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SAC's GRAND SLAM Graduate



AS one of eight kids, family was always important to Francisco Olivas, and being a part of such a large family was often like being on a baseball team. Everyone had a role to play and a unique skill to contribute. When Francisco became a father, he carried that team spirit forward. As the head coach of his family, Francisco decided to call a new play, and in 2013 became a freshman at Santa Ana College.

The idea of returning to school after nearly 10 years while also raising four children with his wife seemed daunting, but Francisco knew the first step to changing the trajectory of his life was enrolling at SAC. At the time, he was living paycheck to paycheck, but now was the time to shift gears. "I decided I had to make some sacrifices." said Francisco.

Francisco's children Jacob. Ezekiel. Natalie. and Emma had the bases loaded and were cheering for their dad to hit a grand slam on his swing at academic success.

After many years of working a variety of jobs, Francisco had followed his father's path as a machinist and that would be the catalyst he needed to ignite his curiosity and establish the foundation for his future success. He knew that working with his hands was always gratifying, but in college he would learn about the complexities of machinery and interaction of materials. The professors, counselors, and mentors at SAC proved to be invaluable and provided the support and guidance that Francisco needed to take his placement exams, register for classes, and apply for financial aid. With guidance from SAC's Bridge 2 Engineering Program advisors, Francisco decided to pursue a degree in Electromechanical Engineering Systems. The Bridge 2 Engineering Program focuses on increasing the participation of underrepresented minorities, women, and veterans in the field of engineering. Francisco was up to the challenge, but had to balance a rigorous course load while working 30-40 hours a week and finding time to spend with his family.



There were challenging times through his coursework, however inspiring SAC faculty created an environment where classes were engaging and accessible. Professors like Ben Hager made learning easy, according to Francisco. "He connected with his students on a personal level and took the time to explain problems more thoroughly. I felt like he understood where I was coming from," he said. As a non-traditional student, Francisco often found that he was older than his classmates. but he saw this as an opportunity to mentor younger students who were struggling in certain areas. "It made me a stronger student and helped me grow as a person," he said.

Francisco also took advantage of the MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement) Program which supports educationally disadvantaged community college students pursuing STEM related fields so they can transfer to four-year institutions. Through the MESA Program and

counselor Cathie Shaffer, Francisco visited Cal Poly Pomona for the first time and that visit, was the confirmation he needed that his dream would become a reality. Engineered for success at SAC, Francisco graduated in 2016 and transferred to Cal Poly Pomona the following fall. He is on track to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in 2019.

Francisco believes that his time at SAC set him and his family on a new path to the major leagues of life. From the scholarship he received from the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana to internship offers, new opportunities emerged as a result of

his commitment to his education. "I wanted more for myself, my kids and our family and I'm proud that we've made it this far," he said. "I am going to start preparing my kids early for college. We're not going to have a conversation about if they are going to college but what college they are going to."

Francisco plans to give back to the SAC community and help other students with similar life experiences. "I was definitely blessed that I was able to attend Santa Ana College and I know I would not be this far if I had gone to any other college," he says with gratitude.





Michael Taylor's professional career spans more than 20 years in news and communications, however his role as chair of Santa Ana College's Television and Video Communications Department is the one closest to his heart. "I know where these students are because I was there too. They are driven and determined, and I want to help them achieve their goals."

When Michael became chair in 2015, he had one mission in mind: to transform the school's outdated facility into a stateof-the-art news and production powerhouse equipped to prepare students for a real-world career. With grants and the support of the SAC Foundation, he reinvented the studio into a full HD facility with four cameras, new monitors, and lighting that would rival any professional news organization.

Next, Michael rebranded the program as "SAC News," with a focus on hyperlocal stories that mattered to students, faculty, and the Orange County community at large. Polished with a new name, niche, amazing faculty, and the right tools, Michael reintroduced the students to the new and improved news program and an entirely new production process. Just like reporters at top-tier organizations, students are required to cultivate sources, uncover unique story angles, and communicate them in a creatively compelling way. Most importantly, Michael gives students the freedom to fail on their road to becoming reporters and content producers.

