BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE

HONORS CELEBRATION

2020 Honor Roll

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HISTORY OF THE BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE HONORS RECEPTION

During its first 44 years, when Bakersfield College was located on the campus of Bakersfield High School, high academic performance was emphasized and good scholarship was always recognized. Margaret Levinson provided leadership through the 1930s and 1940s by encouraging such achievement and providing appropriate recognition. Those early celebrations were held at the Women’s Club on 18th Street. 2020 marks the 64th year of Bakersfield College recognizing Honors students.

At first, there were only a few awards sponsored by faculty, alumni and the Chamber of Commerce. Later, under the leadership of Yvonne Milliken, the scholarship program grew and the Bakersfield College Foundation began to participate. Through the years, the Honors Celebration has provided a fitting conclusion to the academic year. It is a time for pride and praise and to affirm the vital importance of scholarship. It is a time to celebrate the opportunity BC provides to achieve better lives and to attain high goals. Today, as in the previous 106 years, our exceptional student scholars are honored and generous scholarship donors recognized for being part of such a proud heritage.
FOUNDATION CHAIR’S MESSAGE

Congratulations on receiving your scholarships and/or awards. Your success is a product of your determination and dedication to higher learning.

As Chair of the Bakersfield College Foundation Board, it is my sincerest pleasure to speak on behalf of the Board to convey how proud we are of each and every one of you. We know that your success is a reflection of hard work, sacrifice and focus. The awards that you are receiving are a measure of your commitment.

Congratulations on your accomplishments and best of luck in your future endeavors. You are a shining example of Bakersfield College pride and an inspiration to your fellow students.

-Jeff Bell
Chair, Bakersfield College Foundation

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The courses and studies you have completed at Bakersfield College have prepared you to move on with greater confidence. In this booklet we celebrate you – your academic achievements under unique circumstances which created unseen obstacles that you have overcome. Take a moment to relish what you have accomplished and the recognition that you richly deserve…Enjoy this Honors Celebration.

Please share this brochure with your family and friends. We hope you will reflect positively upon your education here at Bakersfield College – whether it leads to advanced degrees or new career opportunities. Congratulations!

-Liz Rozell
Interim Executive Director, Bakersfield College Foundation
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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Grace Van Dyke Bird Award
(outstanding freshman)
Luis Arroyo

Alumni Association Honor Award
(outstanding sophomore)
Markie Hernandez

Paul M. Baldwin Award
Enrico Simpaa

Norman Levan Humanities Essay Award
TBD

Herb Loken Leadership Award
Penelope Zepeda

Danny O’Neill Memorial Award
Jacqueline Gutierrez
DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

The Sophomore Class of 1960 originated a program whereby awards would be given to the second year students excelling in each department of study at Bakersfield College. The criteria for these awards require that all candidates have a high level of academic achievement, good citizenship characteristics and show favorable attitudes toward scholarship and education in general. The instructors of the respective departments select the winners. The following students have been awarded Department Awards and are listed alphabetically in their respective areas of study. The BC Foundation funds these awards in part, supplemented by the departments.

Agriculture
Denee Widger

Allied Health
Daniel Contreras & Konni Ellen

Art
Hannah Austin

Behavioral Science
Nina Wilson & Abigail Brew

Biology
Kristine Sorenso

Business Management & Information Technology
Kristine Coggshall & Juan Flores-Castillo

Communication
Erick Plata Torres

Communication (Journalism)
Bianca Cacciola

Counseling (Department Funded)
Jordan Nelson

Engineering Systems
Joshua Alderson

English
Monica Hinson

English for Multilingual Students
Nashtan Alshaif

Family & Consumer Education (Culinary Arts)
Charles Neri

Family & Consumer Education (Child Development)
Shiloh M. Mayer

Foreign Language/ASL
Hannah Bender & Margarita Guanerous

Health & Physical Education
Alejandro Murrillo

Industrial Technology
Victoria Hogan

Mathematics
Vinh Bui

Nursing
Jennifer Jhon & Luis Carrazco-Garcia

Performing Arts
Abigail Wilson & Yesina Garcia Garibay

Philosophy
Monica Hinson & Gonzalo Rocha-Vasquez

Physical Science
Mark Glossbrenner

Social Science
Hunter Pentico & Gonzalo Rocha-Vasquez
ATHLETIC AWARDS

Athletic Department awards recognize the achievements of student athletes after they have completed their athletic eligibility in their respective sport(s). In addition to their athletic prowess, these awardees are often recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, character, attitude, and enthusiasm.

