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Three ELAC Students Selected as Recipients of Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

MONTEREY PARK, CA – Three East Los Angeles College (ELAC) students were selected as recipients of the prestigious [Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship](#) this year. This highly competitive national transfer scholarship will provide the 72 selected students with up to \$40,000 a year to complete their bachelor's degrees.

In addition to financial support, new Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholars will receive comprehensive educational advising to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year college and preparing for their careers. Scholars will additionally receive opportunities for internships, study abroad, and graduate school funding, as well as connection to a thriving network of Cooke Scholars and Alumni.

ELAC Cooke Scholarship award winners:

- **Ho Yan Yip** – Ho Yan is an international student from Hong Kong who is planning on continuing her education at either University of California Berkeley or University of California Los Angeles. She wants to focus on gender and social inequality for her doctorate and hopefully return to ELAC someday to be a professor. “This scholarship will help me a lot and it’s not only for me, but also an honor for everyone at ELAC. I really want to thank all the professors and staff members. They really put hard work in helping our students. Because of these contributions I was able to become a finalist for this scholarship,” said Ho Yan.
- **Janelle Chan** – Janelle is still deciding on her next college but has narrowed it down to a few Ivy League and University of California schools. She plans on studying human development for her undergrad and continuing to medical school to be a physician. “Earning this scholarship and getting access to an educational advisor would be very helpful for the medical school process and finishing my undergrad...I just want to thank all my counselors, mentors, and professors. This would not be possible without your help,” said Janelle.
- **Yazmin Mata** – Yazmin is still deciding on what school she wants to attend for her undergrad but has narrowed it down to either Pomona College or University of California San Diego. She plans on studying sociology for her undergrad then attending law school. “ELAC really is a pipeline to so many amazing places. The professors here and their dedication to students is truly amazing. I really want to do research on undocumented communities because their narrative gets written by others. It would mean a lot to me to bring to light their voices,” said Yazmin.

These three ELAC students will join eleven other ELAC Cooke Scholars who have received this prestigious scholarship in our 75 years of history. These scholars have continued their education at top universities such as the University of California Berkeley, Stanford, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

ELAC is in its 75th year as an academic institution and continues to serve the Los Angeles area with education needs. This academic year is a celebration of our past and an excitement for our future. To learn more about some of the key alumni in our 75 years of history please [click here](#).

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