Michael grew up in south Orange County, is a proud product of the community college system, and received his bachelor's degree from California State University, Fullerton. Many of his



students are first-generation college students, and Michael believes he is a conduit to help them realize their dreams. "When you're a reporter, it's an inward perspective because it's about you and your career, but now it's an outward approach because I look at how can I make the students better and help them grow," said Michael.



Alumna Vera Jimenez

Thousands of students have graduated since the inception of the program and have gone on to dynamic careers in the industry. Alumna such as Vera Jimenez, our local KTLA Channel 5 news reporter reminds us that success is possible. Since Michael took the helm of the news program, an additional 300 students have gone through the SAC

Television and Video Communications program, with many reaching the ranks of successful news reporters and producers.

One of his most memorable students was Rudy Garcia, who doubted he could make a career reporting. Over four semesters, Michael mentored Rudy, watching him gain confidence and skills. Just before commencement, Rudy produced a heartfelt and thought-provoking segment. "It was a culmination of all of his hard work," said Michael. "It had the components of a winning story package: composition, storytelling, audio, and lighting." Today, Rudy is a full-time video journalist at KGET 17, an NBC affiliate station in Bakersfield, CA. It's stories like Rudy's that give Michael a beaming sense of pride and the perseverance to keep pushing the program forward.

This year, he's developing a new certificate program to teach the art of agency production, including client relations, budgeting and time management, in addition to video production, cinematography, editing, and more. "I know our students will continue to transcend into dynamic professionals and contribute to society. This is what makes SAC a college of choice," says Michael.

2017 - 2018 FISCAL IMPACT

T O T A L A S S E T S \$10.5

SVER
\$1.3 Million

Total Gifts: \$820K

of direct support to students, programs & the college were provided by the Foundation

PRESIDENT'S
CIRCLE
membership raises
O V E R
\$95K

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

0 V E R \$ 508,000

TO 4 5 STUDENTS

ED ARNOLD **GOLF CLASSIC**RAISED OVER

\$95,000



The Santa Ana College **Promise Program goes** beyond just providing financial resources for its students, it ignites the power of giving back.

Research shows that college achievement rates improve when students have access to financial support, early enrollment, full-time student status, and counseling as well as a pipeline to transfer to a four-year university. The Santa Ana College Promise Program, launched in 2016 as an extension of the Santa Ana Partnership, is an even broader and more ambitious commitment to continue to remove barriers that hinder Santa Ana Unified School District high school graduates from college completion. With the commitment to cover their first year of tuition at SAC, the Promise Program makes college more viable and more affordable. In addition to critical financial support, students in the program receive access to a special college enrollment process, mentorship, as well as guaranteed admission to California State University, Fullerton or University of California, Irvine after completing all SAC academic requirements.

Grounded by their deep Santa Ana roots, three Promise Program students on the road to success share their promise to SAC and their community.



Victoria Diaz • Future Non-Profit CEO

Victoria Diaz graduated from Middle College High School in 2017 and enrolled at SAC as a sociology major. She entered SAC as a sophomore because Middle College High School's unique program allowed her access to college courses while in high school. She previously participated in a peer education program led by Planned Parenthood that teaches students about sexual and reproductive health, and it made a huge impact on her life. As Victoria begins to prepare for her first semester at the University of California, Irvine, she continues to think about how to support young women. "I feel strongly about being a resource for girls and women who are victims of physical or sexual abuse; promising to be there for that community means a lot to me," Victoria said. "As a sociology major, I'm fascinated by how societal factors affect people's behaviors and lives, and I pledge to support inner city youth by creating a non-profit organization to help the most vulnerable."



Marco Miranda • Future Engineer/Innovator

Marco Miranda graduated from Segerstrom High School in 2016 and was accepted to the University of California, Santa Barbara but he could not transfer for financial reasons. Luckily, he heard about the Promise Program and enrolled at SAC as a chemistry major. Promise Program advisors helped Marco plan his course schedule each semester, and as graduation approached he attended Promise-sponsored workshops to gather information on applying to a fouryear university. Marco is now enrolled at the University of California, Irvine for fall 2018 and will pursue a master's degree in chemical engineering. Ultimately he wants to become an inventor. Marco believes, "You can do anything you want if you apply yourself. You may not always want to study or do homework, but if you're disciplined then you know do the work because it's beneficial to your future." Because of the commitment SAC made to him. Marco is inspired to return to SAC to mentor other students and provide scholarships.

