

California Charter Schools Association Recognizes Exceptional Charter Public School Students with Bragato Scholarships

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10 Awardees Selected for Academic and Extracurricular Achievements

LOS ANGELES, CA – Today, the California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) presented the winners of the 2021 Susan Steelman Bragato Scholarships during its 2021 California Charter Schools Virtual Conference. The annual Bragato Scholarship is awarded to outstanding charter public school high school seniors to help further their academic careers as they pursue higher education. Recipients will each receive \$2,000 in recognition of their academic achievements and desire to serve their community. The funds are to assist with each student's first year of college.

"The Class of 2021 has endured a senior year that has been unlike any other. This year's Bragato Scholarship recipients have demonstrated not only academic excellence, but perseverance despite tremendous adversity," said CCSA President and CEO Myrna Castrejón. "I am proud to recognize the efforts of these ten students who reflect the value of a charter public school education."

The late Susan Steelman Bragato was a key supporter of the charter school movement and her legacy continues through her namesake scholarship program. Bragato was also the co-founder of the first California charter school and founder of the precursor to CCSA (the California Network of Educational Charters) and its first annual conference.

Recipients of the 2021 Susan Steelman Bragato Scholarships are:

- Sadia Abdirahim, [Suncoast Steam Academy](#), San Diego
- Tayler Bradley, [Heritage Peak Charter School](#)
- Vanesa Cruz Granados, [Public Safety Academy](#), San Bernardino
- Tha Dah Say, [e3 Civic High School](#), San Diego
- Ana Martinez, [PUC Community Charter Early College High School](#), Sylmar
- Britney Meza, [Public Safety Academy](#), San Bernardino
- Valeria Mina, [Alliance Collins Family College Ready High School](#), Huntington Park
- Ingrid Realegeno, [Alliance William & Carol Ouchi High School](#), Los Angeles
- Andrea Ventura, [Alliance Collins Family College Ready High School](#), Huntington Park
- Ashley Zamudio, [Valor Academy High School](#), North Hills

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