

## Patelco Scholarship

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Grade: 12th

I am a high school dual-enrolled senior at Heritage High School and Los Medanos College. And if all goes according to plan, I will obtain my AA in accounting by the end of 2022's summer, one summer semester after I graduate high school. Although I do not plan to transfer with my AA, I will instead be applying as a freshman to various universities, and hopefully get in. (Really really hopeful and praying). Some California schools that I hope to apply to are UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Irvine, and UC San Diego. The reason I wanted to get my AA in accounting before I matriculated into my future college was because I wanted to qualify for entry level or higher finance jobs.

ACAP changed my perspective on education, my career, and life. Before, I thought my education and career were means to an end, something that I had to endure for a happy life. But after hearing all our ACAP speakers and my mentors loving life because they pursued and learned whatever made them happy, I realized that education and my future career shouldn't just be a means to an end, but an end itself. And I started treating them like so. I decided to learn what I wanted to learn and find opportunities that fit my future career. I learned that I had a passion for analytical finance, something that I didn't know before ACAP. With that passion, I challenged myself to graduate highschool with an AA in accounting, in hopes that I can start my career as soon as possible. ACAP also offered me the chance to meet with real accountants and partners, walking me through their daily life. Indeed, this small event was just a small event in ACAP's agenda but it was a big event in my life. Since, I envisioned myself working in their collaborative and professional office that sits in the clouds. I truly could see my future. For that, I am grateful to ACAP.