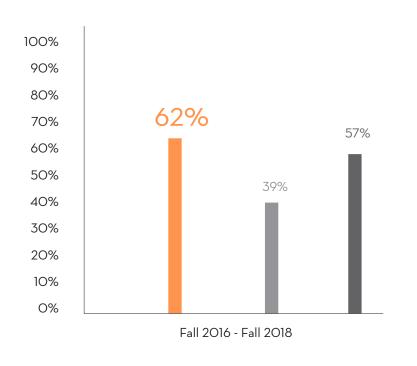


Irene Corona • Future Clinical Psychologist

Irene Corona graduated from Segerstrom High School in 2016 and enrolled at SAC as a psychology major. "I wasn't considering going to college after high school because I didn't believe my grades were up to par, but my parents encouraged me to enroll," said Irene. She visited SAC's campus and "fell in love with it." She received information about the Promise Program during orientation and learned that she was eligible to receive her first year's tuition for free. "I was already nervous about going to college, and just knowing that my tuition was paid took a weight off my shoulders," she said. Irene plans to transfer to a four-year university and get a bachelor's degree in psychology. "My promise to my community is that once I have my degree, I will return to SAC to share my story and help other students succeed."

"The SAC Promise and the Santa Ana Partnership is about our students and the investment we are making in them. It sends a clear and direct message that we care about making college a reality for our community," says Christina Romero, Executive Director of Santa Ana College's Advancement Office. "Whether a student wishes to pursue a trade, earn a certificate, complete an AA degree, or transfer to a four-year institution, Santa Ana College is the place for them, and the SAC Promise forges a new pathway. What is most powerful is the commitment they've made to themselves and what they will give back in the years to come."

PROMISE PROGRAM OUTCOMES

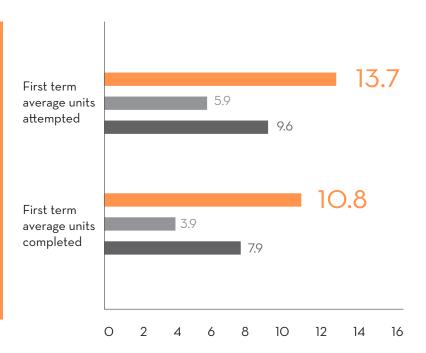


SAC's Promise Students have the highest **PERSISTENCE RATES** in comparison to all other freshmen.



Other First-Time Freshmen

Promise students ATTEMPT and COMPLETE more units than their freshmen counterparts.





How does a shy girl with no command of the English language graduate summa cum laude from the University of California, Irvine, earn a law degree from one of the top 10 law schools in the country, and ascend to a career as an influential trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.?

When 10-year-old Mayte Santacruz moved with her family from Michoacán, Mexico to Santa Ana, California, she did not speak one word of English and was afraid to speak in public. "I never raised my hand in class and would go to my professors' office hours so that I didn't have to speak in class," said Mayte. Today, she has found her voice as a litigator with the United States Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division.

Though going to college was a foreign concept to her immigrant family, a young Mayte set her sights on educational success. After graduating from Century High School, she was determined and focused on obtaining a college degree, but reaching this goal was complicated by her pending immigration status at that time. Without legal permanent residency or citizenship, Mayte did not qualify for traditional financial aid; however, Santa Ana College opened the door for other scholarship and financial resources. "SAC welcomed me with open arms when I needed it most. I would not be where I am today if it were not for Santa Ana College," she said.

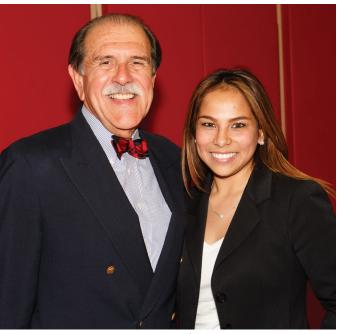
SAC's teachers and mentors were critical to Mayte's development and academic success, and she refers to two of them as her "guardian angels" who helped ensure that she had the resources and support to make the most of her incredible talent and fierce drive to succeed. Dr. Sara Lundquist (SAC's former Vice President of Student Services) and the late Dr. Juan Francisco Lara (Emeritus Assistant Vice Chancellor at University of California, Irvine) were two critical mentors as Mayte thinks

back on her undergraduate education. They mentored the gifted student when she joined SAC's Associated Student Government. "Dr. Lara was with me every step of the way in my academic and professional journey, believing in me, encouraging me, and guiding me, until he passed away in 2016," said Mayte. "Dr. Lundquist is still my mentor, moral compass, cheerleader, and dear friend. If it had not been for SAC, I likely would not have met them. This is one of the reasons that I will be forever grateful to SAC!"

