



## CHISPA Scholarships

CHISPA funds scholarships for students whose families live in CHISPA homes or apartments. The scholarships are for students attending Hartnell College and California State University at Monterey Bay (*CSUMB*). A scholarship administered by the Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) is available for any college or trade education program. CHISPA has awarded 83 scholarships totaling over \$87,000 since 2005!

This fall, two students at Hartnell College, six students at California State University Monterey Bay, and three students through the Community Foundation for Monterey County were awarded a total of \$14,202 in CHISPA scholarships.

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Elsa Jimenez

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR MONTEREY COUNTY



### LIZETTE CARDONA

*Fresno State*

*Major: Speech-Language Pathology*

Lizette Cardona is pursuing a master's degree in speech-language pathology at Fresno State and will work with people who struggle with speech disorders. Bilingual in Spanish and English, Lizette is eager to return to the Salinas Valley to serve unprivileged residents.



### JESSICA B. RODRIGUEZ

*University of California Davis*

*Major: Data Science*

Jessica B. Rodriguez was class president at Greenfield High School for two years and played basketball, leading her team to a championship, all while maintaining a straight-A average. She is majoring in data science at Davis, and she hopes to become a data scientist.



### ANTONIA GUERRERO SANCHEZ

*University of California Los Angeles*

*Major: Visual and Performing Arts*

*Minor: Chicana Studies & Art Education*

Antonia Guerrero Sanchez is a fourth-year student at UCLA. She is an art major with a double minor in Chicana Studies and Arts Education. Antonia is from the City of Soledad, where she hopes to return after graduation in 2023 and teach art. She also hopes to open a gallery, where her students will be invited to showcase their artwork.

*"I want to create a safe environment for students where they feel comfortable to create without the judgement of others."*

## HARTNELL COLLEGE



### JUAN BRAVO

*Hartnell College*

*Major: Business Administration*

Juan Bravo is a 2021 graduate of Salinas High School. He will pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration. He has a passion for sports, especially soccer and volleyball. He feels comfortable being close to home and living with his parents while attending college. After graduation, Juan hopes to work in the transportation industry. Receiving the scholarship will allow him focus on his education.



### BRANDO ISAAC ESCALANTE CISNEROS

*Hartnell College*

*Major: Kinesiology*

Brandon Isaac Escalante Cisneros is a 2020 graduate of North Salinas High School. He is working on his associate degree in kinesiology from Hartnell College.

Brandon intends to become either a physical education teacher, athletic trainer and/or physical therapist's assistant for a school or an organization in Salinas.

Brandon hopes that in pursuing one of these careers, he can create awareness of the importance of having a healthy and vibrant lifestyle.

## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, MONTEREY BAY



### XABIER ESPINOZA

*California State University, Monterey Bay*

*Major: Kinesiology*

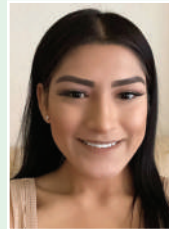
*Minor: Psychology*

Xabier Espinoza is a first-generation student starting his fourth year at CSUMB, majoring in kinesiology with a concentration in exercise science and a minor in psychology.

Xabier has volunteered with Exercise is Medicine on Campus. He also volunteers at local hospitals with the CSUMB physical therapy department.

He is a participant in the Equal Opportunity Program (EOP), which has provided him with guidance and support during his education.

Xabier's goal is to become a physical therapist. In the future, he may enroll in a program to obtain a doctoral degree in physical therapy. This is Xabier's second time receiving the CHISPA scholarship, and he is very thankful for the help in his education.



### VALERIA H. GUAPO VILLEGAS

*California State University, Monterey Bay*

*Major: Liberal Studies*

Valeria H. Guapo is a Liberal Studies major at CSUMB. She plans to become an elementary school teacher and eventually transition to teaching high school. Starting her higher education during the pandemic allowed her to learn that education is equally as important done remotely as it is in person and on campus.



