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**ENDOWED FUND REPORT**



**Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund**

July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

Invested by the UC San Diego Foundation

**Fund Purpose**

The Center for Networked Systems will award this scholarship to undergraduate students majoring in computer science or computer engineering who have demonstrated their academic merit and who are also active in supporting the LGBT community.

**Financial Summary**

Market Value at June 30, 2019	No Previous Market Value
Gifts	0
Transfers <sup>[1]</sup>	241,996
Investment Return	12,955
<u>Payout</u>	<u>(1,838)</u>
Market Value at June 30, 2020	\$ <u>253,113</u>

[1] Gifts from Amateur Radio of \$225,533, along with prior gifts from other donors, allowed this fund convert to an endowment in April of 2020. This endowment is projected to have a payout of \$9,936 for Fiscal Year 2021 to made available for scholarships. Attached are scholarship recipients that have benefitted from this gift fund so far.

**Fund Holder:** Ms. Vonda G. Garcia  
**Fund Number:** F-2741  
**Division:** Admissions & Enrollment Management  
**Department:** Financial Aid and Scholarships Office

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2019-2020 Scholarship Recipients: Sophia Elkihel graduated in June 2020 with a degree in political science and minors in history and international migration studies; and Giselle Corpuz Mejia is a fourth-year student in cognitive science with a specialization in design and interaction at Muir College.

2020-2021 Scholarship Recipient: Stacho Aguilar Ruiz is a fourth-year student in physics with a minor in computer science at Roosevelt College.

Dear Turing Memorial Scholarship Donors,

I want to thank you for your generous donation. This scholarship will allow me to be able to further my educational goals despite outside circumstances. Financing school has always been a stress for me, especially with multiple expensive medical issues. However, I have a strong drive for learning and gaining tools needed to reach my career goals of bettering legal and daily conditions for forced migrants. Additionally, because of my queer identity and medical issues – I have special attention for queer and disabled displaced people. I have started working towards those career goals as an intern with the International Rescue Committee and on various organizational boards. Outside of my career goals, I am passionate about making my campus a more educated and inclusive place for LGBTQ students. I have worked as the diversity advocate for Muir College where I have led various intersectional workshops and aided writing the Muir College Statement of Diversity. Aiding the LGBTQ community is a driving force in all parts of my life and you have helped make that a greater possibility.

Thank you again,  
Sophia Elkihel



Dear Turing Scholarship Donors,

I am very grateful to accept my Alan Turing Scholarship and give my gratitude to all the scholarship donors that made this possible for me. To be recognized in the name of Alan Turing--the face of computer science--is a dream come true. It means the world to be acknowledged and supported for my future dreams. I am majoring in Cognitive Science with a specialization in Design and Interaction, with the hope that my schooling will allow me to delve into programming careers that can help bridge the gap between humanity and technology. I wish to advance AI support in people's ordinary daily lives so that the small pleasures of life can be enjoyed and cherished more. I hope to intern at HP Roseville next summer 2020 to further advance these dreams. UC San Diego has shown me so much support, I cannot thank everyone enough. I found so much enjoyment learning Java 8 programming and Bash/Shell scripting, I knew I would pursue this for the rest of my life. I want to change the world little by little, person by person, one step at a time.

With gratitude,

Giselle Mejia



Dear Scholarship Donors of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship,

The Alan Turing Memorial Scholarships represents hope and opportunity for students with complex and diverse identities in the LGBT+ communities. As a Queer and Latino student, it is of my utmost appreciation to be receiving this award.

Since the beginning of my academic journey in a university, unlike many, my parents have not been able to assist my education. Throughout college, my parents have not been able to provide me with financial help in paying for groceries, housing, or something as simple as a phone bill, let alone tuition and books. Through scholarships and grants I have been able to be self-sufficient, without the crippling stress of enormous loans. My stepfather works as a custodian, and my stay at home mother occasionally has to sell tamales. They have found it difficult to maintain our family at home. They have been living paycheck by paycheck and through loans. Because of this, the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship is not only an incredible accomplishment for myself, it also bears immense significance for my family.

As a gay Latino first-generation college student from a low-socioeconomic family, I wear my identities with pride. Since the start of 2016, my family qualified and was a part of a government program titled "Coachella Valley Housing Coalition"; this is for low income families to build a home. Along with other families I dedicated many laborious hours in the construction site. By merging my identity with my work ethic, a spark of drive emerged and continues to grow.

Moreover, the fact of the matter is, I immigrated illegally from Mexico to the United States at the age of two. Thus I grew up in a strict traditional Mexican and Catholic upbringing. Along with this, I was raised in a town called Desert Hot Springs where most of the other families were immigrants from Latin America, because of the culture, being gay or having feminine traits was frowned upon. For the majority of my life I fought the battle of coming terms with my gay identity, as it clashed with everything I knew. Even after accepting myself the battle continued, as I came out to family and friends. Even through many years of conversation, I still struggle with gaining full acceptance from my parents.

Joining college made me feel liberated, but I also felt, more than ever, the personal responsibility of continuing to assist those in my community. My first-year in college, I volunteered at the LGBT Resource Center (LGBT RC), joined Queers and Allies of ERC (QuERC), represented



QuERC in Eleanor Roosevelt College's Council of Organizations. Through my dedication I was able to win volunteer of the year at the LGBT RC. The summer, after my first-year, I got involved through an intern position to assist transwoman Lisa Middleton's efforts in becoming a member of Palm Springs City Council. She now holds the title of being the first transwoman to be elected in a non-judicial position in California. I have done these extracurricular activities along with others over the years.

As I attempted to join more STEM related organization, I felt so misplaced. I feel that many whom hold a LGBT+ identity along with other marginalized identities, struggle with finding a welcoming place. Therefore, it of the utmost importance to have an assistive program like the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship. I have been fortunate enough to meet an important Queer friend and mentor who has helped me navigate into the field of engineering. This individual guided me to have the opportunity of joining a MAE research lab in December of 2019. I began working with network related system specifically in Machine Learning and in Fluid Dynamics.

I cherish all the experiences and people who have been in my life. This will be the third year that I work as a peer mentor for the First-Generation College Student Success Coaching at UCSD. I use the adversity I have faced and experiences, to ensure I create an inclusive and empowering environment for the cohorts of 25-30 students that I mentor every year.

Alongside being a peer coach, this academic year of 2020-2021, I am in the process of writing a research paper, to publish, related to Complex Networks and Fluid dynamical systems. I have also joined the web development team at oSTEM, an LGBT+ organization for individuals in STEM fields. Lastly, I am excited to be guided by the faculty mentorship provided from this scholarship.

Being a recipient of the Alan Turing Memorial Scholarship is extremely empowering. It validates all the time that I have dedicated at this university, inside and outside of the classroom. This scholarship will help tremendously, and I hope to share the learning experiences that come with this as a peer mentor. Alan Turing has been and will continues to be an influential figure for Queer students at universities.

With great appreciation,

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