

CBIA PWB 2019 Scholarship Winners

Abigail Jacques



Short Bio:

Currently attending Santiago High School, Class of 2019

Scholarship Award Goal: California Baptist University tuition to pursue Interior Design Major.

From: Southern California, Corona.

Long Bio:

Abigail, who also goes by Abby, is from Southern California, Corona. She is currently attending Santiago High School where she got to experience Interior Design as an Elective first but then soon became passionate about it. Abby is also active in a Club called Skills USA that works towards skilled workforce. Additionally, she also helps mentor high school students through the ACE Mentor program to help them pursue careers in construction. Her goal is to study Interior Design at California Baptist University, located in Riverside, California. Interestingly, Abby visited the same university in her younger years, only to realize that she will be attending the very school of her dreams! Her long-term goal is to work very hard and ultimately take on a top leadership role at an interior Design firm, and possibly her own. We love how Abigail's volunteer work completely resonates with our own Education Outreach efforts at [CBIA PWB](#) and we couldn't be prouder!

Marie Castillo



Short Bio:

Scholarship Award Goal: To obtain Calif Real Estate (CRE) License and work with investors to remodel homes and eventually return working for a government agency in construction management.

Currently a student at Diablo Valley College in pursuit of Associate of Science Degree in Construction Management and home studying for a California Real Estate Sales License.

From: Northern California, Concord.

Long Bio:

Marie is from Northern California, Concord. She is currently a student at Diablo Valley College in pursuit of an Associate of Science Degree in Construction Management. Marie has an extensive 19 years of experience in the building industry. Her immediate goal is to obtain a California Real Estate (CRE) License so that she may work with investors to remodel homes and long-term goal is to work for a government agency in construction management. She strives to attain a work-life balance so that she may spend quality time with her daughter while progressing in her career. It is our complete honor to award the [CBIA Professional Women in Building](#) Scholarship to Marie Castillo.

Nicole “Nikki” Balchunas



Short Bio:

Scholarship Award Goal: Seeking PMP Certification from UC Irvine

Currently working as a Project Coordinator in Forward Planning for William Lyon Homes, fka RSI Communities

From: Southern California, Laguna Niguel.

Long Bio:

Nicole, who also goes by Nikki, is from Southern California, Laguna Niguel. Interestingly Nikki started her education in the food and beverage major, then moved onto International Business, followed by a career in Global Tourism, then Property Management and ultimately took a position of Project Coordinator with one of our finest builders in CA, William Lyon Homes, Southern California division. She plans to pursue a PMP Certification from UC Irvine that will make her well equipped to foray into Project Management. Nikki has worked hard along her tenacious career path and we are honored to support her. Nikki is an active [BIA of Southern California NextGen](#) member and it gives us great pleasure to award her with the [CBIA Professional Women in Building](#) Scholarship that will help her achieve her professional goals.