

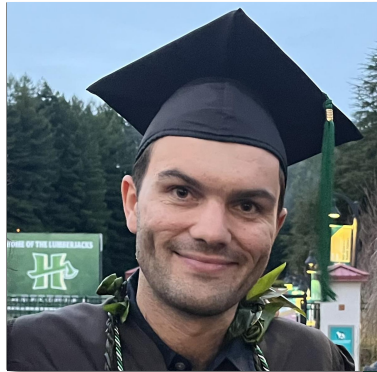
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The School of Engineering is proud to introduce sixteen outstanding scholarship recipients. These recipients are being awarded for the following scholarships:

- Thomas William Warnock Outstanding ERE Graduate
- Outstanding ESE Graduate
- Outstanding ME Graduate
- Roscoe-Schenler Award
- Homer Arnold Award
- GHD Leadership Award
- Marty Lay SHN Award
- Al Burrows Scholarship
- Robert & Suzanne Weinke
- Robert W. Campbell, Sr, Scholarship
- Community Award
- Delta Award
- WACO Award

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, these students have received over \$12,000 to support their continued success. While the students highlighted here are truly amazing, we have many more students who are deserving of recognition. Our engineering community is thriving and we are honored to support all engineering students who will lead the way into our future.

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**Outstanding
ERE Graduate**

Sierra Doane

Sierra graduated in December 2025 with a degree in Environmental Resources Engineering. He grew up in Humboldt County and is looking forward to working on local restoration projects as well as helping fortify our community against a changing climate and uncertain future. During his senior year, Sierra was a student research assistant working on a salt marsh restoration monitoring project around Humboldt Bay that included drone LiDAR surveys. Outside of engineering, Sierra enjoys taking his dogs on adventures, swimming in local rivers, and making things – whether that is woodworking, cooking, or DIY projects.



**Outstanding
ESE Graduate**

Sequoia Dixon

Sequoia John Dixon is a senior Energy Systems Engineering student at Cal Poly Humboldt, with a previous degree in psychology and business from Humboldt State. He brings a background in construction and electrical work and a quizzical mindset shaped by years of fixing things and solving problems for fun. At Humboldt, he has focused on electrification planning and microgrid design, with an emphasis on real world, community scale impact. He is especially interested in making renewable energy systems accessible to everyone. Sequoia plans to build a career in the renewable energy sector with an emphasis on equitable community focused infrastructure and resilient power systems. Outside of engineering, he enjoys snowboarding and spending time with the special people in his life, including his kids and parents.



**Outstanding
ME Graduate**

Jaxon Cooper

Jaxon is a senior studying mechanical engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Jaxon is involved in the Aviation Club, where he develops flying skills in the simulator and helps coordinate club events. He is also involved in the Lee Research Group STAD Laboratory, where he has gained invaluable research experience. He is particularly interested in the aerospace industry, and hopes to begin his engineering career in U.S. Coast Guard Aviation. Outside of engineering, Jaxon enjoys surfing the Humboldt and Sonoma County coasts, working on car and jet ski projects, and spending breaks with family and friends.

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Willow Ricca

Willow Ricca is a third year Environmental Resources Engineering student at Cal Poly Humboldt. They are interested in expanding access to resources in underserved communities, and improving social infrastructure. At Cal Poly Humboldt they are currently involved in the ASCE MidPac Water Quality Competition, and recently began as a research assistant on a project focused on sea level rise. Outside of school, Willow enjoys gardening, walking dogs, running, learning to build things, and spending time with friends.

Roscoe-Schenler Award



Homer Arnold Award

Ian is a junior studying Environmental Resources Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Ian is involved in the Jeffrey S. Navarro Mentorship Program, ENGR EPIIC students program, Francis Creek and Salmon Creek research projects, and the Mid-Pac water treatment competition. He is particularly interested in stream restoration and active transportation infrastructure. In the future, Ian hopes to work on expanding walk/bike path infrastructure. In their free time, Ian enjoys surfing, skiing, rock climbing, and hanging out with friends.

Dime Borg



GHD Leadership Award

Dime is a third-year student studying Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Dime is involved in the 2026 MidPac Water Treatment team and works as the social media associate for the School of Engineering. They are interested in MEP engineering. In the future, Dime hopes to continue their education by getting a Masters in Engineering. In their free time, Dime enjoys rock climbing, knitting, and cooking.

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Marty Lay
SHN Award

Sasha Cahill

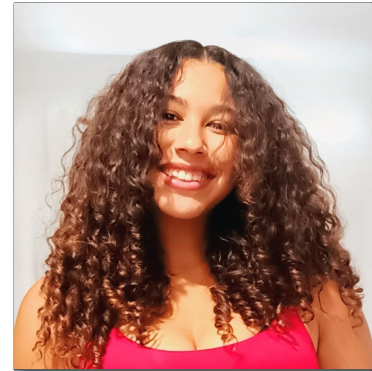
Sasha Cahill is a 4th year Environmental Resources Engineering Student major with a minor in music. He is from Irvine in southern California, having lived there his whole life before coming up to Humboldt after high school. Sasha is an avid birder of about 12 years and is 2-year president of the CPH baseball club. He works at the Arcata Marsh Research Institute and volunteers with Engineers Without Borders, which help facilitate his engineering-related interests of wastewater, water resources, and hydrology. His career goals include working on cool water-related projects, conservation, and fieldwork, but mostly doing something cool that he enjoys. Outside of engineering he enjoys birding and bird photography.



