

EDWIN J. GREGSON FOUNDATION



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President's Message

Greetings fellow horsemen and many patrons of the thoroughbred horseracing industry.

Foremost, I extend my sincere thanks to our many generous contributors who have joined the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation over the past few years in fundraising dinners honoring this industry's extraordinary members. Noble Threewitt, Dr. Jack Robbins, brothers Mel and Warren Stute, Laffit Pincay, Jr. & Eddie Delahoussaye, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lewis – we thank them all for graciously allowing us to pay them tribute. They beautifully demonstrate to the world all that is great in thoroughbred horseracing.

I am a strong believer in the education of America's youth. As a thoroughbred trainer, I am especially delighted to be involved in an organization created to assist the children of our backstretch personnel pursue their dreams of higher learning. The Edwin J. Gregson Foundation was formed to provide needed educational avenues for our workers, who are primarily Hispanic, first generation families with little formal education and limited ability to take advantage of academic opportunities. The goal of the Foundation is to provide these workers and their children the tools and opportunities necessary to flourish in the United States.

The circle of generous, supportive members within our industry has enabled the Foundation to develop a very successful scholarship grant program. This year, 16 new applicants have been approved to receive grants, along with an additional 22 re-applicants, who will also receive funding to continue with their studies. To date, 108 scholarship grants have been distributed since inception of the scholarship program in 2001, with students attending such universities as UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, Loyola Marymount, Cal Poly SLO, Cal Poly Pomona.

As funding for the Foundation comes entirely from contributions and fundraising efforts, we continuously seek ways to raise funds to support the on-going needs of program participants. The Board of Directors of the Foundation is dedicated to this end, and have commissioned equine artist Celou Bonnet to create a commemorative bronze for contributors to the Foundation. The bronze and the excitement of California racing are combined in various fundraising packages that we feel you will truly appreciate. Please read on for further information.

The entire racing community is an extraordinary force with many essential components. And undeniably, the thoroughbred horse racing industry could not operate without the labor of our stable workers. We are truly indebted to these dedicated men and women as skilled caregivers to our fabulous thoroughbreds and who on race days work tirelessly to help put on the show. Please consider one of our fundraising package offers and understand that your generosity truly goes far to enrich the lives of many.

On behalf of the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation Board of Directors, I thank you for your generous support and wish you good racing.

Jenine Sahadi

*The Track
to Excellence*



Grant Recipients

There are many very special young adults who we have had the pleasure of providing scholarship grants over the years.

We introduce you a few of the outstanding grant recipients that deserve special recognition and mention.

Ariana Reynoso

Ariana has been a recipient of our scholarship grant program since its inception in 2001. We are proud to announce that she has graduated this year from the University of California, Berkeley, with a degree in Sociology, minoring in Ethnic Studies.

Since graduation, Ariana has accepted employment with nonprofit organization, Teach for America. This organization is dedicated to ensuring that every child in this nation has an equal opportunity to acquire an excellent education.

“Working at Teach for America has given me an understanding of how non-profits work and it is also helping me grow as a person by preparing me for ‘the real working world.’ I will teach children for about five years. I simultaneously will work to acquire a Ph.D. in Sociology, so that I can teach at the university level. This will allow me to impact individuals, like myself, who want to change America’s education system, but are confused as to how to go about this.”

Overall, Ariana states that Berkeley has provided her with experiences that have shaped her life positively.

“I am very grateful for organizations such as the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation, which assists students to pursue their educational hopes and dreams.”



The Foundation's is very proud of its many grant recipients. There is no doubt that these brilliant individuals will transform their hard work into successful, distinguished careers in the vocations they choose.

Ariana’s father, Juan Reynoso, was born in Jalisco, Mexico. Coming to California in 1958, he began working at Hollywood Park, grooming for trainer Farrell W. Jones who had a string of about forty horses – an average barn size in those days.

Juan left racing to work in an iron foundry for 17 years. He proclaimed his on-going love for racing, finally returning to the horses in 1983 after the foundry closed.

Trainer David Hofmans was Juan’s dedicated employer for the last 22 years. Serving as assistant foreman, Juan is proud to be a member of the Hofman barn with past stable occupants such as FRENCH LEGIONAIRE, DRAMATIC GOLD, and ALPHABET SOUP.

Nancy Angelica Lopez

Nancy is our next exceptional grant recipient. She has concurrently attended classes in high school and West Los Angeles College since ninth grade. Among her many classes, she was also layout editor and writer of the high school newspaper, worked the past two years at a law firm gaining experience in the legal profession, and also did an internship at Northrop Grumman. Besides challenging herself academically, Nancy is committed to helping educate others, especially young women, regarding domestic violence. She fulfills this commitment through volunteer work at Break the Cycle, a non-profit organization offering education and free legal assistance to those caught in such turmoil. This 4.21 GPA honor roll student received acceptance letters from UC San Diego, UCLA, and UC Davis, but held out for final acceptance to her first choice of UC Berkeley. Nancy is majoring in Political Science at Berkeley, working towards a degree in law.



Jockey friends at Peru's Hipodromo de Monte Rico sparked the interest of Nancy's father, Willie Lopez, to join their profession. Born in Lima, Peru, he started his career in horseracing at age 14. As a jockey, he also rode in Panama and Columbia before coming to California in 1987. The jockey colony initially proved too competitive, and he moved to Seattle, taking mounts there until his later return to California in 1989.

