



TRANSFORMING DREAMS INTO SUCCESS



“I remain forever grateful for the scholarship support from the Foundation. It gave me the opportunity to engage with professors who are committed to this notion of “putting students first!” and the platform needed to rise to the next level in my personal and professional career. Now, more than ever, this foundation can change the lives of our community, one student at a time.”

**– Robert Rosenberg,
scholarship recipient**

PRIMING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

At Moorpark College, the success of our students, both academically and personally, is our top priority. Moorpark has an esteemed reputation as ranking first among California Community Colleges for its transfer rate to four-year universities, with an acceptance rate of 78%.

That success means providing them with a wide breadth of resources and opportunities. It comes in the form of excellent faculty and administration, financial assistance, academic coaching, scholarships, work-based learning opportunities, internships, and career advice and counseling. It also comes down to helping the many who are struggling financially with basic needs, such as having enough food to eat and a safe place to live.

Because an education helps ensure the social mobility and financial security that might otherwise be unachievable. The ability to afford a college education can change a life. Your gift to the Moorpark College Foundation gives our students the boost they need by providing the resources that the state simply cannot fund.

Among the many programs that your support makes possible, three can make all the difference in the world between a student attending and completing college or not.





MOORPARK'S COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM

SCHOLARSHIPS

For low-income students, college can seem like an impossible dream. They must work to support themselves and even their families, and without the gift of a scholarship, college is far from their reach. In Ventura County, we're a tale of two counties, with some residents experiencing the highest standard of living while others live in extreme poverty. At Moorpark College, about 14% of our students live below the poverty level.

In the 2019-20 academic year we awarded \$160,000 of scholarships aimed at a wide range of our students, from a fund that helps single mothers afford tuition to others that focus on particular professions, such as healthcare, or leadership skills, such as the Nascent Leaders Scholarship. We believe that every student should have the opportunity to live up to their academic promise. Scholarships are an important path toward that promise.

EARLY ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH RISING SCHOLARS ACADEMY

When young students are mentored and encouraged early in their education, they are primed for success in a post-secondary career. This is especially true for underrepresented students who qualify as low-income, non-English learners, and foster children. Of the three districts that feed into Moorpark College—the Conejo Valley, Simi Valley, and Moorpark Unified School Districts—the percentages of these students range from 27% to 30% annually.



Moorpark College realizes the important role it can play in providing early mentoring that may lead to first-generation students pursuing a college education. Motivated to action, the College initiated the Rising Scholars Academy in 2019. It provides students from 7th to 12th grades from East Ventura County public schools a college-access program designed to give them and their families the encouragement, mentorship rigorous academic exposure and social support that offer a pathway to a college degree at no cost.

Students who complete the Rising Scholars program and choose to attend Moorpark College are eligible to receive scholarship funds and enrollment in the highly successful First Year Experience program which integrates them into the campus community, gaining skills and experiences to excel in college.

“Living out of a car, struggling with mental illness, not having enough to eat. This is not the kind of struggle most people associate with college students or their own experience. Personally, I was always embarrassed to pay for things on campus with the EOPS voucher in front of students of higher financial status. Having a Basic Needs Center will normalize what struggling means today.”

**– Savannah Simpson,
Moorpark 2020 graduate**

MEETING BASIC NEEDS

While our students have always faced food and housing insecurity, they are now in crisis. In a pre-Covid study of Moorpark College students, 38% of respondents said they were food insecure in the last 30 days, 49% said that they had experienced housing insecurities in the last year, and an alarming 16% identified as having been homeless in the last 12 months.* In a post-Covid world, their chances for success have become much more fragile.



Our board has made the funding of a Basic Needs Center at Moorpark College a priority and critical to the success of our students. Through providing a food pantry, meals, and access to social/emotional support and emergency financial assistance, the Center will help to ensure that no student experiences hunger or skips meals because of their financial circumstances.

*Source: 2020 California Community College survey

“The state of homelessness and food insecurity is at shocking proportions on college campuses throughout the country. We can step aside and do nothing or we can lean in!”

– Julius Sokenu, Moorpark College Interim President

WORKING TOGETHER TO TRANSFORM DREAMS INTO SUCCESS

The Moorpark College Foundation board has set a goal of raising \$200,000 to fund these programs to better serve our underserved students, who are struggling more than ever during this uncertain time. Please join us in creating a path to social mobility and success for every Moorpark student.



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OUR COMMITMENT

With the high-quality education that Moorpark College provides, a young person's dream of a better future for themselves can become a reality. But they cannot do it alone. That is our mission at the Moorpark College Foundation—to provide academic preparation to more students while they are still in secondary school, to ease access to college, and to support and encourage these students all along their academic path. We can accomplish this through philanthropic investment to fund this vision of promise fulfilled.

The Moorpark College Foundation is seeking \$200,000 to support our students on their path to realizing that academic promise, which benefits all of us. Supporters help fund critical programs such as Rising Scholars Academy, much-needed scholarships, and the Basic Needs Center that offers the very essentials of food and housing assistance that many of our students lack. We thank all of our generous supporters, who are the keys to transforming dreams into success.

Please return this form by mail, or scan and email to John Loprieno, Interim Director of Advancement, within seven to ten days:

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- I/We wish to give a gift online to: www.moorparkcollege.edu/foundation
- I/We wish to give a legacy gift. Please contact us.
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(The President's Circle of leading supporters raises unrestricted funds for Moorpark College's areas of greatest need.)

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