BC Scholarship Athletic Award
**Emily Lostettor & Ryan Darbee**

Baker/Tivnon Athletic Award
**Matthew Oropeza**

Bill Bennett Memorial Scholarship
**Dasia Wandick**

Dean Gay Memorial Award
**Alejandro Murillo, Devon Lee, Devon Zinn, Kayla Sanchez, Keithan Estrada, Shane Jones, Stefano Maui, and Yarabi Campos**

George Pavletich, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
**Damaris Herron**

Harriet Sheldon Award
**Jessica Merante**

Jan Stuebbe Memorial Award
**Isaiah Martin & Penelope Zepeda**

Louis Lemmuchi Memorial Scholarship
**Justin Frando**

Norm Hoffman Memorial Award
**Cody Hartsfield**

Pavletich Family Scholarship
**TBD**

Ray M. Aguirre Award
**Angel Baez**

Tom Lindley Memorial Track and Field Award
**Adolfo Escuerdo-Mendoza & Victoria Lennon**

Wallace Jones Memorial Award
**Lorenzo Maldonado**
SCHOLARSHIP HONOR ROLL OF AWARDS

Each year organizations, business firms, and individuals in our community and the Bakersfield College Foundation sponsor scholarship awards for outstanding Bakersfield College students. The following students have been selected to receive awards for the 2020-2021 academic year as indicated.

Dr. George & Millie Ablin Scholarship (Nursing)
   Alondra Flores, Andrew Agasid, Clarice Seidler,
   Isis Forney, Ivan Chavez, Karina Pacheco,
   Mariela Alejo, and Stephanie Watkins

AB 540 Scholarship
   Silvia Catarino Gomez

Addington & Associates Architecture Scholarship
   Isaac Espinosa

Mary Ann Albanes Scholarship (Child Development)
   Andrea Fuerte Sanchez

American Association of University Women
   Marivel Servin

American Public Works Association, Kern Branch (Ed Kuehn Memorial) Scholarship
   Issac Garcia

American Sign Language Scholarship
   Alexandria Park, Caleb Reed, and Francisco Montes

Arthritis Association of Kern County Scholarship
   Michael Aldaco

David Arthur Memorial Award
   Emmanuel Flores Canchola, Keerit Gill, and Monica Hinson

Bakersfield College Academic Senate Scholarship (Academic Excellence)
   Annabelle Recinos and Leonela Aguilar

Bakersfield College Alumni Association Scholarship
   Anthony Colin, Cristian Ocampo Rivera, Eric Espiritu,
   Jasmine Herrera, and Sapphire Hernandez

Bakersfield College Choral Music (Zalud)
   James Gardner

BC Chicano Cultural Center – Chicano/Latino Achievement Award
   Asusena Sanchez and Crescencio Sandoval

Bakersfield College Classified Memorial Scholarship
   Dennise Portillo and William Applewhite

Bakersfield College Engineering Scholarship
   Alejandra Zapata

Bakersfield Downtown Rotary Club - Waterman Foundation Scholarship
   Abigail Arenas, Angelica Zavala, Carissa Ruiz, Isaac Espinosa,
   Jasmen Taylor, Joanna Mendoza, Johana Solis, and Vivien Becerra
BCSGA LGBTQ Scholarship
Erick Plata Torres

BCSGA Previously Incarcerated Award
Tiana Swank

BCSGA Single Parent Award
Rosio Benitez

Wally G. Beardsley Memorial Scholarship (Academic Excellence)
Chelsi Balfour and Melissa Prendiz