### JOSE R. ALFARO

*California State University, Monterey Bay*

*Major: Business*

Jose R. Alfaro is a business major, and he intends to become an educator.

Jose wants to become a positive role model in his community and to be the best father he can be to his seven-year-old son.

Through his educational career he wants to show his son the importance of education. He wants to leave a mark in this world and make a change one student at a time. His dream is to be more than a teacher to his students.



### JEREMY DANIEL SAMPLES

*California State University, Monterey Bay*

*Major: Master of Education plus Secondary Teaching Credential Program*

Jeremy Samples is a 2019 graduate of Hartnell College. Jeremy continues his education at CSUMB, with the plan to secure a Master of Education and a secondary teaching credential. He now works as a substitute teacher and as the coach for the Head Boys' JV Basketball team at North Monterey County High School. Because of his positive experience with teachers and coaches during high school, Jeremy plans to empower kids to choose a positive path in life by teaching history at his alma mater, North Monterey County High School.



**CECILIA REGALADO DIAZ**

*California State University, Monterey Bay  
Major: Agriculture Plant and Soil Science*  
Cecilia Regalado Diaz will pursue a career in agriculture plant and soil science after graduating from CSUMB. Cecilia grew up at El Cerrito Townhomes in Castroville, and she always considered it a place to call home. Everyone who worked there made an impact on her life when she was a child, as did CHISPA's summer activities, including free lunches, guitar lessons when she was a teen and even Zumba classes as a young adult. She is forever grateful to be part of the legacy CHISPA builds within its communities.



**EVELYN VALADEZ**

*Monterey Bay, University  
Major: Business*  
Evelyn Valadez is a recent spring graduate of Hartnell College is now starting her junior year at CSUMB and. She is a business major. At Hartnell and at CSUMB, Evelyn has developed networking skills and has learned the fundamentals of production and marketing. Her parents' drive and resilience motivate her to build a strong work ethic and to be successful in her life.

**East Garrison Apartments County of Monterey**

The construction of East Garrison Apartments is underway! Our subcontractors are pouring foundations, installing infrastructure, and framing the buildings! We anticipate a May 2023 completion.

We send out a monthly newsletter to provide updates on construction progress and the application process to rent apartments.

To receive this email newsletter contact Charla: [Cclaessen@chispahousing.org](mailto:Cclaessen@chispahousing.org) and she will add you to our East Garrison mailing list.

Financing partners are Enterprise Community Investments, JP Morgan Bank, The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development Joe Serna Farmworker Program, the County of Monterey, and Central California Community Energy (3CE). The Housing Authority of the County of Monterey will provide Project Based Vouchers for 15 of the apartments.

The development will provide housing for families earning under 60% Adjusted Median Income for Monterey County. 43 of the 66 apartments will be dedicated to households working in agriculture.

CHISPA will offer after-school programs, computer classes, and other activities for the residents, as well provide free basic Internet for each apartment.



**East Garrison  
Apartments**





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## Board Highlight



### ELSA MENDOZA JIMENEZ *Treasurer*

is the Director of Health Services for the County of Monterey, she is responsible for the administration of a wide array of health services delivered through its Health

Department. Ms. Jimenez has served in this capacity since 2016 and has been with the Health Department since 2001 serving in a variety of administrative, programmatic and financial roles. Ms. Jimenez was born and raised in South Monterey County and currently lives in North Monterey County with her husband and two daughters. She earned her Master of Public Health degree with a focus in Community Health Education from San Jose State University and her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Santa Clara University. As a daughter of Mexican immigrant parents who made Monterey County their home, Ms. Mendoza Jimenez is extremely proud and humbled by the opportunity to be serving the residents of her County through her role with the County as well as her role as a Board member for various community-based organizations focused on health, housing, education, and philanthropy.

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FOR CHISPA'S

## ANNUAL CELEBRATION

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