



2025

Fields to Futures

IMPACT REPORT



The Steward AG Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) charity, tax ID # 86-3418229

## OUR STORY

Our story begins in Walnut Grove, California, in 2022, when husband and wife team, Kevin & Lori Steward, decided to create a non-profit foundation that would provide scholarships to children of California farm workers. Both Kevin and Lori have backgrounds in agriculture that led them to careers in livestock and vineyard management and education. As a high school teacher, Lori enjoyed working with her Latino students and families, providing them with the information and skills needed to navigate their way to higher education beyond high school. As a vineyard manager, Kevin worked with thousands of farm workers, forming positive relationships that enabled his workers to be successful leaders in their work and their families. This foundation rewards the humble and hardworking culture that is the backbone of the agriculture industry.

## 2025 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### **Kevin Steward**

President

### **Carlos Castaneda**

Vice President

### **Lori Steward**

Secretary

### **Yvonne Sams**

Board Member

### **Rocio Castaneda**

Board Member

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

**Kevin Steward** – Ag Consultant

**Lori Steward** – HS Teacher, retired

**Pam Knapp** – College & Career Readiness Director  
San Joaquin County Office of Ed, retired

**Richard Schmidig** – HS Career Tech  
Teacher & Principal, retired

## EVENT COMMITTEE

**Pam Knapp**

**Stephanie Hitchcock**

**Cameo King**

**Stephanie Steward**

**Lori Steward**

**Bente Gonzalez**

**Website Manager:** Bianca Sams

**Instagram Manager:** Fatima Alfaro

**SAF Logo:** Candido Garcia, Jr

**Impact Report:** Madeline Schenken



# A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

What a pleasure it is to present our second Impact Report. This report reflects the heart of our work – highlighting our 2025 fundraising events, donations, donors and the continued growth of our student scholarship program. Each year, we learn more about how to deepen the quality and reach of our foundation, and we are sincerely grateful to the friends and partners who help us expand our ability to serve.

We are happy to announce the establishment of an endowment with the **Lodi Community Foundation**. This endowment helps ensure donors their generosity will impact our foundation's mission for generations to come.

A special thank you to **Candido Garcia Jr.**, who designed our new logo. Jr. is the son of Candido Sr., Kevin's right hand man in the vineyards for many years and a cherished family friend. We are honored to continue this connection through Jr.'s creative contribution.

We also extend our gratitude to **Fatima Alfaro**, a local resident who created our Instagram page. Fatima is in her second year at UC Irvine and has been a recipient of our foundation's scholarship for the past two years. Her talent and dedication exemplify the very mission we strive to support.

Finally, thank you to **Bianca Sams**, who generously volunteers her time to update our website and assist with event materials. Bianca is the daughter of our newest board member and dear friend Yvonne Sams, and we are grateful for her ongoing support.

Thank you for standing with us as we honor farm worker families and support the next generation.

Sincerely,

*Kevin & Lori Steward*

# BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Yvonne Sams brings a proud legacy of agricultural roots and a career dedicated to strengthening the food and farming supply chain. The daughter and granddaughter of farm workers who picked stone fruit in San Jose, Yvonne is a first-generation college graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, being the first woman to major in agricultural engineering technology, an achievement that reflects her family's journey and fuels her commitment to expanding opportunity for future generations.

Yvonne's career spans food and beverage manufacturing, warehousing, and executive leadership in agricultural logistics and transportation. Today, she leads strategic growth initiatives that support farmers, processors, and rural communities across California. A proud graduate of California Ag Leadership Program (Class 45), Yvonne is deeply committed to service and engagement with the agricultural community. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the California Ag Leadership Alumni Council is President of the Cal Poly Alumni Association and sits on the advisory board member for Cal Poly's BioResource & Agricultural Engineering Department. She is also an active member of the Alumni Advisory Board for Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences.

Closer to home, Yvonne enjoys supporting the United Way of Stanislaus County. She is a devoted wife and mother of three, all of whom are involved in agriculture.

As a board member of the Steward Ag Foundation, Yvonne champions access, education, and investment in farm worker families - honoring her heritage while helping to shape a stronger more equitable future for the agricultural community.