Jeffrey and Amy Bell Scholarship
Udochukwu Agoha

Benavente - Cuellar Nursing Scholarship
Abigail Greenleaf-Porcho

Bill Bennett Memorial Scholarship
Jaipreen Kahlon

Angelina Bertano Memorial Scholarship
Amy Huerta, Annabelle Recinos, April Sieg, Ashley Hunsberger, Billy Ortiz, Bryn Locklear, Carissa Ruiz, Chance Kophamer, Christina Perlas, Cristian Ocampo Rivera, Denise Miller, Dustin Montonio, Eileen Negrete, Fatima Cortes, Hanh Tra, Helena Santora, Jaspreet Kaur, Johanna Martinez, Josue Iniguez Marin, Kathy Ortega, Kimberly Hart, Luis Ayala, Makayla Ramirez, Marilyn Zembal, Maryann Kopp, Matthew Etheridge, Matthew Hinojosa, Melissa Prendiz, Michael Stitt, Nicholas Suazo, Precious Cooper, Russell Debord, Sapphire Hernandez, Savannah Suazo, Susan Recinos, Susan Romero, Tyler French, and Walter Evans

Patricia A. Blair Memorial Scholarship (Art/Education)
Jessica Jensen

Ferris A. Boyce Memorial Radiology Technology Program Scholarship
Alieana Sanchez, Janet Smith, and Philip Mazure

Bernice Braddon Scholarship
Jessie Aparicio, Lauren Kaiser, Makayla Ramirez, and Tyler French

Luetta Bramlett Memorial Scholarship
Jayda Boyd

Jack Brigham Scholarship
Oscar Camcaho

Emma Buckmaster Scholarship
Leticia Medina, Maribel Lopez Rodriguez, and Paul Rodriguez

Michael and Janie Budy Scholarship
Dominic Geissel

Bultman Family Scholarship
Kayla Peterson

Kathryn Harding Burdick Nursing Scholarship
Abigail Greenleaf-Porcho

Butterfly Scholarship
Elizabeth Morales Perezchica

Camellia Society of Kern County Scholarship (In memory of Lee and Arlene Chow)
Richard James
Dolores Cerro Scholarship

Philip J. Cerro Memorial Scholarship
Denee Widger

Glen Earl Chesnut Memorial Scholarship
Thanh Cao

Chevron STEM-MESA Merit Scholarship
TBD

Ben and Em Coale Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Sotelo, Arielle Solares, Bernardo Licea, Blaze Goodman, Cameron Raasch, Frank Flores, Hannah Yeasley, Kaitlin Lang, Karie Ottinger, and Mackenzie Burdick

Gary Coats CAD Scholarship
Jonathan Mora

College Dream Fund
Andrea Fuentes, Erick Plata Torres, Frank Ramos, Isela Pina, Jaqueline Gonzalez, Jorge Zermeno, Lizeth Cabballero, Norman Gonzalez, Tizoc Valdez, and Yaquelin Garcia

Continence Scholarship
Michael Zapiain

Culinary Arts Scholarship
Alize Andrade, Kenna Duhon, Marcia Overturf, Marlo Zacarias, and Terrica Wright

Richard L. Davis Culinary Art Scholarship
TBD

George Day Memorial Scholarship (Broadcast Journalism)
Jocelyn Sandusky

Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha Alpha Chapter, Scholarship
Jimmy Monroy Sanchez, Monica Hinson, and Samantha Pulido

Dickson-Hansen-Hokit Memorial Scholarship (Agriculture)
Christina Garcia and Wilfredo Cruz

Bona Dillon and Larry Press Journalism Scholarship
Maryann Kopp
Doctor Joe Passion & Drive Scholarship
   Danielle Perez

Dream Act Scholarship
   Erick Plata Torres and Marivel Servin

Fred and Beverly Dukes Scholarship (Education)
   Alondra Aguilar, Andrew Razo, Anthony Contreras, Bryan Chavez, Cinthya Radillo Orozco, Danitza Acosta Gill, David Razo, and Michaela Edwards

Sharon Edgmon Scholarship
   TBD

Tobias J. Edgmon Memorial Scholarship (Transfer)
   Devin Palmer and Elijah Severson

EOP&S/CARE/CalWORKs Foundation Scholarship
   Gilberto Contreras

English Department Student Colloquium Award
   Abdullah Muayad, Crystal Lopez and Monica Williams

