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Staff Spotlight: Warren Shelby

Warren Shelby's journey is one of **resilience, gratitude, and giving back**. Once a scholarship recipient at the College of San Mateo, Warren overcame incredible hardships—including homelessness—to pursue his education. Now, as a **Retention Specialist for the Promise Scholars Program**, he dedicates his career to helping students from underrepresented backgrounds achieve their goals.

"I know firsthand how life-changing support can be. That's why I'm committed to ensuring students have the guidance and resources they need to succeed." – Warren Shelby

[Read More of Warren's Story](#)

Warren Shelby: Paying It Forward



Warren Shelby knows firsthand how mentorship and financial support can change a student's life. Once a scholarship recipient himself, Warren now serves as a Retention Specialist for the Promise Scholars Program (PSP) at CSM, ensuring students stay on track toward graduation.

Through mentorship, academic support, and programs like PSP and **Brothers Empowering Brothers (BEB)**, Warren is making a difference for students who face significant challenges—including first-generation students, those experiencing homelessness, and formerly incarcerated individuals.

Learn How Warren Is Changing Lives

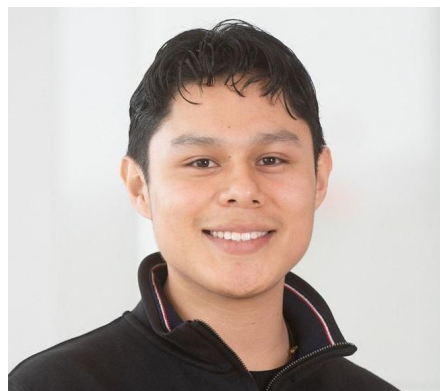


Saying Thank You to Melissa Rohlfs

After nearly six years of dedicated service as Alumni Association & Development Manager, Melissa Rohlfs is beginning a new chapter with KCSM Jazz 91.

Melissa's contributions to the Foundation have left a lasting impact, from strengthening alumni engagement to leading cherished traditions like the Grad Cap Decorating Activity. Her leadership, creativity, and dedication have made a difference for students, alumni, and the entire community.

Please join us in thanking Melissa for her service and wishing her success in this exciting new role!



Jair's Journey: How the Finish Line Fund Changed His Path

For Jair Lopez-Rodriguez, the Finish Line Fund was more than just financial assistance—it was the key to staying on track toward his dream of becoming a physician.

With support from This Fund, Jair was able to focus on his education and internships, including a transformative experience with the Stanford Community College Outreach Program. By easing financial burdens, the Finish Line Fund empowers students like Jair to complete their education and build a brighter future.

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Thank you for reading and for being part of our mission to support students and transform lives.



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