



## South Bay Chinese Service Club Annual Scholarship Awards Program Press Release

(Submitted by Jane Lin, SBCSC Scholarship Committee Chairperson)

On Saturday, May 22, 2021, the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC) awarded \$34,625 in scholarships to 25 exceptional high school seniors of Chinese descent during two Scholarship Award Zoom meetings. This year is the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of this program, and over the years we have awarded over \$400,000 to hundreds of Tri-City area high school students.

South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) President Anna Muh opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking the graduates, parents, and scholarship donors. She praised the students for their outstanding academic achievements and community involvement, and encouraged them to continue to honor and practice their Chinese culture and heritage. Past President and Scholarship Committee member Joe Woo then gave a brief history of the South Bay Chinese Club and the Scholarship Program. This included a video depicting many of our past recipients and guest speakers. It was a visual reminder of the many students who have benefitted from this program, and who have gone on to successful careers.

We also showed three congratulatory videos from U.S. Congressman Ro Khanna, State Assemblymember Alex Lee, and Alameda County Supervisor David Haubert. Our Keynote Speaker Ivy Wu, a former Fremont Unified School Board Trustee and education advocate, gave an inspiring speech about “finding one’s way” through her retelling of the Chinese folktale “The Bamboo Tree”. We were pleased that many of our major sponsors were “on hand” to present the awards to their recipients.

In addition to receiving the monetary awards, the recipients also received a plaque and Certificates of Commendation and Special Recognition from U. S.

Congressman Ro Khanna, State Senator Bob Wieckowski, State Assembly-members Alex Lee, 20<sup>th</sup> District and Bill Quirk, 25<sup>th</sup> District, Alameda County Supervisors David Haubert, First District, and Richard Valle, Second District, and Fremont City Mayor Lily Mei. These certificates, along with the scholarship award plaques and checks, were distributed by SBCC President Anna Muh, our Service Club President Aaron Wong, Scholarship Committee Chair Jane Lin, and Vice Chair Randy Sabado, at a special outdoors meeting with the student recipients at the Fremont Veterans Memorial Park, on June 5, 2021.

The 25 scholarship winners this year are an impressive group of scholars representing 6 high schools in Fremont, one high school in Union City, and one high school in San Jose. The average unweighted GPA was 3.88 and the average weighted GPA was 4.21. They amassed a total of 6,543 community service hours. In this group, there were 2 National Merit Finalists, 4 AP Scholars, 6 students with a perfect unweighted 4.0 GPA, 1 Eagle Scout, 1 Girl Scout Gold Award, 3 Presidential Service Awards (Gold), 2 Scholar Athlete Awards, 8 students who participated in student government positions, and one Documentary Grand Prize Award for a film on Chinese-American Servicemen in WWII.

The scholarship recipients and the awards they received are as follows:

*Annabelle Au, Irvington High -- South Bay Chinese Service Club Community Involvement Scholarship*

*Sophia Chan, American High -- Sylvia Wong Real Estate Scholarship for Excellence in Business Acumen*

*Felicia Chang, Irvington High -- Robert Vun Yau Lee Memorial Scholarship for Excellence in Performance Arts*

*Anthony Chen, Irvington High -- South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Christopher Chou, Washington High -- Howard Tom Memorial Top Honors Scholarship*

*Liana L. Dong, American High -- South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship & Ruby W. Chiang & Mary Ruth Wong Memorial Scholarship for Perseverance*

*Enoch Enn Du, Fremont Christian School -- McGrath RentCorp Scholarship for Academic Excellence*

*Elaine Ho, American High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Jetandrew Hum, Kennedy High – Lim Family Merit Scholarship*

*Bella Jiang, American High – Supervisor David Haubert Scholarship for Excellence in Building Youth Engagement*

*Andrew Lee, American High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Ashley Lee, American High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Allison Ly, Logan High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Shannon Ly, Logan High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Serena Mao, Mission San Jose High – Pearl Li Gunsell Scholarship for Excellence in Leadership*

*Amelie Ngo, Washington High – York & Dora Gin Memorial Scholarship for Student Athlete*

*Kayley Seow, Mission San Jose High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Agatha Shi, Irvington High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Kerrine Tai, Irvington High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Scholarship for Excellence in Creative Arts*

*Jadon Tan, Mission San Jose High – South Bay Chinese Service Club Merit Scholarship*

*Catherine Tang, Mission San Jose High – Fremont Bank Foundation Scholarship for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics*

*Shelby Trainor, Kennedy High – Congressman Ro Khanna Scholarship for Excellence in School Leadership*

*Serena Yeh, Irvington High – Dr. Clifton Der Bing & Joseph Fruen, Esq. Scholarship for Community Advocacy*

*Sara Jia-Ling Yen, The Harker School – Karl Ngan Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence & Dutra Enterprises Best Essay Scholarship*

*Audrey Yung, Mission San Jose High – Citizens for Better Community Scholarship for Excellence in Community Service*

The South Bay Chinese Club (SBCC) was formed in 1965 to preserve the culture and customs of the Chinese heritage, to foster and encourage better understanding of civic responsibilities and the American way of life, and to promote general welfare of the community. In 1984, the Club formed the South Bay Chinese Service Club (SBCSC), a California non-profit organization, in pursuit of community outreach services such as the Scholarship Program. The annual Scholarship Program began in 1970 by providing two scholarships of \$100 each to graduating high school seniors of Chinese descent. The primary funding for the Scholarship Program is obtained through direct solicitation of donations and through an annual fundraising golf tournament held in May each year, which was curtailed by the pandemic the past two years. Information about the Scholarship Program is available on the Club's website ([www.southbaychineseclub.org](http://www.southbaychineseclub.org)).