



FCSV SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS LUNCHEON 2025



Celebrating Academic Excellence and Community Support

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Sacramento, CA | June 28, 2025 — The Filipino Community of Sacramento and Vicinity (FCSV) proudly hosted its annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon at South Villa Restaurant, honoring outstanding Filipino-American students for their academic achievements and commitment to higher education.

A Warm Welcome and Filipino Feast

The afternoon began as guests arrived and were welcomed with an invocation by First Vice President Dinnah San Pedro. FCSV President Murray Navarro then invited everyone to enjoy a traditional Filipino buffet lunch featuring pancit gisado, South Villa's famous fried chicken, rice, and classic Filipino desserts like leche flan and bibingka.

Honoring Our Scholars

After lunch, President Navarro extended his greetings to attendees, including scholars, their proud parents, sponsors, and FCSV board members. A warm welcome address was presented by board member Edna Delos Reyes and inspirational message presented by secretary Leila Pereira.

This year, four scholars were honored, receiving monetary awards ranging from \$100 to \$1,000, along with certificates of recognition and keepsake photos with their sponsors and families.

The awards were determined through a comprehensive evaluation of the following criteria: Academic Achievement (50%) Grade Point Average, Interview (25%) Assessing leadership potential and communication skills, and Essay Submission (25%)- Responding to the topic, "As a young community leader, how will you contribute to our efforts to build the Filipino Community Center?"

Krishna Abad with 91.083% received the Most Outstanding Scholar of the Year - \$1,000 and Certificate of Recognition from The Erlinda Aglubat Scholarship Award.

Jay Seth Lal with 88.333% received First Runner-Up - \$500 and Certificate of Recognition from The November Birthday Celebrant Scholarship Award.

Hailey Jade Tudlong with 79.833% received Second Runner-Up - \$300 and Certificate of Recognition from The FCSV Scholarship Award.



Marita Machi with 74.583% received Consolation Cash Prizes \$100 for other qualified applicants and Certificate of Recognition.

Heartfelt Speeches and Lasting Memories

One of the most meaningful parts of the program was hearing from the scholars themselves. Each shared how the support from FCSV, their sponsors, and families helped them pursue their educational goals.

A memorable group photo session brought together the awardees, their parents, sponsors, and the entire FCSV board.

A Community Effort

This year's scholarships were funded by the generous contribution of Erlinda Aglubat, the FCSV Scholarship Awards Project, and proceeds from the FCSV November Members' Birthday Celebrants Fundraising event.

Special thanks to our Scholarship Committee Chair and emcee President Murray Navarro, co chair Edna Delos Reyes and members Leila Pereira, Sylvia Fortis, Zenny Yagen, and Melissa Javinar for making the event a success. The same goes to the Panel of Judges: Sharon Council, Melissa Javinar, and Dr. Ed Daclan.

Education as a Pillar of Progress

"Achieving higher education is not just a personal milestone—it supports FCSV's long-term vision of building a strong and empowered Filipino community," said President Navarro.

FCSV remains committed to uplifting Filipino-American youth and encourages all members to continue supporting programs that foster education and leadership.

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