



La Donna Yumori-Kaku Leadership Scholarship 2023-2024

Sponsored by De Anza ICC

La Donna Yumori-Kaku was the Student Activities Specialist in the Office of College Life for over 39 years and recently retired in June 2019. She served as the ICC Advisor and was instrumental at developing student leaders at De Anza College.

She is a first-generation college student with a Master's and Bachelor's degrees. She understood the De Anza experience having earned her Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies from West Los Angeles Community College. Since high school she was actively involved with clubs and student leadership organizations. When she was at San Jose State University, she was involved with the College Union Programming Board which prompted her to enter the profession of Student Affairs. When La Donna started working at De Anza College, there were only 25 clubs. In the years she served as the ICC Advisor, she grew our student clubs to over 85. In addition, she was influential in starting several ICC signature events that have continued today including Club Day, Club Karaoke, Fall Dance, and Spring Carnival.

La Donna enjoyed working with our diverse student population especially with our clubs, Inter Club Council (ICC) and the De Anza Associated Student Government (DASG). She encouraged students to participate in campus life in order to enrich their educational experience. This scholarship is in honor La Donna's legacy and to continue the work she started four decades ago.

Purpose: To recognize students who have demonstrated their leadership and commitment to enhancing the campus experience of De Anza College students.

Amount: Up to five (5) \$1000 Scholarship

Given by: De Anza College Inter Club Council

Deadline: **Monday February 26, 2024 by 4 PM – for both application & letters of recommendation from advisors**

**Scholarship winners will be presented at the College Life Student End of the Year Student Recognition Awards event on Wednesday June 5, 2024 4-6 PM, as well as the ICC Spring Finale (Wednesday June 12, 2024). Attendance is highly encouraged.*

Requirements:

1. Applicant must be enrolled in at least six (6) units and have completed at least eighteen (18) units at De Anza College.
2. Applicant must maintain at least 2.5 cumulative GPA from De Anza College for at least one completed quarter.
3. Applicant must be in good standing and active in at least one De Anza club.
4. Applicant must have paid your student body fee
5. Applicant may only receive the scholarship once.
6. Applicant must include **TWO** letters of recommendation completed by a club advisor, faculty, or staff member that observed your leadership abilities – must be received by February 26, 2024.

Essay Question:

What leadership skills did you develop and use as a De Anza student leader? How will you use these skills in your future?