



2021-2022 IPIA Scholarship Recipients

The 2021 Tom and Genny Sedler Scholarship Award

Bryce Jordan Sanchez



Bryce is the grandson of Ralph Sanchez, owner of Sanchez Refrigeration Equipment Sales Inc. He is currently a junior at Rogers State University in Claremore, OK, and is on track to graduate at the top of his class in the biology program, with a goal of graduating Summa Cum Laude. Bryce plans to apply to medical school and become a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine and go into the field of orthopedic surgery, sub-specializing in sports medicine.

Throughout his higher education, including high school and college, Bryce has been on the Dean's Honor Roll every single semester while maintaining 4.0 grade point average. While in high school, he received the "Outstanding Math Student Award" for all 4 years of high school and was also named Salutatorian of his high school. At the university level, he has applied and was admitted to the Honors Program and the President's Leadership Class. He has also been on the Supreme Court of his school as an Associate Justice Member of the Student Government Association and is in the process of creating a nationally-recognized fraternity on campus, currently being elected for a leadership role in this organization, and also being named a founding father of the organization.

His community involvement includes being involved in "Night Light", which provides free food, haircuts, books, nail painting, dog food, and clothes for children and adults. He has also served in a free community health clinic, working triage and doing check ins, vital signs, and cleaning duties. Bryce also has volunteered in food banks, high schools, nursing homes, women's domestic violence safety facilities, and Volunteers for Youth.

While in high school, Bryce sustained injuries in football that have inspired him to pursue a career in the medical field. He states, "Every year I was injured, and every year I was able to come back, thanks to the amazing doctors that took care of me. So, having said that, becoming a doctor is my main educational goal and life objective, because if I execute my plan, I will be able to give back to thousands of athletes and people that deal with the same problems I went through in my life."



The 2021 Charlie and Mary Lynn Kent Scholarship Award

Dylan Jake Romero



Dylan is the grandson of Charlotte Maginnis, National Sales Manager with Leer, Inc. He recently graduated from Nederland High School in Nederland, TX and has been accepted to Texas A&M University. Dylan has plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

While in high school, Dylan has been named to the Honor Roll as well as been a member of the National Honor Society. He was also a member of the Academic All-District Athletic Team. He was a deflator for 2 years and participated in baseball for all 4 years of high school. He has also participated in community activities including

hurricane relief and Backpack Buddies.

Dylan has dreamed of attending Texas A&M University for years. It was the one and only college he applied to, and he achieved early acceptance into his dream college. While in college, he has goals of joining at least one student organization, becoming a member of the Honors Program, and graduating with honors.

As an athlete himself, Dylan has had his fair share of injuries. He states, "After completing physical therapy school, I hope to become a physical therapist and work specifically with athletes. Being able to help other athletes resume playing a sport they love would be a very fulfilling career." While he knows it is a highly competitive field of study with few spots open to applicants, he is ready for the challenge to maintain the necessary grades and obtain the required work experience to ensure he is accepted into the selective program.



The 2021 IPIA Scholarship (Courtesy of Anonymous Donor)

Kameron Conner



Kameron is the son of Darryl Conner, Tax Analyst with Reddy Ice. He has attended Navarro College in Midlothian, TX, and graduated in May 2021 with his Associate of Applied Science degree. In Fall 2021, he will transfer and continue his studies toward a Bachelor of Science degree at Texas State University with a focus in kinesiology/exercise sports and science. His goal is to be admitted to a school of physical therapy to become a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT), with an additional goal to become a Cardiac Rehabilitation Specialist.

In the past, Kameron has been nominated for a student teacher choice award and he was also involved in the JROTC, where he earned a spot on the color guard team. He also participated in the Army JROTC leadership program. Recently, he was nominated and joined the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success at Navarro College.

Kameron has maintained a 3.5 GPA in his studies. While attending school, he has also worked as a pharmacy tech trainee, a beverage tender, and a food runner. He has also volunteered at several rehab centers and hopes to apply that knowledge and experience to his chosen career field.

Kameron was diagnosed with ASD at an early age and that has motivated him to want to encourage and rehabilitate people with disabilities so they can regain their mobility and live independent lives. He states, "I want my testimony to be an inspiration to other people that may struggle with challenges. I would like to show them through my life that no matter what your struggles are with hard work and perseverance, you can do anything you put your mind to."