



TAHOE DONNER GIVING FUND

MEET KATELYN

EARLY VISION + STRONG COMMITMENT

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is pleased to introduce you to Katelyn, one of our many successful scholarship recipients.



KATELYN'S STORY

Katelyn has known since middle school that she wanted a career in the criminal justice system. What began as an interest sparked by television crime dramas in seventh grade became a clear goal in ninth grade, when a career research assignment convinced her that she wanted to become a homicide detective.

Now in her final semester at Cal State Los Angeles, Katelyn will graduate magna cum laude in May. In addition to her coursework, she has actively sought opportunities to deepen her understanding of the criminal justice system. As a junior, she was selected to participate in the Los Angeles Community Police Academy. This intensive eight-week program provided firsthand insight into the demanding and complex work of police officers.

This year, Katelyn earned a highly competitive internship working at Azusa High School, a school facing serious gang-related challenges. Working alongside experienced staff, she supported early intervention efforts that helped de-escalate high-risk situations, including preventing potential gun-related incidents. Through consistent, hands-on involvement with students in crisis, Katelyn contributed to improved student engagement and academic

progress. In recognition of her impact and professionalism, the school offered Katelyn a paid position for the remainder of the academic year.

BOLD PLANS

After graduation, Katelyn plans to apply to the City of Alameda Police Department's 18-month training program. With tuition reimbursement, she will be able to continue her education while working toward her long-term goal of serving as a patrol officer and, ultimately, a homicide detective.

HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

"I cannot express how grateful I am for the financial assistance and encouragement that I have received from the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund. With tuition and housing costs continuing to rise, the support I have received has made it possible for me to remain focused on my education. As someone who has come from very little, this opportunity has been very life-changing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for investing in my future and for making all of this possible."

ABOUT TDGF SCHOLARSHIPS

Since 2015, the TDGF Committee has awarded 84 scholarships to deserving high school seniors from the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. Two kinds of scholarships are offered: Traditional and IMPACT. Currently, \$5,000 Traditional scholarships are offered on a one-time basis with the possibility of a second year of support. They are funded through collective donations made by Tahoe Donner Members. IMPACT scholarships are larger multi-year awards and are funded by a single anonymous Tahoe Donner member. In 2022, Katelyn was awarded a \$50,000 IMPACT scholarship.

The Tahoe Donner Giving Fund Committee is chartered by the Tahoe Donner Board of Directors to carry out the mission of the Tahoe Donner Giving Fund: to inspire generosity and charitable giving among Tahoe Donner members to support deserving programs and youth in the greater Truckee Community.

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