



Dr. Prem Reddy
Family Foundation

2021

**Virtual Scholarship
Awards Ceremony**

	Thursday	
May	27	2021

6 o'clock in the evening

Zoom link will open at 5:45pm

Please click on this **Event Link** for this evening's scholarship award ceremony.

No registration needed.

ABOUT THE DR. PREM REDDY FAMILY FOUNDATION



Prem Reddy, MD, FACC, FCCP
Founder

The **Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation** has donated millions to charities supporting healthcare and education- locally, nationally and globally. On a local level, millions of dollars have gone towards educational grants, scholarships and building libraries. National causes include supporting free community clinics and causes such as the March of Dimes. On a global level, the foundation supports Samaritan's Purse by donating equipment used in clinics across poverty-stricken regions around the world. The foundation also funds clean water initiatives, childhood vaccination programs, educational grants, new medical clinics and medical missions to treat blindness with free cataract removal surgeries or pediatric congenital heart defects.

The Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation **Scholarship Program** was created to reward students who have achieved academic excellence while also participating in school and community services. The program is open to Inland Empire residents who are actively pursuing a career in healthcare. The Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation has awarded more than \$1,400,000 in scholarships since 1994.

PROGRAM

Welcome

Fred Hunter

Chief Executive Officer
Desert Valley Hospital/Desert Valley Medical Group

Congratulatory Message

Sunitha Reddy, MBA, MPH

Director, Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation

Honoring Healthcare Heroes

Prime Healthcare

Video presentation

Featured Speakers

Daniela Gonzalez-Negrete

Scholarship Recipient

Paul Lyons, MD

Dean and President
California University of Science and Medicine

Imran Siddiqui, MD

Chief Medical Officer
Desert Valley Hospital/Desert Valley Medical Group

Leroy B. Pascal, MD

Medical Director, Emergency Services
Desert Valley Hospital

The Honorable Debra Jones

Mayor, City of Victorville

Closing Message

Venkamma Reddy, MD

Co-Founder, Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation

Scholarship Awards Presentation

2021 Recipients

RECIPIENTS



YOUSSEF ABDELMASIH

“I want to become a physician in order to improve a patient’s quality of life and to ease the pain one is experiencing.”



JASMINE ALBERTO

“I always regard my time volunteering at Desert Valley Hospital as the genesis of my passion for nursing.”



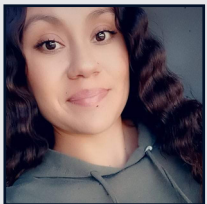
GEMELINE AMAR

“My goal is to never stop learning and keep pursuing to be the best that I can be.”



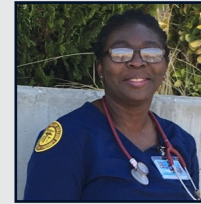
ASTRID ARANZA

“The most valuable lessons I have learned are about communication with the patient and treating them with dignity and understanding. That is the best part of me that I can contribute to the field, along with my skills.”



EMILY AVENDANO

“My purpose in life is to help people.”



NORA AYARIC

“During the COVID-19 outbreak, I saw the value of the respiratory therapist, the patience and care they had for the patient. The role they play made me more passionate during the pandemic.”



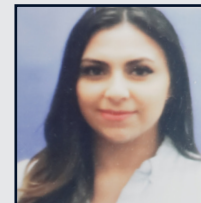
SWATHI BALAJI

“With a career grounded in research, teaching, and patient care, I will advocate for those in need, working to reduce healthcare disparities and bringing medicine to the community.”



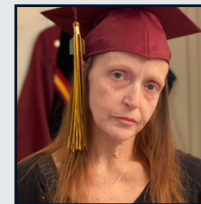
ANDREW BALLARD

“When I think of the progress I have gained over the years, I know I can put that into something bigger than myself.”



PATRICIA S. BARBOSA

“Going above and beyond to help others makes the biggest difference. You never know what someone may be going through and what the smallest amount of kindness and effort will do for them.”