Little Ray & Isaac Estrada Memorial Scholarship
   Naomi Edwards

William E. Evans Memorial Scholarship (Education)
   Raul Escobar

Ed & Elsie Fanucchi Memorial Scholarship
   Marcia Overturf and Marlo Zacarias

Bill E. Farley Nursing Scholarship
   Danita Belmore, Irene Worstell, Melissa Grant, Whitney Vercammen, and Yesenia Camacho

Garden Fest Scholarship
   Richard James

Forrest & Ruth Frick Scholarship
   Adilene Orozco Rivera, Daisy Godinez Torres, Daniela Martinez, Danitza Acosta Gill, Iliana Duran, Lorena Fernandez Villalobos, Maria Alvarez, Marlene Marquez Villanueva, Rocio Castaneda, Sabrina Martinez, and Sylvia Ziehler

Friends of the Library Award
   Natalia Herrera and Vanessa Garcia

Adah Gay Scholarship (Education)
   Amber Fowler, Giselle Ovando-Romero, Jesus Serrano, and Monica Hinson

Phyllis R. Gold, RN Nursing Scholarship
   Donna Smith

Nan Gomez-Heitzeberg Future Educator Scholarship
   Juanita Lopez

Manuel Gonzales Jr. Memorial Scholarship
   Jordan Nelson, Michael Zapiain, and Nika Ly

Stephanie Marie Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship
   Cesar Garcia Gallardo

Alice Heber Gordon Memorial Scholarship
   Jessica Jensen

Greater Bakersfield New Car Dealers Association Scholarship
   TBD
Agnes Gruman Memorial Scholarship  
Valerie Kilborn

Jacqueline E. Guillam Memorial Early Childhood Education Scholarship  
Giselle Ovando-Romero and Sabrina Martinez

Margaret Catherine Haight Scholarship  
Danielle Perez, Denise Garcia, Terrica Wright, and Marvin Aquian Martinez

Harrer Family Scholarship  
Nydia Garcia

Speck and Lorraine Haslam Memorial Scholarship  
Maryann Kopp and Naisha Niles Jones

Betty and Byron Hay Agriculture Scholarship  
Alexandra Lipco

Chet Heater Memorial Math Scholarship (Transfer)  
Adilene Orozco Rivera

Arthur E. Heins & Lefteria Canelides Heins Memorial Scholarship  
Erick Plata Torres

Dana Hilderbrand Merit Scholarship  
Paige Nairn

Industrial Automation Merit Award  
Anak Agung Anantawijaya, Antonio Gonzales, DJ Rodriguez and Ethan Martin

International Student Affairs Scholarship  
Doris Itsede-Abu and Vinh Bui

James & Dorothea Inskeep Memorial Scholarship (History/Political Science)  
Brianna Espitia, Denise Gonzalez, Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez, Jose Rodriguez Gomez, and Sandra Yanni

Fred Rue Jacobs Memorial Scholarship (Academic Excellence)  
Crystal Lopez

Jazz Crusader Scholarship (Incoming Freshmen)  
Andrea Sotelo

Marguerite Johnson Nursing Scholarship  
Heather Higgins

Wylie Logan & May Louise Jones Scholarship  
Carlos Tzul and Jorge Carreno

Joy of Teaching Award  
Alexander Bridges and Alexis Zuniga

Karen Kloth McDouble Memorial LVN Scholarship  
Jillian Acosta

Kern County Rose Society Scholarship  
Richard James

Kelly Family Scholarship  
Cheyenne Wood and Elijah Severson

Verna I. Kelly Memorial Scholarship (Agriculture)  
Bernardo Duarte, Cheyenne Wood, Colten Hurley, Corinone Hogan, Devin Palmer, Holly Cecil, Jose Tinoco, Leticia Medina, Stephanie Diaz, and Xavier Ruiz
Michael Kerfoot Memorial Scholarship
Kathryne Bazan

Kern County Broadcasters Association Scholarship
Amber Anderson

Kern County Historical Society-Lucretia Shoesmith Scholarship
Gracee Neal

Kern Registered Nurses Society Scholarship
Bailey Allsworth and Mariela Alejo

Kimm Family Scholarship
TBD

Louise Kruger Lambert Scholarship
Crystal Lopez, Monica Williams, and Tori Hernandez

