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THE LOS ANGELES FOUNDING CHAPTER

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Founded in 1984, NEWH is an international non-profit organization, which provides access to the hospitality industry through, scholarships, mentorship, and education. NEWH chapters and regional groups award scholarships annually to students pursuing a future within the hospitality market. NEWH scholarship alumni boast careers in hospitality design, development, hotel management, operations and culinary, around the world.

NEWH Los Angeles Chapter awards scholarships to students pursuing a major and career objective within the Hospitality industry. NEWH has awarded more than \$9 Million in scholarships with The Los Angeles chapter reaching past their \$1 Million benchmark in scholarships this year.

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT AWARDED THIS YEAR

\$45,000

APPLICANT UNIVERSITIES

UCLA EXTENSION
FULLERTON COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY - LONG BEACH
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY- NORTHRIDGE
INTERIOR DESIGN INSTITUTE

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

CYPRESS COLLEGE

TIERS OF RECOGNITION

THE VISIONARY AWARD

THE INNOVATOR AWARD

THE FOUNDATION AWARD

APPLICANT MAJORS

CULINARY ARTS
BAKING AND PASTRY ARTS
INTERIOR DESIGN
RECREATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT
ARCHITECTURE
PROJECT MANAGEMENT
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE
TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Congnatulations 2025 NEWH Chofanzhip Recipients Congnatulations

Each year the NEWH Scholarship program shines a light on the next generation of hospitality leaders: individuals who don't just dream of transforming spaces, but who are actively shaping a better, more connected, and more inspired world through their work.

This year's recipients exemplify everything NEWH stands for. They are driven by a deep passion for the hospitality industry, not just in design, service, or management, but in the heart of what hospitality truly is: creating experiences that make people feel seen, welcomed, and valued.

This year's recipients have also proven to be changemakers in their communities - giving back, lifting others up, and staying grounded in a sense of purpose that goes far beyond themselves. And of course, they all have demonstrated an outstanding academic achievement - proof of their dedication, discipline, and the hard work they have put in to get where they are today.

Above all, these students represent hope. They remind us that the future of hospitality is not only bright, but it is also beautifully bold, compassionate, creative, and full of promise.

So join us as we celebrate more than just scholarship awards - We celebrate vision, We celebrate the power of education, we celebrate mentorship, and Lastly, we celebrate possibilities.

We are proud to introduce our 2025 Scholarship winners - The Rising stars of our industry.

The Los Angeles Founding Chapter offers our warmest congratulations as we raise our glass in celebrating our 2025 NEWH Scholarship Recipients.

Emerging Excellence The Foundation Award

The Foundation award honors students who are laying the groundwork for a remarkable future in hospitality design and service. Their passion, purpose, and character are already shining through in everything they do. These students may be early in their journey, but their work speaks volumes. With a growing eye for design and a heart for service, they are truly how spaces tell stories, and how thoughtful environments can shape meaningful guest experiences. They show up with curiosity, humility, and heart. Their dedication to learning, collaborating, and improving sets them apart, and their potential is undeniable. They are not just building a career, they are building a foundation rooted in empathy, creativity, and the true spirit of hospitality. And from here, their possibilities are endless



INTERIOR DESIGNER'S INSTITUTE
INTERIOR DESIGN

Q: "What has been the most rewarding part of your education so far?"

A: "For me, the most rewarding part of my education at IDI, has been the community. Being surrounded by people who are kind, encouraging, and genuinely driven has made such a difference. It's inspiring to learn alongside others who are passionate about their work, and it's exciting to know that this career comes with so many unique opportunities to grow in such a supportive environment."



CAL STATE UNIVERSITY - LONG BEACH INTERIOR DESIGN

Q: "What has been the most rewarding part of your education so far?"

A: "Pursuing a degree in the design field has shown me the type of person I could become in the future. The thought of the work of my peers and the work of myself having a positive impact on others lives is what has been the most rewarding aspect of my educational career thus far. Knowing that my designs could potentially enhance someone else's quality of life is a powerful motivator to keep striving towards my goals in Interior Design and Hospitality."



UCLA EXTENSION
INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE

Q: "What inspires you to pursue a career in Hospitality?"

A: "I want to create beautiful and exciting commercial and public spaces where people want to gather, because when people gather, they inspire each other, bridge gaps and build community."



CAL STATE UNIVERSITY - NORTHRIDGE

Q: "Is there a particular hospitality firm or group that you look up to and want to work for?"

RECREATION & TOURISM MANAGEMENT

A: "I've always had a deep appreciation for Club Med. What draws me in is their unique "GO culture." When I stay at a Club Med resort, I never have to worry about childcare - I can completely relax knowing my kids are in good hands with the GOs. it allows me to fully enjoy the vacation.

I also love how deeply they embrace local culture. The Gos don't just offer tours - they help you travel like a local. I genuinely believe that the future of travel and vacationing lies in authentic cultural experiences and real human connection, not sure luxurious amenities. People will care about emotional fulfillment than physical indulgence."