A full-time exercise rider since 1998, Willie has worked for veteran trainers Gary Jones, D. Wayne Lukas, and is currently with Marty Jones.

AURIETTE, APOLLO, COOL AIR, LAKEWAY, KOSTROMA, LATIN AMERICA, 1995 Hollywood Park Turf Sprint World Record holder PEMBROKE and, currently, Harris Farms' BLIND AMBITION and ALPHABET KISSES are a few of the horses Lopez has helped condition.

Sarah's mom, Mary Panian, is an exercise rider of over 16 years. During the '70's & '80's, she worked for legendary trainer Charlie Whittingham and was known as one of his famed "Charlie's Angels," galloping and working countless of his barn horses. Mary is now based in San Luis Rey Downs. She was the exercise rider for LADY GEORGE, awarded the 2001 California Juvenile Filly of the Year, trained by Tony Locke and owned by Gordon Severson.

Mary and Kathryn express their sincere thanks to all of the generous contributors assisting with Kathryn's educational goals.

Sarah Panian

Sarah's academic career is quite astonishing, excelling in her total of 26 semesters of honors and advanced placement work, leading her to achieve a 4.46 GPA at graduation. Received letters of recommendation from Sarah's educators tell of a quite exceptional individual, highly-esteemed for her keen intelligence and ability. Her strengths and main interests are in English and Literature, but she truly excelled in all academic fields taken, receiving the Academic Achievement Award, Chemistry Academic Achievement Award, Governor's Scholarship, Silver Scholars, and California Scholarship Foundation Award. Sarah is now attending UC Berkeley, entering as undeclared, while she makes a determination on her many scholastic options.



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*Consider as a Holiday or
Special Occasion Gift!*



Commemorative bronze created for our contributors by equine artist Celou Bonnet. The number of bronzes is limited, so please act quickly to ensure you receive this beautiful, lasting gift.

Questions? Please contact
Angie Carmona at (626) 447-2145
for further information.



We hope you will make the Edwin J. Gregson Foundation a part of your annual gift giving.

Please consider making a contribution that would be of great benefit to the children of California's backstretch personnel.

Not only is it rewarding to give, you can increase the enjoyment of your gift giving with the following:

Place a check by the contribution of choice and complete the contact information on reverse side.

Contribution of \$5,000 – Bronze (pictured left) created by equine artist Celou Bonnet, Luncheon for a party of eight (8) in the Turf Club at the track of your choice (please check only one track below)*, and the naming of a of race in honor of your party:

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Preferred Race Attendance Date: _____

Contribution of \$2,500 – Bronze (pictured left) created by Equine Artist Celou Bonnet

Contribution of \$1,000 – Four (4) Box seats and at the track of your choice (please check only one track below)*:

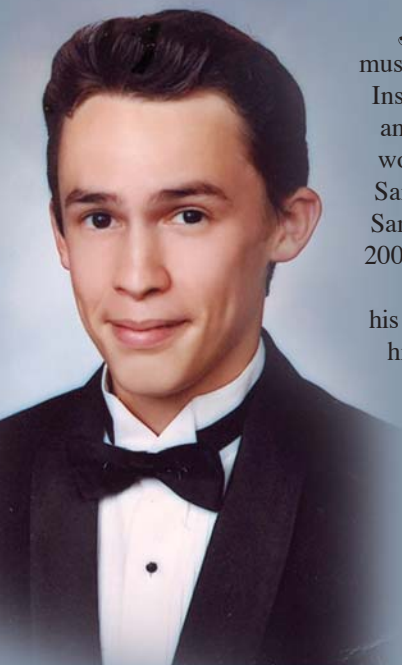
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*Race dates subject to availability and mutual agreement

Samuel Vaca



At age 18, Samuel is an accomplished musician. He is a founding member of the Pasadena Jazz Institute and a member of the L.A. Scots, a prestigious and prominent bagpipe band, competing among the world's best pipe bands. Demonstrating his talent, Samuel movingly performed at memorial services at Santa Anita for trainer T.W. ("Wally") Dunn in early 2004.

Though Samuel's youth has greatly involved music, his acceptance to Loyola Marymount University attests to his academic strength. Now in his second year at Loyola, he is majoring in business administration, and considering the specialized field of investment banking.

Samuel's father, Joe Vaca, first visited the United States at age 16. He was initially introduced to English riding, soon graduated to race horses, and between the ages of 18-21, he further perfected his riding skills in Tijuana, Mexico. A jockey in the U.S. in 1983, he soon quit as he couldn't make the necessary weight. Vaca's adeptness and quick ascent into racing is unique, since being a city dweller from Guadalajara, Mexico, he had never seen a horse until coming to America.

Vaca's career in horse racing is quite illustrious. As an exercise rider, he has worked for such prominent trainers as D. Wayne Lukas, Kenny Jumps, Richard Cross, John Russell, Barry Knight, and Bob Baffert. Following is a short but impressive list of a few of the horses Vaca has exercised: CAPOTE, MARFA, GULCH, LIFE'S MAGIC, LUCKY-LUCKYLUCKY, FARMAWAY, TWILIGHT AGENDA, LADY'S SECRET, ONTHELINE, DYNANITE, AREWE-HAVINGFUNYET, THIRTY SLEWS, CRIMINAL TYPE, and SUCCESS EXPRESS.

Vaca currently works for trainer Jeff Mullins, exercising stable horses, STAGE PLAYER, BEAU SOLEIL, SAINT AFLEET, and CASTLEDALE.

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