



Lake Tahoe Community College 2016 H.E.R.O. Scholarship Recipients

Student 1

grew up in a rough neighborhood in San Jose, and was raised from the age of 2 by his mother, who took care of and his five siblings after his father's tragic passing. When he was 9 years old, moved with his mother and siblings to Mexico in order for his mother to resolve some legal issues, but he returned to the States after completing high school. For four years worked to help support his family, but then he determined that it was time for him to pursue his dreams, and he began college. mom always stressed the importance of education, and has been influenced by her to remain positive, dedi himself to his goals, and affect others in a positive way. Next school year, will be transferring from Lake Tahoe Community College to Cal Poly Pomona, where he will major in Music Composition and Performance. He wants to pursue advanced degrees in his field, then go on to a career where he will focus his performance art on reaching out to youth and young adults with a positive message. has been very active at LTCC, participating in the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society as Vice President last school year, and this year taking on the heavy responsibility of being Student Trustee. In this role he works with the Board of Trustees as well as the Student Senate, and attends leadership and legislative conferences at the local and state levels. According to one of the LTCC Board members, " has the rare ability to be a role model not only for his peers, but for people of all ages, thanks to his grasp of simple truths about human nature, persistence, and courage."

Student 2

is the first member of her family to graduate from high school or attend college, and she has been self-supporting since she was in high school. She is a former foster youth who has overcome the obstacles inherent in that situation to pursue her educational and career goals; she has never had any financial or emotional support from her parents. is transferring next school year from Lake Tahoe Community College to UC-Davis, where she will study Animal Biology. After completing her bachelor's degree at Davis, plans to go on to attend veterinary school. She is interested in studying large mammals, especially elephants, and investigating how longevity and familial bonds are related to the development of emotions in such animals. During her time at LTCC, has become very involved in numerous student organizations, as a member of the Honor Society, the Math Club, and the Student Senate. She also works on campus in Administrative Services. has not only overcome significant obstacles in order to pursue her goals; she has thrived and become one of the most active and successful students on campus.