Although Mayte had never met a lawyer growing up, she always had a keen interest in politics and government and decided to major in political science when she transferred from SAC to UCI. She excelled in law-related classes including constitutional law and jurisdiction, impressing her professors with her capacity to absorb vast amounts of complex academic material and use that knowledge to undertake complex legal analysis for the public good. As graduation neared, with the encouragement of her mentors, she applied to law school and was accepted at UC Berkeley's School of Law. While in law school she was distinguished as the senior executive editor of the California Law Review and produced ground-breaking research that led to Congressional action to improve legal protections for immigrant women who were physically abused by their spouses and partners.

While law is her passion, giving back is also central to Mayte's core beliefs, and she has dedicated hundreds of pro bono hours assisting immigrant victims of crime including domestic violence,

sexual assault, and human trafficking. She has received several awards for her pro bono work, including Attorney of the Year by the Public Law Center, President's Pro Bono Service Award by the State Bar of California, and the Most Influential 25 People in Orange County by the OC Metro Magazine. One of her highest honors came when Mayte advocated on behalf of a woman who was a victim of domestic abuse. To show her gratitude, she named her daughter "Mayte" as a tribute to the incredible advocate, leader, and scholar who helped her find a way to a better life.



Dr. Juan Francisco Lara and Mayte Santacruz, SAC Scholarship Ceremony, 2013

"I stand upon the shoulders of the extraordinary people who inspired and helped me get to this point in my life and I am eager to do the same for others. I know what it is like to feel hopeless and discouraged and want to do whatever I can to keep the hope alive in our talented youth from Santa Ana," said Mayte. As a past recipient of a Hispanic Education Endowment Fund (HEEF) scholarship, Mayte was inspired in 2011 to establish the Mayte Santacruz Pre-Law Scholarship Fund with HEEF, which provides scholarships to Hispanic students interested in pursuing a career in law. Preference is given to Dream Act students from the Santa Ana Unified School District and Santa Ana College with a 3.5 GPA or higher. Mayte is especially proud of Ramiro Ochoa, a past recipient of her pre-law scholarship fund, who recently became the youngest appointee in the history of the Santa Ana College Foundation Board of Directors.

Mayte has accomplished so much in her illustrious career, but representing the United States in her current position as a trial attorney with the Department of Justice is one of her greatest achievements. "It is a privilege to serve the country that has given me so much," she said. "As an immigrant from a small town in Michoacán and the first person in my family to graduate from high school and college, I will always treasure the fact that I am the face of the US Department of Justice and I say proudly to the court, 'Your Honor, Mayte Santacruz, representing the United States of America."

INTRODUCING



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First Pitch, Santa Ana College Baseball Field, 2015

In one of Santa Ana College's

greatest love stories, Wylie and Elizabeth "Bette" Aitken are the stars. A relationship that has endured the test of time and a marriage that has lasted nearly 60 years, Wylie and Bette share a lifelong commitment to learning and education. Together the couple raised three successful college graduates, and with their generous donations have helped numerous SAC students reach their academic dreams and realize their happily ever after. Benevolent benefactors and pillars of the community, Wylie and Bette remain faithful supporters of their beloved alma mater.

Let's take a moment to go back to the beginning when Garden Grove High School senior Wylie Aitken met junior Bette Robb while they both were working at a local retail store in 1959. Soon after the introduction, Wylie shared his cherry Coke with Bette, and they officially began courting. When Wylie graduated high school, he enrolled at SAC and Bette joined him the following year. Although the two were inseparable, they each enjoyed their own unique college experience. In addition to focusing on classes, Wylie enjoyed theater, yell squad, and student government

while Bette proudly represented SAC as a cheerleader and homecoming princess. Once Wylie received his associate's degree in 1961, he went on to complete his bachelor's degree at California State University, Fullerton and later was accepted into law school on scholarship at Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As life moved forward, SAC always held a special place in their hearts. They fondly remember classmates who they remain connected to today and the professors who served as mentors. "It may have been a small community college but the quality of the education and faculty rivals any university," Wylie said. "We both come from modest means and SAC opened many doors for us for which we are forever grateful. The outstanding education and relationships we made at SAC changed our lives."