**Yvonne Sams**



# 2025

# FINANCIAL REPORT

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$90,032</b>
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Contributions from cash donations .....	\$56,256
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Spring into Scholarship Dinner, Steward Barn Event .....	\$13,990
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Salud to Scholarships, Klinker Brick Event .....	\$20,106
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## Expenses

Fundraising, Office & Website Services .....	\$13,990
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Scholarships Awarded .....	\$51,000
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(Officers nor Board Members receive monetary compensation)

## 2025 Cash Donations

**\$10,000 – Ron D. Kline Foundation    \$5,000 + - 1 Anonymous donor, Bob Shull**

**\$2,000 + - 1 Anonymous donor, G3, Steve Quashnik**

**\$1,000 + - 2 Anonymous donors, John & Debbie Braly, Cal-Bart Orchards, CALF Class 36, Michael & Kristy Frantz, Glaeser Vineyards, Robert & Kari Hodgen, John & Julie Ingram, Jaguar Farm Labor, Tom McNeill, Peterson Ag Trading, Inc., Sunrise Farm Labor, Bob Thompson, Dru Gilbert.**

**\$500 + - Bank of Stockton, Dino Giacomazzi, John McCormack, Inc., Peggy Perry, Matt & Terry Roberts, Yvonne Sams, Gonzalo Spaiz, Starr-Storm Vineyard Mgmt, LLC., Scott Steward, Ann Stewart, Chris Stutler, Lupe Sandoval.**

**\$50-\$500 – Kirk Brown, Ralph Burk, Burkner Brothers, LLC., Lynn Butts, Virginia Chhabra, Mike Cambell, Educational Plan Student Services, Jerry Evans, Bob Flores, Dwight Ferguson, Steve & Vicki Gendreau, the Glass Shop, Patty Grant, Leslie Greiss, Paul & Katherine Johnson, Robert Jones, KG Vineyard Mgmt, LLC., Larry & Pam Knapp, Bill Kycei, Tom Merwin, JB Morais, Steve Myers, North Delta Conservancy, Lynn Ortega, RA Jones Construction, Khrista Samuel, John Stabler, Natalie Stewart, Tom Stokes, Shane Stooltenberg, Patricia Stubban, Barbara Wackman, Becca Whitman, Linda Wilbanks, Kreig Williams.**

# SPRING INTO SCHOLARSHIPS

MAY 17, 2025

This was our second unforgettable evening hosted at the Steward home in Walnut Grove.

Guests enjoyed a beautifully prepared meal by **Blodgett Catering**, featuring filet mignon, shrimp scampi, scalloped potatoes and a fresh spring salad.

Scholarship recipient **Brianna Gonzalez** inspired the crowd as she shared her educational journey and the impact of community support.

The energy picked up with a lively auction led by friend **Louie Brown**, who showcased an exceptional selection of large-format Napa Valley wines.

Following dinner, a stunning array of handcrafted desserts were auctioned off to the highest bidders. The night concluded with charming outdoor entertainment, creating a warm and memorable close to a wonderful gathering.

## TABLE SPONSORS

Anderson Farms  
Cal-Bart Orchards  
Clutch Brake Exchange  
North Delta Conservancy  
Galindo Construction  
Grow West  
Carson Pettit  
Alan & Kristen Bennett  
Jack & Kristi Dalton  
Knapp Moss Law  
Martin Livestock  
Craig Stewart

## DOOR PRIZE DONORS

Bank of Stockton  
Honest Fish Farm Eggs

## EVENT SUPPLY DONORS

Knapp Moss Law  
Craig Stewart

## WINE DONORS

Ilsley Vineyards  
Tracey Dehn  
Kevin Steward



# Save the Date



Hosted with  
Greens on Tenth!

## Field to Futures Children of Farm Worker Scholarship Dinner May 16, 2026 | 6-9PM

Join us for a memorable evening in support of the Steward Ag Foundation's Children of Farm Worker Scholarship program. This special event, held on the outdoor patio at the Steward Residence in Walnut Grove, will feature chef-crafted cuisine and exceptional service by Greens On Tenth, the Central Valley's leading event specialist. Their culinary team proudly sources local artisan products and incorporates organic produce harvested from their own garden, creating beautifully prepared, farm-inspired dishes that perfectly complement our rustic venue. Premium wines and hand crafted desserts will be available to purchase in the live auction.