MICHELLE BELLO

“Truly advocating for a patient means that you are able to empathize and anticipate needs that may not be painfully obvious.”

RECIPIENTS



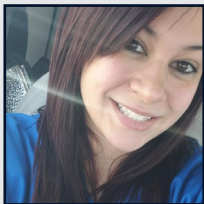
TESS BONACIO

“I hope one day I can inspire younger adults the same way my instructors inspire me, to be something greater than myself.”



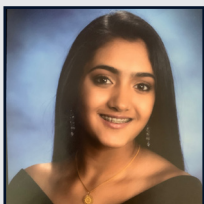
TORI BONACIO

“Only through challenge was I able to prove to myself that I am capable of accomplishing great things.”



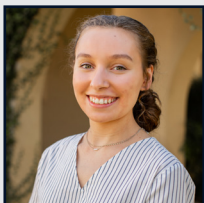
SUMMER BORSE

“I have always been driven to be the best example possible for my siblings and to break the cycle to have a better life than the one laid out in front of me.”



HUSMEET BRAR

“I always remember that my parents are working hard just so I can get the education I want, so for that, it is my personal goal to always do the best I can.”



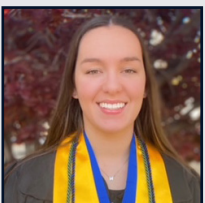
DANICA BROSKE

“I want to be a part of the efforts made to educate and help people understand how they can have control over preventable chronic diseases, whether that be in a medical or public health setting.”



KAYLA BURKS

“I am determined to gain more knowledge that will help me become the best person and nurse that I can be.”



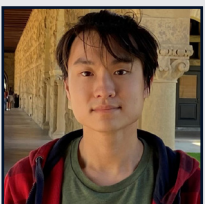
MEGAN BUTTRAM

“I plan to devote my life to medicine because I will make a difference in individual lives, families, and the community I live in and work for.”



ASHLEY CATALAN

“My career goal was to be a doctor, and throughout my young life I was set on that goal. I am up for the challenge.”



WINSON CHENG

“While the road ahead may be unknown, my dreams, plans, and aspirations will drive me forward and guarantee a future I will be proud of.”



ANGELINA CLINKENBEARD

“I can think of no better way to make a difference in this world than to dedicate my life selflessly as the healthcare workers are doing right now.”

“MY TRAJECTORY TO MEDICAL SCHOOL HAS NOT BEEN EASY BY ANY STRETCH OF THE WORD, BUT MY FAMILY’S RESILIENCE IS WHAT HAS ALWAYS KEPT ME STRONG AND DETERMINED.”

“THESE LAST FEW MONTHS, I HAVE LOST PATIENTS, LOST COWORKERS, FRIENDS, AND NEARLY MY STEP-MOM, BUT WITH ALL THAT LOSS, I ALSO GAINED AN EVEN GREATER APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK I DO, AND MY DESIRE TO BECOME A NURSE HAS ONLY INCREASED.”

“ULTIMATELY, AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE CANNOT BE ABSENT IN SUCH A LARGE COMMUNITY, AND I FEEL OBLIGATED TO MAKE THE CHANGE FOR THOSE AROUND ME. THE GREATEST VALUE THAT MY PARENTS PASSED ON TO ME WAS THE IMPORTANCE OF USING MY PRIVILEGES TO HELP THE UNPRIVILEGED AND THE DR. PREM REDDY SCHOLARSHIP WOULD ASSIST ME ON MY JOURNEY TO EASE SUFFERING AND HEAL THE COMMUNITY WHO RAISED ME.”

“IT IS A TRUE HONOR TO GET TO BE THERE FOR PEOPLE DURING THEIR MOST VULNERABLE MOMENTS.”

RECIPIENTS



JOANNA CORDOVA

“I need to be an inspiration to my daughter. To show her that regardless of my struggle in being a young mom, I can still build myself out of this struggle and become successful.”