Al Burrows
Scholarship

Kyle Chamberlain

Kyle is a sophomore in the Mechanical Engineering program. Out of the members preceding him on his family tree, he is the first to receive an associates degree and he will be the first to graduate with a bachelor's degree. Kyle's ideal engineering career paths come from his experience in the fields of aerospace and radio frequencies. Student organizations he is involved with include the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, collaborations with the Society of Women Engineers and activities organized by the Veterans Resource Center. After completing the Mechanical Engineering program, Kyle will find a position at an engineering firm. He will then begin pursuing a Master's degree and contributing to community projects. Outside of engineering Kyle enjoys playing instruments and attending live music performances.



Al Burrows
Scholarship

Chanelle
Vaillancourt-Byrd

Chanelle Vaillancourt is a passionate junior at Cal Poly Humboldt, devoting herself to Mechanical Engineering. She aims to creatively solve problems that enhance the public's well being. On campus, Chanelle tutored the Computational Methods series with Python, sharing her love for technology and helping others. She is also a member of the Society of Women in Engineering club, fostering an inclusive environment. Chanelle's interests are dynamic, with a particular fascination for river hydraulics, mechatronics, and sustainable practices. The next upcoming summer, she's eager for a big move to LA to confront the water crisis there, focusing on drought solutions and improving limited encatchment infrastructure. When she's not busy engineering solutions, you can find Chanelle backpacking, oil painting, or going on fun trail runs.

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Elliot Bautista

Elliot Bautista is a junior, studying Environmental Resources Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. He is a first-generation student and is motivated by the need to respond to climate change issues. Elliot is particularly interested in water filtration, developing sustainable infrastructure, and renewable energy. In the future Elliot hopes to work with local governments or community organizations to design practical, affordable solutions that improve environmental quality and public health. In their free time, Elliot enjoys Woodworking, gardening, and hiking in the redwoods.

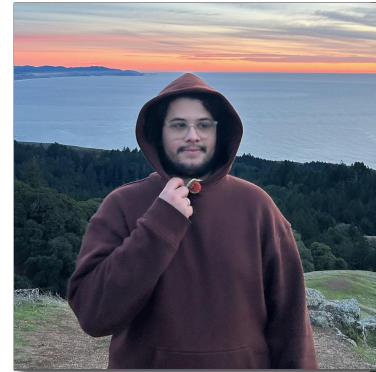
Robert &
Suzanne Weinke



Daniel Shaver

Daniel Shaver is a third-year student studying Environmental Resources Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Daniel runs on the cross country and track team as well as works as a research assistant for Dr. Hurst. He is particularly interested in environmental sustainability and water quality. In the future, Daniel hopes to contribute to sustainable infrastructure and environmental protection efforts through a career in environmental engineering. In his free time, Daniel enjoys backpacking, playing the bass in a local jam band, and spending time with his teammates and friends.

Robert W. Campbell, Sr, Scholarship



Ezra Conley-Proia

Ezra is a senior studying Environmental Resources Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Ezra is involved in NSBE as the treasurer, a member of SWE, a grader for Comp 3 and Transport, and a tutor for Comp 2 as well as the drop in Sunday tutoring. He is particularly interested in water resources. In the future, Ezra hopes to work in the public sector working to give back to his community and providing resources to underserved communities in need. In their free time, Ezra enjoys cooking for friends and family, spending time with their cat, and enjoying the Humboldt coast and weather.

Community Award

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Community Award

Teophil Labus

Teophil Labus is a Junior Environmental Resources Engineering student at Cal Poly Humboldt. Growing up in Mendocino county he spent many summers along the Eel and Russian rivers which fostered his inspiration to become an engineer. On campus Teophil is the Vice President of Men's Crew and a Project Manager within MIDPAC. He is interested in a career in water management, ecological restoration, or water treatment especially for rural areas of the Pacific Northwest. When not studying in the library or working in the water quality lab for MIDPAC you can find Teophil by a body of water, swimming, boogie boarding, hiking or soaking up the sun.



Delta Award

Raudel Duran

Raudel Duran is a senior studying Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly Humboldt. He is particularly interested in manufacturing and CAD. In the future, Raudel hopes to become a lead engineer working on airplanes and plans to go to graduate school for a master's degree in mechanical engineering with a concentration in aerospace. In his free time, he enjoys martial arts, going to the gym, playing soccer, and spending time with family and friends.



WACO Award

Tyler Bravo

Tyler is a final semester Environmental Resources Engineering student at Cal Poly Humboldt. On campus, Tyler is involved in the Humboldt Bay Oyster Reef Capstone Project. He is particularly interested in projects that involve many different areas of both civil and environmental engineering. In the future, Tyler hopes to get hired by a successful engineering firm and potentially obtain a PE license. In his free time, Tyler enjoys going out to random events and exploring new places with his close friends and family.

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Julian Ablang

Julian Ablang is a senior Environmental Resources Engineering Student at Cal Poly Humboldt. His interests are in water quality, wastewater treatment, and environmental protection, especially how engineering can help communities have more access to sustainable water resources management. Through his engineering coursework and hands-on learning experience Julian's interest in solving real world environmental problems in water and public health. He hopes to work in water treatment or environmental engineering in the future to help protect the communities and environment. Outside of Engineering, Julian enjoys working out, staying active, and spending time with family and friends.

Bower Award