The Innovator Award Creativity and Impact

The Innovator award is presented to students who approaches hospitality with fresh eyes and fearless imagination. These students sees possibility where others see limits, and who dares to ask "what if?" These recipients demonstrates a natural ability to re-imagine the guest experience through design and service. Their ideas are bold yet thoughtful, grounded in empathy and driven by purpose. Whether it's a new way to engage guests, reconfigure space, or design for inclusion and comfort, their work challenges the status quo and inspires progress. They are not just creative thinkers, they are problem solvers, storytellers, and experience builders, unafraid to take risks in pursuit of something better. Their passion for hospitality goes beyond "what is" and reaches toward "what could be" In these students, we see the future of the industry: inventive, human centered, and full of heart.



ABIGAIL HAGGERTY

FULLERTON COLLEGE
MAJOR: INTERIOR DESIGN

Q: "What has been the most rewarding part of your Education so far?"

A: "Last Semester my space planning class was able to meet, measure and design an ADA accessible addition to my grandmother's kitchen and primary bathroom. Having her included in my schooling was an amazing experience. Getting to design alongside my classmates - a more functional and beautiful environment to gracefully age in place was incredibly rewarding. I would love to see beautiful public spaces that can meet her needs with dignity and welcome all with beautiful design

EKKO GONZALEZ

CAL STATE UNIVERSITY - LONG BEACH

MAJOR: INTERIOR DESIGN

Q: "What has been the most rewarding part of your education so far?"

A: "My overall growth throughout university and knowing that my degree will be a testament to my family's sacrifices has been the most rewarding part of my education. For the last couple of years, I've vastly improved my interpersonal skills by working among fellow peers and professionals, who constantly inspire me to approach my goals creatively. As a designer, I am more familiar with project exploration and came to appreciate its artistic flexibility, Ultimately, it's been a joy meeting community members and welcoming their stories through curated experiences.



Leadership, Ruspose, and Imagination The Visionary Award

The Visionary Award is our highest honor recognizing a student whose leadership, insight, and bold imagination are already shaping the future of hospitality. This recipient sees beyond aesthetics and logistics. They understand that hospitality is about creating moments that matter, and their work reflects a deep commitment to elevating the human experience through design, service, and storytelling. Their concepts are purposeful, their choices intentional, and their leadership is grounded in empathy, inclusion, and innovation. They not only imagine what the world of hospitality could be, but they take meaningful steps to bring it to life. They inspire their peers, challenge conventions, and carry themselves with integrity and clarity of vision. This student is more than a designer or a service leader, they are a change-maker, A storyteller, and A visionary and the industry is better because they're stepping into it



MUTHONI NDUGU

UCLA EXTENSION

MAJOR: INTERIOR DESIGN

Q: "What does this scholarship mean to you personally?"

A: "The scholarship means that my aspirations are legitimate. Not only can I finish school, but it has given me the encouragement to dream bigger dreams. It validates that I am meant to be an interior designer in the hospitality field and that I can and should finally make the ideas that I have a reality.

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PAO-YI WARNER DLR GROUP

"Serving on the NEWH Los Angeles Scholarship Committee has been an incredibly rewarding experience - one that aligns deeply with my long-standing passion for mentorship. Joining this committee felt like a natural extension of my commitment to mentorship and education, while giving back to the architecture and design community in a meaningful way. What inspired me most are the students themselves: the next generation of designers who continually impress with their creativity, innovation, and passion. Their fresh perspectives remind me why investing in the future talent is so vital, and I'm truly grateful to have played a part in supporting their grown and potential"



LIMBERT PASCUALWALT DISNEY IMAGINEERING

"Hearing the stories of these incredible students - their passion, resilience, and unwavering commitment to their dreams has truly moved me. To be even a small part of their journey has been humbling and inspiring beyond words. They are not just the future of our industry; they are the innovators and leaders who will one day redefine what hospitality means. Their stories remind us that our work is more than just design and service - its about creating experiences that leave a lasting impact, and connecting people with their environments physically, emotionally, and intuitively. It has been an incredible honor to serve as Scholarship Director this year and to have had the opportunity to meet this year's recipients. I am left hopeful, inspired, and excited for the future of hospitality."



GEMA BERNABEU ISIMAR

"Being part of the NEWH LA Chapter Scholarship Committee has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It's truly inspiring to support and recognize the next generation of talent in our industry. Connecting with passionate students, learning about the journeys, and playing a small role in helping them pursue their goals has reminded me how impactful community and mentorship can be. I'm grateful to contribute to NEWH, an organization that values education, inclusion, and giving back to the design and hospitality community."

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A Letter from our President

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Interior design is more than arranging spaces. Its about shaping the way people live, feel, and connect with their environments. It requires not only aesthetic sensitivity, but also empathy, innovation, and purpose. Through your work, you have already shown the potential to leave a lasting impact on the world around you.

As you continue your studies, we hope this scholarship serves not just as financial support but also as a vote of confidence in your ability to lead, transform, and inspire through design. The future of interior spaces - residential, commercial, public, and beyond, will be shaped by bold thinkers like you who are not afraid to blend function with feeling, tradition with innovation.

We're excited to watch your journey unfold and look forward to the unique spaces you'll bring to life. You have something special to offer this field, and we're proud to play a small part in helping you grow.

Jeannette Chacon 2025 NEWH - Los Angeles President



To our Scholanzhip Recipients...

"NEVER STOP DREAMING, CREATING, AND LEADING WITH HEART.

THE WORLD NEEDS EXACTLY WHAT YOU HAVE TO OFFER"

Thank you and Congnatulations