REA DESANTIS

“I hope to be the same encouraging force in other people’s lives that my parents are to me.”



CASEY DODGE

“I want to make a difference in the new generation of nurses.”



TERESA ELLIS

“Becoming a nurse will allow me to help mothers of all ages, different backgrounds, and with other circumstances, hopefully making delivering a baby a great experience for them.”



SHILOH EMANUEL

“I have ambitions of helping to bring hope and education to those who are underserved by making sure that mental healthcare is no longer shameful.”

RECIPIENTS



ROBERTO FLORES

“My trajectory to medical school has not been easy by any stretch of the word, but my family’s resilience is what has always kept me strong and determined.”



MARLENE GARCIA

“I look forward to a future where I can use my knowledge to help other children in underserved communities.”



GIO GEMELGA

“I hope to develop new therapies that can treat or alleviate pain to help people live their best lives. Through practice and research, I hope to work with teams to improve the health of our communities.”



ANGELI GESULGA

“I hope to one day become an instructor to share with future students not only the groundwork of nursing itself, but also to share with students the glory of the journey I have taken, in times of failures and successes.”



BRITTANY GONZALEZ

“The overall job that nurses do is to provide care for their patients to the best of their abilities. I intend to do just that.”



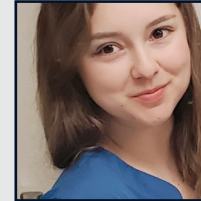
DANIELA GONZALEZ-NEGRETE

“Doing clinical work has helped solidify my love of nursing. There is nothing quite as satisfying as reducing the anxiety of a patient and their family and loved ones.”



ALLISON GOODMAN

I believe a well-educated nurse is a safe nurse and I want to be that kind of nurse for every patient I care for.”



GEORGETTE GUZMAN

“I learned the importance of not just the necessary skills and knowledge required to be a nurse but the incredible desire to help individuals in need.”



DANIELLE HERSHMAN

“I plan to fulfill my dream of being the best nurse I can be for the children and make them feel at ease during their stay in the hospital.”



KIM HOANG

“My desire to attain a higher education coupled with my strong motivation to educate others on the effects of drugs and the field of medicine will contribute to a better, healthier society.”

RECIPIENTS



ASHLEE HUTSON

“I have a sister and a cousin who are PAs, and to see them work while I was growing up has made me want to become a PA as soon as possible.”



TARA IZADI

“I was raised with the understanding that helping others is one of the most important things we can do as individuals.”



LUCINDA JIMENEZ

“My hope is to be a travel nurse so I can help patients that are in hospice. My passion is to help others, but also those who are in their most vulnerable state.”



NAVDEEP KAUR

“I like to maintain a positive view on any goal I set to make sure I keep my dream for that goal alive.”



SARAH LE

“After accomplishing my educational goals, I hope being successful will allow me to help and save people ‘till my heart is forever content.”

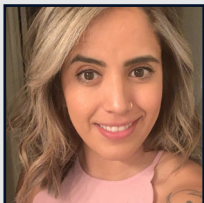
“I HIGHLY VALUE THE QUALITY OF CARE AFTER EXPERIENCING MY MOM PASSING AWAY AT THE HOSPITAL. MANY PEOPLE CAN ACHIEVE A NURSING DEGREE, BUT NOT EVERYONE HAS THE WILL TO BE A COMPASSIONATE NURSE.”

“I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DRIVEN TO BE THE BEST EXAMPLE POSSIBLE FOR MY SIBLINGS AND TO BREAK THE CYCLE TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE THAN THE ONE LAID OUT IN FRONT OF ME.”

“THESE EXPERIENCES I’VE HAD WITH PATIENTS HAVE INFORMED MY CAREER GOAL TO TRULY CARE FOR MY PATIENTS AS IF THEY ARE FAMILY AND NEVER TELL THEM THAT THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO FOR THEM.”