Lawrence, Johnson, Matlock, & Bradford Scholarship (Administration of Justice)
Arianna Villanueva, Emily Diaz, Angela Alamillo, Evelia Santa Cruz, and Harold Black

Pat Lee Memorial Scholarship
Annabelle Recinos and Byron Jules Queja

Norman Levan Scholarship (Humanities/Science)

Marge Lindsay Scholarship (Returning)
Amy Huerta, Brian Baptiste, Denise Miller, Hanh Tra, Jasmine Herrera, Jaspreet Kaur, Kayla Peterson, Russell Debord, Susan Recinos, and Udochukwu Agoha

Donna Litherland Scholarship
Alexis Negrete, Austin Haney, Jacqlynn Gray, Joshua Rasmussen, Julia Medina, Kasandra Mejia, Lauren Kale Palolan Cachola, Lorenzo Gomez, Mauricio Medina Ceja, Natalie Tejeda, Sharon Leon, and Trudie Goodsell

Eileen Luevano Memorial Scholarship
TBD

Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship
Amanda Amos, Brian Young, and Halimot-Sadia Okusi

Kris Kreiser Memorial Scholarship
Amber Fowler & Monique Salazar

LC Family Award
Nydia Garcia
Sam McCall Memorial Award (Political Science)
   Jelena Herrera
Bruce & Terry Meier Scholarship
   Jessica Harris
Sean Murray Memorial Scholarship
   TBD
William A. Nielsen Mathematics Award
   TBD
Laurence B. and Dorothy C. Nourse Memorial Scholarship (Agriculture)
   Emily Gonzalez
Occidental Petroleum Scholarship
   Jennipher Andres Tacza
Oildale/Rosedale Highway Lions Club Scholarship
   Shannon Marchel & Stephany Moore
Osher Scholars
   Aleah Garcia, Alisha Hatcher, Alondra Rodriguez, Amanda Pate, Angel Rodriguez, Annemarie Flohr, Brenda Gomez, Briana Benavidez, Briana Mendez, Cirilo Leon, Clarissa Ortiz, Crystal Melgoza, Devon Hines, Dylan Fiori, Eliana Valencia, Elizabeth Solis, Erik Millan, Freddy Escobar, Guadalupe Gutierrez, Isis Bell, Itzel Solorzano, Jacob Lopez Rodriguez, Jimmy M Mena Clara, Jennifer Martinez, Jessica Lopez, Jennifer Suarez, Joe Villanueva, Jose Ruiz, Joshua Lopez, Jovany Mata, Juan Rodriguez Uribe, Juanita Luque, Kaylan Henderson, Kaylee White, Kevin Salgado, Kristine Coggshall, Lindsey Stone, Lori Bagala-DeMarco, Magdalene Thompson, Margarita Ruiz, Maria Jimenez, Maria Uribe, Melanie Mendoza, Myrielle Membreve, Patricia Borjon, Rachelle Chavez, Raul Escobar, Samantha Cabrera, Serena Perez, Shonte Hammond, Summer Luna, Traci Starnes, Veronica Mariscal, and Yanelli Bran
Pavletich Family Scholarship (Agriculture)
   Fabian Vasquez
Parsons Family Scholarship (Education)
   David Litton
Girish and Pragati Patel Scholarship
   Alieana Sanchez & Janet Smith
Nancy J. Perkins Scholarship (Radiological Technology)
   Alieana Sanchez, Janet Smith, and Philip Mazure
Leo J. Pierucci Memorial Scholarship
   TBD
Marie Poehner Memorial Scholarship
   Abbigail Brandon, Alexandra Scott, Kathleen Foulger, Megan Williams, Stephanie Fidel
Political Science Scholarship
   Gonzalo Rocha-Vazquez
Robert R. Quiggle Memorial Scholarship
   Emilia Contreras
Radar the Wonder Dog Memorial Scholarship
   Aryanna Perez
Severo Jose Ramirez Memorial Scholarship
   TBD
Robert Raskind Charitable Foundation Scholarship
   Lindsey Murphy
Wes Record Memorial Scholarship (Agriculture)
   April Vazquez and Lee Yantis
Re-entry Students Encouragement Scholarship
   Alejandra Ahumada and DJ Rodriguez
Nelson Richardson Award (Art)
   Brittainy Brooks
Larry Robinson Scholarship
   Diana Gutierrez Rosales
Don Rodewald Scholarship
   Sammye Richardson
Nancy Rouse Memorial Scholarship
   Veronica Medina
Rural Initiatives Scholarship
   TBD
Jack Saba Renegade Pride Scholarship
   Leonela Aguilar
Kim Schmidt Memorial Scholarship
   Larissa Ramirez
Second Chance Scholarship
   Angelica Coleman and Monique Rodriguez
Robert J. and Margaret C. Self Scholarship Endowment
   Cecilia Madueno
Lucretia and Walter Shoesmith Memorial Scholarship (Education/Allied Health)
   Jamie Vasquez
Wendy Theresa Simon Memorial Scholarship (Child Development)
   Abier Albarati and Monique Salazar
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   Delia Aceves, Elizabeth Landa, Susan Romero, and Suzanne Shepard
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Leonela Aguilar

