

Hanna Center

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Scholarship Day 2023

Nathan G. 2021

Nathan G., class of 2021, is currently enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC), pursuing an associate degree in the Fire Technology Program. He's also enrolled in SRJC's Firefighter Academy, a Public Safety Training Center, and volunteers with the Schell-Vista Fire Department in Sonoma. With only one semester to go, Nathan applied for a Sisters of St. Francis Scholarship for help in finishing up his degree.



*"The education that I received at Hanna set me up for success after graduating," he said.
"They always encouraged us to pursue a career and further our education."*

Tyree T. 2021

Tyree Tillis, class of 2021, launched his own clothing line, TENTR (tentrcomfortclothing.com), in his sophomore year at Hanna. This young entrepreneur from Oakland, the only boy in a family with five sisters, always enjoyed any opportunity to dress up and started making his own clothes. Today, after "plenty of trial and error," many of the items sold through his website are sold out, and he has launched a nonprofit. He will be starting his third year at Clark Atlanta University, which he hopes the scholarship will support, where he is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing. He also successfully joined the school's cross-country team and has managed to maintain an average GPA of 3.5.



"I come back to Hanna often," he said. "They have always believed in me."

Ricardo T. 2019

Ricardo T., class of 2019, is currently enrolled at Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC), pursuing an associate degree in the Fire Technology Program. He's also enrolled in SRJC's Firefighter Academy, a Public Safety Training Center. On track to graduate in 2024, Ricardo applied for the annual scholarship for help in paying to attend the Firefighter Academy, which he recently had to exit, due to lack of funds.



"If not for Hanna," he said, "I would not have pursued college. Before Hanna, I was failing all my classes; really struggling. But after a few semesters at Hanna, my grades skyrocketed. The teachers were more like friends; being here to help us was their priority. If I had a question and raised my hand, 100 percent of the time I would get my question answered. I learned because my teachers taught me."

Alex G. 2015

Alex G., class of 2015, came to Hanna as a freshman, hoping to find a structured environment that would allow him to focus only on constructive endeavors and keep him out of trouble. Always a good student, Alex's home life had become chaotic and unstable, due to his dad's mental illness and his mom's increasing inability to cope. Today, Alex is a Registered Nurse and has applied for a scholarship to help pay for his doctorate program at the University of San Francisco, where he is studying to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner.



"I couldn't do sports in school at home," Alex said, "because my dad was in and out of the hospital and my mom couldn't take me places. At Hanna, I discovered wrestling, which I usually did three hours a day. Studying and sports – that's where my focus was, and I was fully supported doing both. I always knew I wanted to go to college. If Hanna had not been an option, I cannot say that I would be where I am today."