



## Congratulations to Our 2026 ABAS Scholarship Recipients



**Katrina Isabel Sacluti (McGeorge School of Law, 1L)**  
**Yoshinori H. Toso Himel Social Justice Award**

Katrina Isabel Sacluti obtained her undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara, with honors. She volunteers at McGeorge's Center for Inclusion and Diversity and is an active member of several student organizations, including FALSA and APALSA. Her interests include civil rights, education, employment, and public service. This summer, she will serve as a law clerk with the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley's Legal Advocates for Children and Youth, working on matters impacting child welfare and youth advocacy.



**Sohwi Jung (UC Davis Law, 1L)**  
**Araki-Isenberg Scholarship**

Sohwi Jung worked as a software engineer before law school, developing a strong foundation in analytical problem-solving. At UC Davis, she serves as Student Director of the Workers' Rights Clinic and is a Below-Line Editor for the Business Law Journal. She is also an active member of APALSA and the Society of Women in Golf. This summer, she will extern for Judge Lee of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California. Sohwi is committed to a legal career grounded in thoughtful analysis, integrity, and service.



**Emily Ma (UC Davis Law, 1L)**  
**Alexandria Jo Award (by Chuck Pacheco)**

Emily Ma is a first-generation Chinese American law student and Bay Area native committed to criminal justice. After graduating from UC Berkeley with highest honors, she worked in criminal defense, interned for the district attorney's office, answered calls for the suicide prevention hotline, and tutored incarcerated students at San Quentin Prison. These experiences helped shape her commitment to advocating for disadvantaged individuals. This summer, Emily is interning with the public defender's office. She aspires to become a federal defender in the future.



**Lynne N. Tran (McGeorge School of Law, 2L)**  
**Wong Family Trust Foundation Award (by Sean Wong)**

Lynne N. Tran is a second-year law student at McGeorge School of Law and a first-generation Vietnamese American. Passionate about elevating the Asian American community, Lynne is committed to advocating for Asian American representation in the legal field. Fluent in Vietnamese, she aims to use her language skills and experience in the corporate and public sectors to make a meaningful impact in the legal community.



**Lily Pei (McGeorge School of Law, 2L)**

Lily Pei is committed to public service and expanding access to justice. Before law school, she worked in nonprofit and public sector roles, including with My Sister's House and the Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance. At McGeorge, she served as 1L Representative for the First-Generation Association. As a 2L, she serves as Social Media Chair for APALSA and as an SBA Peer Mentor. She currently interns with the Sacramento County Department of Child Support Services, appearing in court as a certified law student. Lily aspires to a public service career focused on empowerment, advocacy, and community impact.



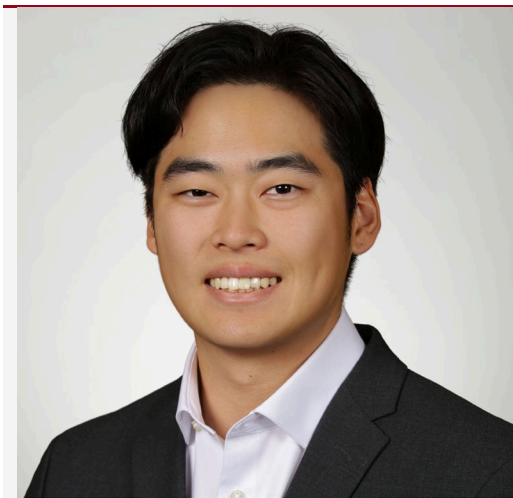
**Khanstoshea Zingapan (Lincoln Law School, 3L)**

Khanstoshea Zingapan is a first-generation, Afro-Bangladeshi, queer, and disabled 3L student. They are the co-founder of the Sacramento Ticket Defense Clinic, which provides pro bono legal defense for people experiencing homelessness. Khanstoshea develops and facilitates trauma-informed and community-centered lawyering trainings for public defender offices and has provided investigation and paralegal services for the ACLU, Legal Services of Northern CA, and the Disability Rights Defense and Education Fund. Khanstoshea is also a filmmaker whose recent projects address anti-Asian hate and the importance of Black and Asian solidarity. Through their legal and creative work, they center a commitment to care, solidarity, and community building.



### **Maria Avelino (Lincoln Law School, 3L)**

Maria Avelino, known to friends and family as “Maricel,” holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology and has a professional background in chemistry. She is an active member of her law school community, serving as Vice President of APALSA, Historian of Delta Theta Phi, and a member of the Women’s Justice Society. By day, Maria helps run her husband’s small firm, works as a real estate agent on the side, and is a mother of two. She has learned that balancing family, school, work, and volunteering is not easy, but is doable. Law school has taught her that age doesn’t define your path; it is determination and the willingness to learn.



### **Marcus Matsubayashi (UC Davis Law, 1L)**

Marcus Matsubayashi is interested in disability and employment law after seeing firsthand how disability impacted his immediate family. At UC Davis, he serves as an APALSA 1L Representative and aspires to become a co-president in the upcoming elections. Marcus plans to practice with a firm in Northern California after graduation, while staying active in the API community.