



# **ABC** Unified School District **Education Foundation**

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## **11 ABCUSD Students Receive Pathways to Success Scholarships**

February 17, 2022, Cerritos, CA—The ABC Education Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the ABC Unified School District and its goal to raise student achievement, recently announced recipients for the Pathways to Success Scholarship program. Now in its second year, this program recognizes high school students pursuing a career path in one of the District's 33 career and technical education pathways.

“We are very proud of our continued partnership with the Giordano family and UBS Financial Services to support students who are headed to college to pursue their career goals,” said Joseph Porter III, Esq. who serves as Chair of the Foundation's board of directors. “Programs like Pathways to Success Scholarship allows the Foundation support students to achieve their academic and career goals.”

The Giordano family and UBS Financial funded the Pathways to Success Scholarship. Jim Giordano and his wife Serina Yuan have three children in the ABCUSD and have been active in supporting many of the District's programs.

Students submitted applications for the scholarship, which included an essay as well as recommendations from a teacher. The applications were screened and scored by board members of the Foundation.

This year's winners are as follows:

Arts Technology Academy Pathway  
Cara Kim, Gahr High School

Biotechnology Pathway  
Maria Therese Franchesca Sombillo, Artesia High School

Computer Science Pathway  
Zirong Li, Whitney High School

Digital Arts/Graphic Design Pathway  
Madison Plotkin, Whitney High School

Engineering Pathway  
Ted Cebastian Biscocho, Artesia High School

Game Design & Integration Pathway  
Ariana Mora, Gahr High School

International Business Pathway  
Christopher Tang, Artesia High School

Patient Care Pathway  
Adrienne Truong, Cerritos High School

Performing Arts – Theater/Music Performance Pathway  
Pauline Kang, Whitney High School

Pharmacy Pathway  
Liliana Hernandez, Artesia High School

Production & Managerial Arts Pathway  
Eva Matentsian, Whitney High School

All scholarship winners will receive a financial contribution to use towards furthering their education.

## **About the ABC Education Foundation**

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in 2011 to support all ABCUSD schools with funding for programs in education where State funding falls short. Since inception, the Foundation has funded over \$450,000 in total programs. The annual mini-grant program (started in 2013) makes up \$262,500 of the total dollars funded. The Foundation also provides backpacks for financially disadvantaged students each school year full of school supplies and has distributed over 7,000 backpacks in ABCUSD. Most recently the backpack drive evolved into a program called SEED (School Essentials for Education Drive) where teachers, administrators and mental health professionals in ABCUSD can make individual requests for a student with financial need or their classroom's social-emotional needs from the Foundation. The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district. Learn more about the ABC Education Foundation at [abcedfoundation.org](http://abcedfoundation.org).

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