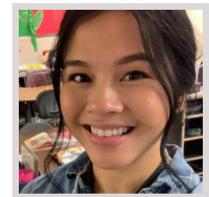
## ANGIE CRUZ

My name is Angie Cruz and I am extremely honored to be a recipient of the CSU Residency Year Scholarship. Thanks to its generous donors, I am able to pay my tuition and any other expenses without worrying about taking out loans. This scholarship keeps me motivated to continue my journey to become an educator.



## ROSEMARIE DIZON

I want to first and foremost say how grateful I am to receive the Residency Scholarship, and how honored I feel to have been chosen for such a reputable reward. This scholarship will allow me to not only help my family with our educational loans but will also support us through my maternity leave with our baby girl. She is our first child, and this scholarship will provide us with some financial stability and aid through the few months of me not being able to work full time. This opportunity has given my family the means to become more secure, as well as the ability to bond with our daughter. The scholarship will also contribute towards the beginning of my career as an educator by allowing me to turn my classroom and teaching dreams into a reality for the next school year. The Residency Year Scholarship will not only benefit me within my own personal life, but also my journey towards reaching my lifelong aspiration of becoming a teacher that my future students deserve to have.



## SARAH FADHEL

I am a first-generation college student, and I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to enter the teaching credential program. It has been a long journey leading to this point, but I am grateful for the opportunities that have been presented to me. Furthermore, I am grateful for the financial support provided by the Residency Year Scholarship. The scholarship has eased a financial burden, and has allowed me to continue my journey towards becoming an educator. It has also allowed me to focus on my academics and professional growth while in the program. I appreciate your generosity and contribution towards my education.

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## SOSAN FADHEL

There are people around the world who do not get an opportunity to pursue an education, or to choose their path in life. Pursuing higher education has changed my life for the better and put me in a position I would have never dreamed of. I am grateful to have been one of the recipients of the Residency Year Scholarship. The scholarship allowed me to focus on my academics and co-teaching experience in the classroom. Furthermore, it has allowed me to give the gift of education and to have the opportunity to impact young minds and future leaders. This scholarship was instrumental in my academic and professional growth. Thank you for the generous contribution to my education. “The influence of a great teacher can never be erased.”

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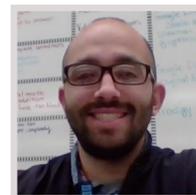
## ANTUANETTE GARZA

I am so grateful for the Residency Year Scholarship. When I was first accepted into a residency program, I was thrilled to be part of it because of its unique experience and benefits. However, I was concerned about how I would survive financially throughout the year. I would be working at least three days each week for the whole school year while also being a full-time college student. I knew that this would make it difficult for me to find another job that would pay me enough to support me financially throughout the year. The money I received from my program was also just enough to help pay for tuition. It was getting to the point in which I was unsure I could continue being part of the residency program. Thus, when I heard about the Residency Year Scholarship, I jumped at the opportunity to apply and put all my hope in it. I am thankful I did because I was fortunate enough to receive the scholarship, and it has brought me great relief. I no longer need to worry and can now better focus on achieving my long-time dream of being a teacher. Thank you.



## DEREK MUNNELLY

The Residency Year Scholarship has provided me with enormous relief as I continue my journey towards my teaching credentials at CSUB through the Kern Urban Teacher Residency. The financial burden of providing for my family while undergoing this intense but rewarding program is a large one to carry. This scholarship will allow me to not only feel relief in terms of tuition costs, but also for the comfort of my loved ones. I am immensely grateful for receiving this scholarship and will use the money provided to alleviate a good portion of financial stress I carry. Thank you.



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## ALLISON SWEANEY

The scholarship will allow me to continue to support my family. It will allow me to continue my routine as a mother without having to sacrifice my time with my son. It removed a heavy burden I've been carrying around for the last few months as our savings dwindled. Without having to take the part time job, I can continue to immerse myself in this experience and soak up every bit of knowledge I can. Because of this scholarship, I can continue my journey of building the foundation to become a high-quality educator. I will be able to keep the momentum going onward and upward. For me, becoming a teacher has been a lifelong dream. I am still in awe of where my life is head and am thrilled to be joining the ranks of my heroes. The Residency Year Scholarship has given me new hope. I'll be able to enter 2020 knowing that my family is taken care of and that I am months away from achieving my dream.



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## HILARIA VASQUEZ

I am a first-year college graduate who has faced many obstacles along the way. Statistically, odds have not been in my favor on many accounts; however, with perseverance and passion I have been able to accomplish many of my goals. Financially, this scholarship has lifted many burdens that I have been faced with and has allowed me peace of mind. I am now able to pay for school as well as support my growing family. I am able to make ends meet for my husband, daughter, and son that's on the way. I no longer have financial stress lingering over me while I am in school trying to better my family's future and provide them with security. I am very grateful that I was provided this scholarship, so that I can move forward with working with students that I so closely identify with. Thank you, for this relief, peace of mind, and the opportunities that accompany it.