“EVERYTHING THAT MOTIVATES ME IN LIFE COMES FROM MY DESIRE TO HELP THOSE AROUND ME. RIGHT NOW, I AM ON THE SIDELINE WATCHING AS THOUSANDS OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS SELFLESSLY PUT THEIR LIVES AT RISK SO THAT THEIR PATIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO GO BACK HOME TO THEIR FAMILIES, HAPPY AND HEALTHY. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD THEN TO DEDICATE MY LIFE AS SELFLESSLY AS THEY ARE.”

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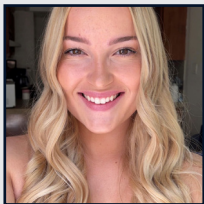
JACQUELINE LEDESMA

“I can help by providing the best care to my patients and every person I come across. I plan to be the reason someone gets to take their loved one home.”



SIERRA LEWIS

“I feel passionately about resource equality for low-income and minority populations, and I am excited to pursue a career that will allow me to help create more equity in terms of mental health resources.”



JILLIAN LUEVANO

“I have an extreme passion and connection to children, and I would like to be a part of their journey of seeing them grow up and be healthy.”



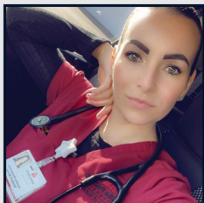
YOLANDA LUNA

“I am the type of person who takes on challenges even if I am afraid. I am the youngest of 17 children and the only one who will graduate from college. I give thanks to my parents for bringing me to the United States to live a better life.”



EMILY MAZUREK

“My mother pushed me to become the best version of myself. Ultimately, this has strengthened and motivated me and will continue to do so with my success in life as I become a travel nurse.”



JENNIFER MONTGOMERY

“Nursing is not just a job, but a profession. A profession that requires appropriate knowledge, characteristics, and attitude.”



KAYLEY MOORE

“As a nurse, it is my job to not only coordinate care, but to provide education and stability to my patients so they can go back out into their world to make a difference. The joy that comes with educating patients only scratches the surface of my goals and ambitions.”



MAKAYLEE MOORE

“My career goal is to help people feel good about themselves by promoting a healthy physical and mental state.”



ALEX MORGAN

“I knew that I had to go into the medical field so that I could understand the basis of life and help others so no one had to experience hardships as I did.”



NICHOLAS MUCCI

“I have such a passion for physical health and for making people feel good about themselves.”

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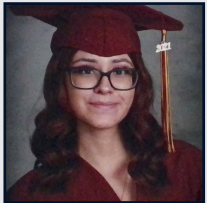
IVY NGO

“I wanted to commit my education to something that would always push me past my limits, while also allowing me to help others that suffer from aspects out of their control.”



JULIANA OTWELL

“Nursing is a calling and a career that is solely founded on the individual’s ability to care for and comfort others, even if it requires neglecting themselves.”



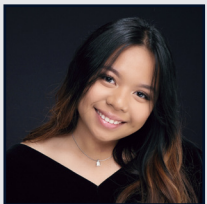
BRITNEY PADILLA

“As a first-generation high school student, if I could help just one more person have better health and a quality of life that they deserve, then I truly believe the path I have chosen is worth it.”



NICHOLSON PASCUA

“I am a strong believer that education is an absolute priority for an individual’s success.”



MA. JOHANNE THERESE PEDROSO

“I am aware in myself that barriers are just challenges that make one stronger rather than problems that hold one back from chasing after their goals and dreams.”



BARBARA PEREZ

“I have worked alongside nurse educators and I enjoy the influence they have on EMTs and paramedics with their training and advocating for better quality of patient care.”



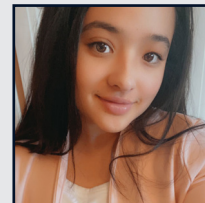
DIANE PEYTON

“Working as a nurse assistant at Desert Valley Hospital has been a great way to confirm my decision to become a nurse and can provide a much better future for my children and myself.”