***Join us for an evening where every seed of opportunity  
grows into a future of promise.***

# SALUD TO SCHOLARSHIPS

## AUGUST 8, 2025

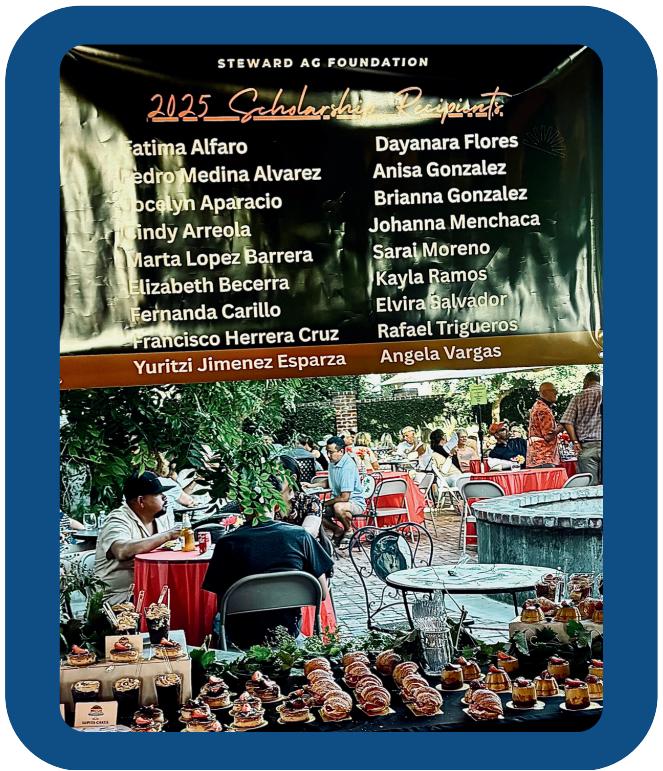
Our third annual event took place again at Klinker Brick Winery in Lodi, CA. We are so grateful to Steve & Lori Felten for allowing us to continue to hold our event at their beautiful winery. Two of our scholarship recipients, Brianna Gonzalez and Fernanda Carrillo, enlightened the crowd with their inspiring stories. Patrons enjoyed authentic Mexican food while they purchased raffle tickets and silent auction items.

## **Business who donated Raffle & Silent Auction Items**

Lodi Cheese Central | Yosemite Farm Credit | Lopez Ag Services  
Dermal Clinic | Knapp Moss Law | Woodbridge Crossing | EPSS  
Bien Nacido Wines | Ilsley Vineyards | Klinker Brick Winery  
Dillian Winery | Herringer Estates | Stockton Ports | Silt Winery  
Lincoln Center | South Sacramento Parts | Escape Room  
Wow! Science Museum | Beyond Pots & Pans  
Best Wishes Gift Shop | Lodi Bowling Bar & Lounge  
Play It Again Sports | Fig & Fern Home | Waterloo Restaurant  
Lodi Stadium Cinema | Fiore's Floral & Gifts | Honest Fish Farm

## Friends who donated Raffle & Silent Auction Items

Rob Harris, Crutcher Family, Liz Winchester, Laurie Van Dyk, Gonzalez Family, Grace Steward & Family, Brad & Tracey Dehn, Cameo King, Jon Munger, Mike Mauzy, Lorraine Hitchcock, Kirk Brown. SAF Event Committee



## EVENT SPONSORS

**Caterer:** Mears Heating & Air, Don Markle,  
CALF Class 36 members

**Beer:** Bubba & Debbie Simnacher

**Wine:** Hal & Jeanie Huffsmith

## **Desserts:** Lupita's Pasteles & Postres

## Scholarship Family Tables: Craig Stewart



# SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT!



## Salud to Scholarships

**Friday August 7, 2026 | 6:00-9:00pm**

Klinker Brick Winery 15867 Alpine Rd, Lodi

Authentic Mexican Food | Silent Auction & Raffle

Tickets available online June 1, 2026

[www.stewardagfoundation.org](http://www.stewardagfoundation.org)

***Contact us if you would like to be an EVENT SPONSOR to  
cover the costs of the Caterer, Beer, or Wine,  
or you would like to provide items for the auction.***

# THE STEWARD AG FOUNDATION AWARDS

## \$51,000 IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Steward AG Foundation is proud to announce the awarding of \$51,000 in college scholarships to fifteen deserving students. This Foundation honors the integrity of the California farm workers by providing scholarships for their children, allowing them to transform their lives by pursuing higher education. Scholarships are offered to recent high school graduates and current college students. Students may be pursuing career technical training, community college or university education in any major or focus area.

