



Emily Allbite, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Emily Allbite is a sophomore who plans to obtain a degree in Kinesiology at Cal State East Bay. After graduation, her goal is to become a physical education teacher in San Lorenzo.

“I come from a family of five, and I’m the first one to attend a four-year college. Money is tight and I lost my part-time job due to COVID, so I don’t have an income to help pay for college. Thank you so much for awarding me the Sail Our Students Scholarship. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will definitely help me continue my higher education at Cal State East Bay.”



Hershie Company, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Hershie Company is a senior majoring in Health Science at Cal State East Bay. After graduating, she plans to enroll in nursing school to become a Registered Nurse or a Nurse Practitioner.

“My three brothers and I are being raised by my disabled grandmother,” Hershie says. “Balancing school and my responsibilities at home can be very stressful, but I try to stay focused and continue to work hard in my classes. The Sail Our Students Scholarship will help me pay for my education and living expenses that I fell behind on due to the

pandemic. Thank you for providing me with this scholarship.”

Jason Crawl, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Jason Crawl is a senior majoring in Ethnic Studies at Cal State East Bay. After graduating next Spring, he plans to pursue a master’s degree and become an instructor at a community college.

“Learning that I was awarded the Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship brought tears to my eyes. This past year has been incredibly challenging because of the COVID pandemic,” says Jason. “I was incredibly close to withdrawing from school as the result of mounting financial strains brought on by the pandemic. The Sail Our Students Scholarship means I can stay in school and fulfill my dream of graduating. From the bottom of my heart, thank you!”



Marley Makeup Cravat, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Marley Makeup Cravat is a sophomore majoring in Theater Arts at Cal State East Bay. After receiving his degree, Marley hopes to pursue a career in the performing arts.

“As an autistic student, I have been able to touch the hearts of my community through my performances at rallies, oratorical festivals, conferences, talent shows, and Kwanzaa celebrations. I believe my strongest impact has been my ability to help people be more inclusive, compassionate, and patient with people with disabilities,” explains Marley.

“Thank you for awarding me the Sail Our Students Scholarship for this year. Your generous donation assists me and my family in making my goal of earning a college degree possible. I am very grateful for this gift.”



Jennifer Does, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Jennifer Does is a first-generation senior majoring in Criminal Justice at Cal State East Bay. After graduating with her degree, Jennifer plans to become a parole or probation officer in order to represent unheard minorities and improve their difficult lives.

“Living with a single Hispanic mother of four, money was always tight. My family is only able to afford to live in a poor part of the Bay Area while living off of food stamps. The bathroom is the only quiet space

in our small apartment where I can study effectively,” says Jennifer. “When I was notified that I would receive the Sail Our Students Scholarship, it brought tears of joy to my mother and me. It means I will be able to afford this school year’s tuition and housing bills. Thank you so much for this great gift.”



Vanessa Diesel, Save Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Vanessa Diesel is a junior majoring in Psychology at Cal State East Bay. After receiving her bachelor’s degree, Vanessa plans to obtain her Ph.D. with the goal of becoming a neuropsychologist.

Vanessa says, “After graduating high school, I attempted to go to college, but I did not know anything about financial aid, or that there was any help for people who could not afford school. So I dropped out. I had a

child and as a single mother, I decided I could not continue in the same situation I have been in all my life (being broke, living paycheck to paycheck, and sometimes not even that). Thank you for generously giving to students like me. This financial support is going to assist me in continuing my educational goals.”



Brianne Gardens, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Brianne Gardens is a junior majoring in Human Development at Cal State East Bay. After graduation, she hopes to eventually start a non-profit scholarship program for single parents.

“I am a single parent of a seven-year-old boy, full-time employee, and college student, as well as a caregiver of an ailing parent with Alzheimer's disease. Even with employment, I still have a need for financial assistance to help pay for tuition, books, and other educational necessities,” says Brianne. “The Sail Our Students Scholarship will greatly assist me with the cost of tuition, books, and other necessities needed to complete my

degree. The scholarship will also take a lot of financial stress off my shoulders and allow me to focus more on my studies. Thank you for your gracious investment in my education and future career goals.”



Jessie Laroux, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Jessie Laroux is a senior majoring in Mathematics at Cal State East Bay. After graduation, she plans to continue her education and become an epidemiologist.