REBECA PINEDA

“My goal, my dream, is to become a doctor and live a life with the satisfaction of giving to my patients and those around me everything I can.”



DAISY PINON

“It has been challenging to be a nursing student during the pandemic. It is a privilege to be able to be there to provide comfort and compassionate care.”



KALEE PULLEN

“This past year has made me realize that there will be bumps in the road throughout my educational journey but it has also reaffirmed the fact that with focus and support I can still achieve my goals.”

“AS THE DAUGHTER OF TWO IMMIGRANT PARENTS,
I ASPIRE TO MAKE THEIR JOURNEY WORTH IT.”

“SINCE I WAS A LITTLE KID,
I HAVE BEEN WEARING LAB
COATS AND STETHOSCOPES,
PRETENDING TO BE A DOCTOR.”

“I WILL BE THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN SOMEONE BEING ABLE
TO SEE THE LIGHT OF ANOTHER
DAY OR NOT. IF I CAN FIGHT
FOR SOMEONE’S LIFE, I WILL.”

“HAVING LIVED IN A LOW-INCOME AREA, I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT
MANY IN OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE EXPERIENCED HARDSHIPS THAT HAVE
ELICITED DEEP CONSEQUENCES TO THEIR HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE.
IT WAS MY GOAL COMING INTO MEDICAL SCHOOL TO BE A SOURCE OF
SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT WERE STRUGGLING.”

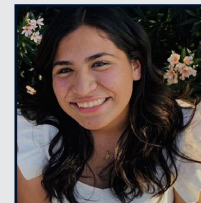
“THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF
THIS FOUNDATION, I WAS ABLE TO
GET THROUGH COLLEGE, GRADUATE
AT THE TOP OF MY CLASS, AND EVEN
CONTINUE IN MEDICAL SCHOOL. YOUR
HELP HAS SUPPORTED ME AND MANY
OTHERS THROUGH HARDSHIP, AND I
WISH TO SOMEDAY DO THE SAME FOR
OTHER ASPIRING INDIVIDUALS.”

RECIPIENTS



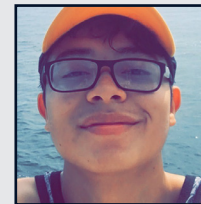
KYLER REPMAN

“I hope that one day I can eliminate another child’s insecurities and improve smiles as a lifelong career.”



CIELO RODRIGUEZ

“I chose this career path not only to help others, but to save lives and make an impact in the patient’s life.”



FRED ROJAS

“My family moved to the United States from Nicaragua so my brother and I could have a better life and a better chance to succeed. Anatomy and Physiology were my favorite classes and helped me decide to go into medicine.”



ERIKA SALAZAR

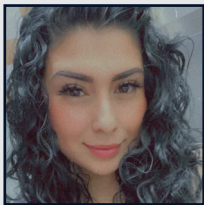
“I am inspired to care for those who are sick because of the memorable experiences I had with the nurses who also tended to me when I struggled with my own medical conditions.”



ANDRES SANCHEZ

“My philosophy has always been to help and unite people, and that is why I want to become a neurosurgeon in order to be able to unite families that only have hope to cling to.”

RECIPIENTS



HARY SANCHEZ

“No matter how long it takes, or how hard it will be, or how many times I want to just stop for a minute, I won’t stop. I will be the first one in my entire family to graduate from college.”



SHAGANJIT SANDHU

“I have a passion for all things related to anatomy and medicine. I will do what I need to make sure I achieve my career goals since it is what I love.”



RAJHVIR SINGH

“Not only do I want to serve my community as a physician, I want to also serve as an advocate for the underserved population.”



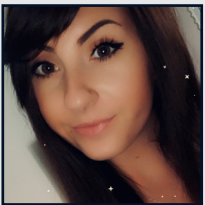
TANVEER SINGH

“With my education, I want to give patients the best care possible and make sure they feel cared for by a friend and not a nurse.”