This year represents our second year of funding. These scholarships were made possible through generous donations from friends and personal contacts in the agriculture community and education liaisons. The Foundation welcomes online donations on the Steward AG Foundation website: [stewardagfoundation.org](http://stewardagfoundation.org) as well as checks mailed directly to the Foundation. Patrons may also give at various fundraising events. This year's scholarship recipients are:

### **2025 High School Graduates attending Four-Year University - \$2,000**

Marta Lopez Barrera, Lodi, Linden HS, CSU Northridge, Radiologic Science  
Yuritzi Jimenez Esparza, Stockton, Linden HS, UC Davis, Neurobiology  
Kiara Ramos, Stockton, Linden HS, UC Santa Cruz, Computer Science

### **Current Community College Students - \$2,000**

Jocelyn Aparacio, Fillmore, Ventura College, Natural Science/Earth Science  
Anisa Gonzalez, Lodi, Consumnes River College, Kinesiology  
Brianna Gonzalez, Isleton, Modesto Jr. College, Animal Biology  
Sarai Moreno, Stockton, San Joaquin Delta College, Biology  
Rafael Trigueros, Stockton, San Joaquin Delta College, Business

### **Current Four-Year University Students - \$3,500**

Fatima Alfaro, Thornton, UC Irvine, Criminology, Law & Society  
Pedro Medina Alvarez, Walnut Grove, Sacramento State University, Kinesiology  
Cindy Arreola, Walnut Grove, San Jose State University, Public Health  
Elizabeth Becerra, Courtland, CSU Monterey Bay, Marine Biology  
Francisco Herrera Cruz, Stockton, Fresno State University, Civil Engineering  
Fernanda Carillo, Isleton, UC Davis, Neurobiology, Physiology & Behavior  
Dayanara Flores, Stockton, UC Berkeley, Public Health  
Johanna Menchaca, Lodi, University of the Pacific, Biological Science  
Elvira Salvador, Oxnard, UC Santa Barbara, History of Public Policy & Law  
Angela Vargas, Courtland, Fresno State University, Architecture

OUR 2025

# Scholarship

## RECIPIENTS



Dayanara Flores



Rafael Trigueros



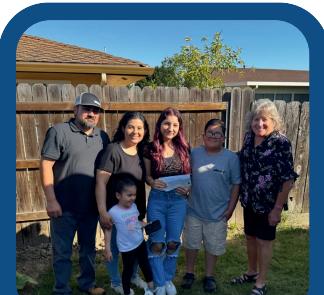
Elizabeth Becerra



Fernanda Carrillo



Sarai Moreno



Johanna Menchaca



Anisa Gonzalez



Brianna Gonzalez



Cindy Arreola



Angela Vargas



Jocelyn Aparacio



Elvira Salvador



Francisco  
Herrera-Cruz



Fatima Alfaro



Pedro Medina  
Alvarez

# Scholarship Program

January 10 <sup>th</sup> to May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scholarship Applications Available Online
January to April	Visit schools, counselors, and migrant ed family meetings to publicize scholarship and post flyers at schools and businesses.
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scholarship Application closes at midnight. Begin scoring scholarship applications & supporting documents.
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scholarship Committee meets to conduct formal review, scoring and ranking applicants. Schedule student interviews.
May 14 <sup>th</sup> to June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Student Interviews & Presentation of Scholarship Checks
June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Post Press Release of 2025 Scholarship Recipients



LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL AVID AWARDS - RECIPIENTS PICTURED:  
KIARA RAMOS, MARTA LOPEZ BARRERA, YURITZI JIMENEZ ESPARZA