



Congratulations BA Graduates!

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Iran Barba

Deana Fanning

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Auxiliadora Newman

Akilandeswari
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News from Child Care Aware of WA Scholarships

Welcome Spring! We love this time of year, not just for the warming weather, but also because it is almost graduation season for many of our scholars. We know how hard you've worked, the hours you've put in and the strength of your dedication to your profession. Congratulations to all of our soon-to-be-graduates!

We are happy to share that we now support all four of the Bachelors of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education programs in the state: Highline College, Pierce College, North Seattle College and Edmonds Community College.

Did you know we also support scholars who are working toward their Montessori Credential? We do. Scholars must attend an approved MACTE-accredited academy in WA to be eligible. Visit our website for more details.

Just a reminder, we no longer support CDA Scholarships.

For more information on any of our scholarships, please visit us online at <http://wa.childcareaware.org>.



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Scholar Spotlight—Courtney Nolen-Viducich

An advanced degree in early childhood can help child care and early learning professionals increase their positive impact for young children, families and even their communities. Courtney Nolen-Viducich has done that with her degrees—first a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from City University in Seattle, and a Master's Degree in Early Childhood Studies with a specialization in Teaching Adults in Early Childhood from Walden University.

Now she's Manager of Professional Development at Child Care Resources in Seattle and teaching child care professionals, a job she loves. In teaching others, she is sharing her knowledge and magnifying the benefits of her degrees by helping other caregivers provide better care to the children in their programs.

Her advice for those considering going back to school? "Do it! It is never too late to go back to school and the benefits are so worth it! The knowledge and skills you gain in school will help you with your early childhood journey and have lasting effects on your children, families and community."



Release Time Reimbursement

Scholars on the Bachelor's Degree Pathways Scholarship are eligible for the unique benefit of release time reimbursement. Be sure you're taking advantage of this perk if you can!

What is it? Paid time off from work scholarship recipients use to complete class-related activities. It is commonly used to attend class, study, or to meet with advisers and instructors. Release time reimbursement is an optional benefit for Bachelor's Degree Pathways Scholars and should be used with the permission of the scholar's employer.

How does it work? Scholars take up to three hours per week away from work for class-related activities. The scholar's facility compensates the scholar for their time at their regular pay rate, and Child Care Aware of Washington Scholarships reimburses the scholar's facility at \$11.00 per hour.

Find a copy of the Release Time Reimbursement Claim Form on our website: <http://wa.childcareaware.org/providers/scholarships/forms-instructions/scholarship-forms>.



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Spring Reminders:

Updated scholarship program guidelines—We have updated our guidelines. Please make sure to review them so you are up-to-date on everything about your scholarship. Find them online: <http://wa.childcareaware.org/providers/scholarships/our-forms-policies>

Summer Term — CCA of WA Scholarships can cover your summer term. Send us a copy of your schedule as soon as you are enrolled (including coursework and tuition amount) and we will send a voucher to your school.

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