“In Fall 2018, right before school started, my plans to live with a group of close friends fell apart. Because of this, I became homeless after the first month of school. By the generosity of a friend who let me sleep on their couch, I had somewhere to stay for the rest of the semester,” says Jessie. “My grades suffered, but with hard work, I was

reinstated as a student of CSUEB. I was promoted as a supervisor at my job, but the pandemic hit and the business shut down. I have been getting by, but I've depleted my savings, and the company is still closed. I don't get financial support from my family. I am honored to be a recipient of the Sail Our Students Scholarship. Now that I have made the Dean's List for two semesters in a row, this award will be a huge help in my ability to sustain this high level of performance in my studies.”



Suzanne Pollen, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Suzanne Pollen is a senior majoring in Liberal Arts at Cal State East Bay. After graduation, she plans to pursue her K-8 teaching credential and become a kindergarten teacher.

“As a mother of two girls, I am overcoming the obstacle of time and how to manage it with two children under five years of age. I believe that my experience in managing my time to be able to accomplish my schoolwork and still give

my children the care and attention that they need will be beneficial to the classroom I am looking forward to having,”

says Suzanne. “Your generosity is a great help in my journey to becoming a teacher. It will help me access the books and tools I need to learn how to help educate the next generations of our world. Thank you for your support.”



Jessica Rainbucket, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Jessica Rainbucket is a junior majoring in Business Administration at Cal State East Bay. After graduation, her goal is to obtain a position as a General Manager with a healthy work/life balance.

“I grew up with a young single mother and a father who was in and out of rehab and jail for drug abuse. With not much financial help from my father we lived paycheck to paycheck, and often struggled to make ends meet,” explains Jessica. “I met my husband in junior high, and we were a military family for over a decade. We are raising our two children and live with my mother, because the cost of housing in the Bay Area is so high, we cannot afford to live on our own. I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Sail Our Students Scholarship. It has helped me pay for books, school supplies, and tuition expenses. I can stress less about my financial circumstances and focus more on my academic studies.”



Shelly Sales, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Shelly Sales is a junior majoring in Biology at Cal State East Bay. Once she obtains her bachelor’s degree, Sally plans to enroll in an accelerated Nursing program to receive her master’s degree and become a Nurse Practitioner.

“Ten years ago, my family emigrated to the United States from the Philippines. My mother is a single parent with four children, so she cannot be of any assistance to my educational expenses. I am the first one in my family to go to college. I worked full-time and attended community college classes full-time,” says Shelly. “Then my mother was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis,

and I put my education on hold while working three jobs to support my family. After my youngest sibling graduated from high school, I saw my opportunity to resume my studies. By awarding me the Sail Our Students Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals, just as you have helped me.”



Jafar Thorny, Save Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Jafar Thorny is a sophomore who plans to major in Psychology at Cal State East Bay. After receiving his bachelor’s degree, Jafar plans to obtain a master’s degree in Orientation and Mobility, training visually-impaired people to navigate the world and live independently.

“I was working as a Lyft driver and as a part-time security officer at concert venues while I lived with my grandmother. Then the pandemic hit, and I could not risk my grandmother’s health as a Lyft driver, and with no concerts, my job in security

disappeared,” explains Jafar. “Consequently, I have been living on savings, supplemented with COVID relief, since March 2020. The Sail Our Students Scholarship will be a substantial help for me to focus on my studies instead of worrying about how to make ends meet. Thank you so very much!”



Krizzia Mee Victory, Sail Our Students (SOS) Scholarship

Krizzia Mee Victory is a freshman pre-nursing student at Cal State East Bay. After obtaining her degree in Nursing, Krizzia Mee plans to work in countries that lack access to essential health services.

“When my family and I came here to America from the Philippines when I was 14, I thought it would open more opportunities. Moving here from a foreign country was difficult, but it was even harder to focus on my studies, as I was splitting an 11’ x 9’ room with my parents that

we rented in my dad’s friend’s house,” says Krizzia Mee. “By awarding me the Sail Our Students Scholarship, you have lightened our financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise you I will work very hard and eventually give back to others, both as a nurse and possibly with a scholarship to future students like myself.”