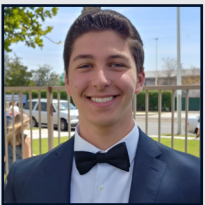
JADEYN SPEAKS

“From a young age, I have always dreamed of being in a career that will allow me to help everyone I meet. It does not matter who they are, their background, their history; if they need help, I want to provide the support they need.”



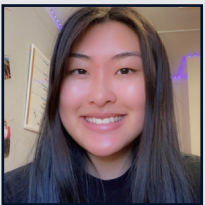
MEGAN STANLEY

“Success in school and a career that one loves is probably one of the most amazing events that can be accomplished in a lifetime.”



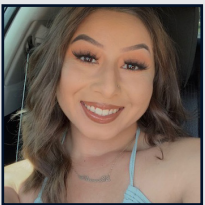
ANDREW TAHHAN

“Through my interest in science and healthcare, I saw the power of compassion in healing others and earned a great deal of respect for the power of knowledge in the sciences.”



CHLOE TAM

“When people tell me about how hard my future courses are going to be, it motivates me to be better and prove that even with such difficult material, I can thrive and be one of the best in the class.”



EVELYN TORRES

“In my experience, I have always been happiest when I put another person’s needs ahead of my own.”



VANESSA VARELA

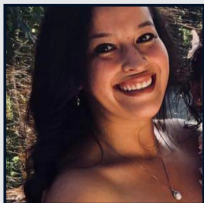
“We never know the kind of impact we may have on someone, and it is very important to always treat others with pure kindness and respect because it can really make a difference.”

RECIPIENTS



MARIA VAZQUEZ

“Witnessing how tired yet passionate individuals in the healthcare field worked without expecting anything in return inspires me as a young adult.”



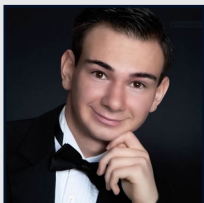
JESENIA VILLAREAL

“I will grow as a smarter and stronger person for myself, my family and most importantly my daughter...to show that it is not impossible to achieve your goals and dreams.”



ASHLEY WHITAKER

“Compassion and advocacy are what I believe will make anyone a good caregiver and that is what I strive to be.”



TYLER WOODS

“It is important to me personally to contribute to a high level of care for my community because my family has been fortunate enough to receive such care.”



JASON ZHENG

“It is small acts of kindness that lay the foundation for greater change. I will use this principle to guide me through my career.”



ERNESTO ZUNIGA

“I am the youngest person to work as a medical assistant at a medical clinic in my town. Every day there is something new to learn. It makes me realize that one day I too will become a medical doctor and I will help the lives of many people.”

“MY GOAL IS TO INSPIRE MY FAMILY AND TO SHOW THEM THAT WE ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF BECOMING WHO WE WANT TO BECOME. I WANT TO SHOW MY BOYS THAT THEIR MOM CAN AND WILL DO ANYTHING TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR THEM.”

“NOT ONLY DO I WANT TO SERVE MY COMMUNITY AS A PHYSICIAN, I WANT TO ALSO SERVE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE UNDERSERVED POPULATION. I KNOW SOME OF THE STRUGGLES THAT THESE FAMILIES FACE, AND I WANT TO BRING A LOT MORE PREVENTIVE CARE TO OUR COMMUNITY.”

“MY EXPERIENCES HAVE CULMINATED INTO A DREAM OF ONE DAY WORKING AS A PHYSICIAN IN THESE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS TO HELP ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES. AS A FUTURE PHYSICIAN, I WANT TO ORGANIZE A FREE HEALTHCARE CLINIC IN MY COMMUNITY TO COMBAT HEALTH INEQUITY.”



Dr. Prem Reddy Family Foundation

Congratulations!

You were selected among many outstanding applicants based on your academic excellence, commitment to service, challenges that you overcame and desire to make a difference in the world. We are grateful that many of our award recipients give back to the underserved and our own community.

Once again, congratulations on your achievement.
We are very proud of you!

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