While Wylie was in his first year of law school, Bette stayed in California raising their young child with the support of family. Wylie continued to sharpen his legal mind in his second year of law school while Bette worked at a national insurance company. Soon they received the exciting news







Homecoming Football Game, 1960

that Bette was expecting their second child. With one child and one on the way, Bette moved to Milwaukee to be with Wylie. After Wylie received his Juris Doctorate degree, the couple returned to their hometown in Santa Ana where Wylie worked as a young lawyer making a modest income. Bette was shaping young minds as a teacher and volunteering in the community.

Wylie's love for the law and the couple's passion for giving back to the community influenced their three children, Darren, Chris, and Ashleigh, who all became lawyers, and then married lawyers. Their only daughter is also running for mayor of Anaheim. "We encouraged our kids to follow their passions," said Wylie. "Bette and I had the marvelous benefit of being the first in our families to go to college. We didn't know what we wanted to do or what we wanted to be, but we knew education was important." Wylie says Bette is one of the smartest people he knows. "She's the only non-lawyer, but runs the entire family," he says.

The cost of college has risen significantly over the years, and the Aitkens recognize that students today require many financial resources to access a quality education. When Wylie and Bette attended SAC in the 1960s tuition was free, and state universities were only about \$50 per semester. "I received six years of education for about \$100, but we know that financial considerations for today's students are much different

and that's one reason we give to the college," said Wylie. In addition to giving financial support to SAC students, as founding partner and CEO of Aitken Aitken Cohn, Wylie does pro bono work for members of the community in need and hires SAC students to get invaluable legal experience. "We are investing in the teachers who mentor the students, and investing in the students who will be our future alumni and leaders."

Wylie and Bette continue to be active members of the community, donating time and resources to important causes and serving on several Boards. In January of 2014, the Chance Theater in Anaheim was renamed The Bette Aitken Theater Arts Center. Bette was previously recognized by Senator Diane Feinstein and Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez for her public service work, and the couple was honored in Orange County Business Journal's Giving Guide as Top Philanthropists in Orange County. As the former head of the SAC Foundation Board of Directors, Wylie's mission was to ensure that donors understood that the college needed their support to keep the fire burning, and Wylie and Bette continue to champion that message. "Bette and I want our legacy to be about gratitude. We share our success with others because SAC invested in us and we want to support the college in return. We would not be who we are today without Santa Ana College," said Wylie.





SAC Scholars: Kiyoshi Yamaguchi-Pedroza, Raquel Rodriguez, and Gerardo Guerra

When **Gerardo Guerra** enrolled in Santa Ana College in 2016, it was at one of the lowest points in his life. After many years of depression and anxiety, he was unable to continue working at his manufacturing job. Nearly a recluse, Gerardo didn't interact much with the outside world and didn't have much to look forward to. His niece, who was always a source of inspiration, told Gerardo, "You're smart and I believe in you." She encouraged him to enroll in college, but Gerardo was unsure if he could deal with the social aspects. He initially planned to take online courses, but once he visited SAC and experienced the welcoming environment, he decided to give on-campus classes a try.

Gerardo knew he would need a lot of support after being out of school for more than 12 years. He met a counselor who helped students with disabilities and was referred to Kathy Patterson to learn about the Honors Program. The smaller classes and one-on-one time with professors was a great setting for someone battling anxiety like Gerardo. As his confidence grew, Gerardo became more social, and any time he hit a roadblock, classmates and faculty were there to encourage him to continue. "Whenever I was thinking of quitting school, my professors would say to me, 'I'm not going to let you give up.' I



SAC Honors Celebration May 2018

would receive emails of encouragement along the way which allowed me to clear my mind and keep pushing," he said. "The support I have received has been outstanding."

