

Women Lawyers of Alameda County is pleased to announce the **first set** of 2020 winners of the Margaret A. Gannon Legal Education Stipend. (Due to the extraordinary difficulties faced by 2020 graduates, a second round of stipends will be awarded this summer.) The MAG stipend was established in honor of Ms. Margaret Gannon who served as WLAC President from 2007-2009, and was also the visionary who championed its purpose.

Filling a niche rarely covered by scholarships, the MAG Stipend provides financial support to recent law school graduates to cover the period just after law school, helping to offset the cost of a bar preparation course or other expenses. The need for such support is even greater this year, with the California Bar Exam postponed and employment prospects more uncertain.

For a decade, through the generous contributions of our WLAC community, we have been proud to award 36 recipients with a total of \$28,000. WLAC is thrilled to announce that the four amazing women below will each receive a \$2,000 stipend. MAG Stipend awardees have traditionally been honored at our annual Spring Reception. While the current crisis prevented us from holding our Spring Reception this year, we hope to honor the awardees at a future date.

In the meantime, please join us in congratulating our winners:



Ileana Judith Aranda is a proud daughter of Mexican immigrants and a first-generation college and graduate student. She earned her bachelor's degree as a double major in Political Science and Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of California, Berkeley, where she was inducted into the Order of Omega for her high academic achievement and was selected for the Berkeley's Leadership Award. At the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, she was on the board for La Raza Law Students Association and Hastings Student for Immigrant Rights. She also served as a student representative in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic and Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. Additionally, she works off-campus for Wilson Immigration, an immigration firm, providing research and legal briefs on removal cases and other topics for crimmigration cases. Ms. Aranda looks forward to becoming a Crimmigration Attorney (Criminal Defense and Immigration) and one day start an immigration unit in a public defender's office.

Norjmoo Battulga is a recent graduate of Golden Gate University where she served as president of the GGU chapter of APALSA. She interned at various public interest agencies and as a judicial extern at the Ninth Circuit and the Alameda County Superior Court during a first-generation immigrant and DACA recipient. Norjmoo is ensuring equal access to legal services for immigrants and hopes a career in immigration law. Prior to law school, Norjmoo earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, with a Public Relations Concentration and a Minor in Marketing from the Metropolitan State University of Denver in 2017. Outside her professional career, Norjmoo enjoys spending time with her two dogs at various parks in the Bay Area.



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Chloe Czabaranek graduated this past May from Santa Clara University School of Law. At SCU, she served as Co-President of the Filipino American Law Society and the Immigration Law Society. Her main focus is on immigration law, and removal defense to keep families together. In law school, Chloe helped represent women in victims of crime, victims of trafficking, and asylum cases. Growing up in the Philippines and later in the Bay Area, Chloe seeks to serve the immigrant Bay Area community, and has worked with multiple nonprofits and community organizations. Before law school she worked as a labor union organizer for SEIU 2015 for health care workers. Chloe plans to incorporate her community and labor work with her practice in immigration.

Larissa Davis's commitment to stems from personal values and professional experiences. Her focus her public-sector interests on civil appellate litigation and exceptional legal writing and advocacy skills. As a law student, summers working for a justice on the California Supreme Court Appellate Review Program of the U.S. Equal Employment Commission. As a research assistant during law school, she two U.S. Supreme Court amicus briefs, one of which was cited in Larissa Davis aspires to regularly practice in front of the federal courts. Her presence will expand the currently limited diversity of bar and she hopes to make a difference in the lives of many others. While in school, when not busy with studies or law review, Larissa enjoyed salsa dancing and starting her day with meditation.



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