

2021 CAPCA  
Scholarship Winner  
Bianey Medina



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# 2021 CAPCA Scholarship Winner Announced

Each year CAPCA, through the Stanley W. Strew (SWS) Education Fund, awards a scholarship to an exceptional student who is pursuing a career in the pest management industry. The Stanley W. Strew Educational Fund, Inc., mission statement states: "We promote and communicate the development and implementation of educational and scholarship programs to insure the future prosperity of our nation's food, fiber and ornamental enterprises." The Fund is dedicated to establishing educational opportunities and career growth avenues for the students of today and the leaders of tomorrow.

The Stanley W. Strew Education Fund administers these programs. Applications were distributed to interested students, universities and were posted on CAPCA's website. The CAPCA Scholarship recipient receives \$3,000. This year we congratulate our 2021 Stanley W. Strew Scholarship recipient, Bianey Medina.

## **Bianey Medina 2021 CAPCA Scholarship Recipient**

Bianey is a senior attending California State University, Fresno this fall. Her major is Plant Science and she plans to graduate in the winter of 2021 and become a Pest Control Adviser, obtain her QAL and Certified Crop Adviser certificate. After completing her degree and licensing, Bianey would like to continue working in the San Joaquin Valley gaining experience with a large variety of crops. She plans to obtain her Master's degree, and eventually return home to the Salinas area to run her own strawberry patch. Her early experience working as a strawberry picker to help her family, and more recently, as the Project Manager for the Fresno State Plant Science Club and Student Research Technician with FMC, have solidified her desire to build a career in agriculture. Looking back on her experiences, Bianey is cognizant of the people and opportunities that have impacted her journey and makes an effort to pay forward those benefits even now, while also looking forward to future opportunities. One of her references commended her energy, optimism, self-confidence, and passion for agriculture, stating, "I have worked with Bianey through California Women for Agriculture and noticed her willingness to help on various projects and events and sacrificially give of her time. It is significant to know that Bianey has risen to a level of high determination, after having come from a hardworking migrant family from Mexico. Despite the numerous and diverse challenging circumstances, she has overcome them all and shows a strong desire now to pursue her goal of receiving a bachelor's degree in Plant Science."

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**We received the following letter from Bianey this summer:**

*I want to thank all of you for taking the time to select me as one of your winners for the 2021 CAPCA/Stanley W. Strew Scholarship in the amount of \$3,000. With this generous opportunity I plan to continue to pursue and achieve my career goals.*

*I am currently a senior, majoring in Plant Science. Being first generation in my family and coming from immigrant parents inspired me to pursue a career in agriculture. Currently I am in my two last semesters. I have really enjoyed being part of this amazing university. I have been involved with the Plant Science Club through my college experience being able to be part of this wonderful organization. I was able to meet other students that have the same interests and goals as I have.*

*Currently I am working full time at FMC Corporation in Madera CA as a Student Research Technician. After graduation, I plan to get my PCA, CCA and QAL license. I plan to work for a couple of years and if god is great, come back to get my Master's Degree. My goal is to come back to Fresno State once I have enough money saved up to pay my tuition.*

*By awarding me with this amazing opportunity, you have reduced the amount of my financial needs. Which will allow me to focus on my academics and not worry about how I am going to pay for school. I hope one day in the near future I will also be able to help struggling students like myself reach their goals in their higher education by assisting them the same way you are helping me. Once again thank you for your generosity. I truly appreciate it.*

*Kind Regards,  
Bianey Medina*