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Carlos Tzul

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Virginia Vasquez Scholarship
Marvel Servin, Pedro Coata Meza, and Praise Oo

Sergeant Patrick Vegas Memorial Scholarship
Keon Warren

Virtuous RN Student Award
Kayla Moore

Robb Walt Scholarship
Jeremy Allard

Caroline Webber Memorial Anthropology Scholarship
Chloe Wilson and Cortney Whitehouse

James M. Whitehouse Family Scholarship (Re-entry)
Brian Baptiste

June Williams Scholarship
Jamie Vonslomski

Knox Williams Scholarship
Sara Martinez

Reggie Williams Distinguished Writing Award
TBD

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TBD
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MISSION, VISION & VALUES

MISSION

Bakersfield College provides opportunities for students from diverse economic, cultural, and educational backgrounds to attain Associate and Baccalaureate degrees and certificates, workplace skills, and preparation for transfer. Our rigorous and supportive learning environment fosters students’ abilities to think critically, communicate effectively, and demonstrate competencies and skills in order to engage productively in their communities and the world.

VISION

Building upon more than 100 years of excellence, Bakersfield College continues to contribute to the intellectual, cultural, and economic vitality of the communities it serves.

VALUES

**Learning:** We foster curiosity, inquiry, critical thinking, and creativity within a safe and rigorous academic environment so that we might be empowered to radically transform our community into one that gives voice and power to all people.

**Integrity:** We continue to develop and follow an ethical and moral consciousness which places the collective well-being and health above the self; this principled environment allows for open, constructive conversations and teaches us to trust each other’s vision so that we will be useful and effective in providing support, resources, and encouragement.

**Wellness:** We believe health and wellness to be integral and foundational elements, and we understand that a holistic education improves all aspects of the individual and the society including the mind, body, and spirit; through education, we will positively impact the health of the natural environment and the global community.

**Diversity:** We insist that diversity be valued and promoted, recognizing that multiple perspectives lead to a better education and knowledge of the world; listening and witnessing different experiences helps us to understand and contextualize power and privilege related to gender, race, class, religion, disability, and sexuality in terms of access and barriers to resources and opportunities.

**Community:** We commit to the wellbeing of all members of our community; we maintain strong ties with the surrounding community, and we respond to their needs by serving as an open institution which engages all students, faculty, and staff; in our college, we have built and continue to build an environment in which all members participate as a community through democratic engagement.

**Sustainability:** We recognize our responsibility for continuing and maintaining this institution which has been shaped by over 100 years of resolute and tenacious labor and judicious foresight, so we unceasingly place our energies into imagining how we might sustain and renew our fiscal, human, and environmental resources into the future.
ALMA MATER

OUR COLLEGE HAIL TO THEE!
THY NAME MEANS VICTORY,
THY MEMORY WE'LL REVERE
OUR WHOLE LIVES THROUGH

MAY ALL WE EVER DO
ADD FAME AND HONOR TO
OUR ALMA MATER DEAR

ALL HAIL, ALL HAIL!

By Greg Poloynis in
the late 1930's

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