



The Silver Slug

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2020 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS – Part 3

Our tradition has been to honor the scholarship recipients at an annual luncheon held in May. Due to social distancing for COVID-19, we did not gather in person this year. Therefore, we are honoring and meeting these remarkable students remotely. You met four of the scholarship recipients in the April issue of “The Silver Slug” Newsletter and four additional students in the May addendum. Now, we are pleased to present the remaining scholarship awardees. The students shown below accomplished much before they arrived at UC Santa Cruz, and, as you will read, continue to pursue their academic pathways to attain their life goals. The Retirees Association thanks each of you for your generous donations to the scholarship endowment funds which support the awards. If you would like to contribute to next year’s scholarships, please use the link below which will take you to our secure online giving form to make a donation. Thank you!

<https://secure.ucsc.edu/s/1069/bp18/interior.aspx?sid=1069&gid=1001&pgid=780&cid=1749&dids=28.834.835&bledit=1>

SILVER SLUG AWARD SCHOLARSHIP



Crystal Fagundes is a full-time staff member in the Office of Admissions, as well as an undergraduate student in her junior year in Psychology. She aspires to participate in social psychological research surrounding graduate students specifically from non-traditional backgrounds such as herself or from marginalized populations. Her plan is to better understand how to meet student needs and help them find their own successes. Her greatest challenge has been the financial cost of taking two classes per quarter. She is extremely grateful for the Silver Slug Award scholarship because it will help not only financially, but

also emotionally and mentally as she continues forward with her education. Her university salary provides a place to live and food but there isn’t much left for paying the cost of further education. With the Silver Slug Award scholarship, she will be able to offset the cost of attendance and avoid having to take out large student loans. Not having to worry about how she will pay for books and supplies also will be of enormous benefit to her.

RETIREES ASSOCIATION BRUCE LANE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Jerhson Hernandez joined the Marine Corps one month after graduating from high school. He was deployed to Afghanistan as a Personal Security Detachment which included duties as an infantry assault rifleman and personal driver for all commanding officers at the base. Regular security patrols were used to scan terrain for possible missions and different possible avenues of approach to different cities. His training taught him to be diligent and meticulous and that training has been invaluable as he pursues a degree in politics. He is a member of the pre-law fraternity and intends to enroll in law school. His greatest challenge has been finding enough financial support to be able to buy groceries and other necessities while trying to apply himself as completely as possible to his studies.

He will use the Retirees Association Bruce Lane Scholarship to assist him in these things and to help pay for some of the expenses of applying to law school.

Cole Grim is a dual-track Masters/PhD student. After completing four years of active duty in the Air Force he used the GI Bill to complete his bachelor's degree in Computer Science and continues as a part-time Masters/PhD student in Computer Engineering, all while working as an Active Guard Reserve. His GI Bill will be exhausted in the upcoming quarter. The Retirees Bruce Lane Scholarship will greatly assist in allowing him to continue his academic progress. By combining his academic and military experience, he was able to contribute to several cybersecurity projects and co-authored a scientific paper on the application of military deception techniques to cybersecurity that was publicly released to the global research community. He has also used his academic expertise in community service and plans to continue doing so. He hopes to teach at a community college. His greatest challenge now is the balancing of work, school, and family life.



Jared Donaldson enlisted in the Marine Corps in 2008 and immediately began to learn discipline and responsibility in boot camp followed by artillery training. He served a tour to Japan and Korea and was deployed to Afghanistan. He learned important life skills by working in ever-changing environments and he learned how to take the initiative. His goal is to maintain at least a 3.5 GPA in studying Molecular and Cellular Developmental Biology. Upon graduation he plans to apply to medical school to be of service to others. He was home-schooled by his mother and being in a formal college classroom has been challenging. He continues to work hard in his classes and knows that the only real

failure is when one gives up. He is married with two young children. Their only income is the GI Bill, FAFSA, and scholarships. They have been frugal and want to stay out of debt. The Retirees Association Bruce Lane Scholarship will help as he pursues his degree.