Today, Gerardo is actively involved in the Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society and Associated Student Government. "A few years ago I couldn't leave my house and now I'm in leadership roles," he said proudly. Once he graduates from SAC, Gerardo plans to transfer to California State University, Fullerton to complete his bachelor's degree in graphic design. He would like to rejoin the workforce eventually but this time he will be armed with a college degree and pursue a career in advertising. "I've become more confident, and I expect more from myself. I love Santa Ana College because they embraced me and changed my life," said Gerardo.

Many say Santa Ana College feels like a family, and the faculty and staff have been part of **Kiyoshi Yamaguchi-Pedroza's** life from an early age. He first visited the SAC campus as a child when he sat in a class his father taught in the school library. Kiyoshi's dad, Luis Pedroza, has been a SAC librarian for more than 2O years and over the years has built long-lasting relationships with colleagues who are also like family. When Kiyoshi graduated from high school, SAC was a top choice. "I decided to attend Santa Ana College because I thought it was a good opportunity to make connections and build my confidence before going to a big university," said Kiyoshi. Since he already knew Kathy Patterson through his father, Kiyoshi went to her for guidance selecting a major and decided English most closely aligned with his passions.

As an honors student in high school, Kiyoshi was no stranger to hard work. "My parents always encouraged me to do well in school, and I have a personal drive. I always want to do my best," he said. College was a new experience. In addition to classes and homework, Kiyoshi volunteered in the Honors Program office, was part of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society and was President of the SAC Literary Journal. Although Kiyoshi found it challenging at times to balance it all, the support he received from Honors Program professors kept him on track. "My classmates and I had a lot of other obligations and responsibilities, but we are all striving for excellence," he

said. "I wish that more students took advantage of the Honors Program and believed they could do it too because it opens so many doors."

Kiyoshi recently received his associate's degree from SAC and will attend the University of California, Berkeley in the fall to begin working towards a master's degree in English. Once he has accomplished this goal, his life may one day come full circle. "It would be very cool if I could return to SAC to teach English," he said.

When Raquel Rodriguez's life took an unexpected turn, the path led her to Santa Ana College. After high school Raquel enlisted in the Navy, but an injury prevented her from serving. When she enrolled at SAC, she didn't know that community colleges offered honors programs, but that all changed when she met Kathy Patterson. She learned that she could cultivate her love for animals by pursuing a degree in animal science. The Honors Program would give her the opportunity to deepen her knowledge and advance her research.

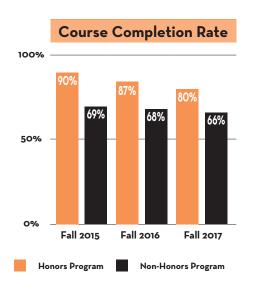
Raquel joined two Honor Societies, Alpha Gamma Sigma and Phi Theta Kappa, and took advantage of all the new

opportunities. She travelled to Alaska with her geology class to secure soil samples from the forest, and she volunteered at the Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital to get first-hand experience with patients. Kathy encouraged Raquel to share what she learned, and she presented her research at the Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference at University of California, Irvine.

"There were times when it got hard and life got in the way, but Kathy kept encouraging me. When someone asks me who I most admire in an educational setting, she's the first person that comes to mind. I really value her as a professor, an advisor and as a friend," said Raquel. She is transferring to University of California, Davis as an animal science major and is planning to go to veterinary school. Since she is a first-generation college student, Raquel's parents always stressed the importance of education. "My proudest moment was inviting my family to my graduation and being able to share that moment with them," she said.

In this competitive academic environment, SAC's Honors Program gives students the wings to soar to excellence.

SAC Honors Transfer Program Outcomes



SPRING 2018 OUTCOMES Honors vs Non-Honors

Spring 2018	Honors Program	Non-Honors Program
Average Semester GPA	3.02	2.33
Units Attempted	10.5	7.9
Units Completed	9.2	6.4

GRADUATION RATE OF SAC HONORS STUDENTS:

82% of SAC honors students earned a degree or certificate and 69% transferred to a 4-year institution

Student Cohorts: Fall 2013-Fall 2015

DONORS 2016 - 2018

\$100,000-\$249,999

Beeghly Charitable Remainder Trust + Orange County Community Foundation

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