

## **GARINE MELCONIAN PSYCHOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT**

This endowment will provide one or more annual scholarship awards (about \$1, 000 annual award) for a senior psychology student or a graduate student in the behavior analysis program. The recipient will have demonstrated a concern for individuals in need of care and a dedication to making socially significant change in their lives through the application of behavior analysis.

### **About the Donor**

Alex Melconian is the surviving spouse of Garine Melconian. He, like his wife, is an alumnus of CSUN and wishes to give back to the institution that provided the training that set them up for success at their individual pursuits. He has established this endowment in honor of his wife to inspire others to continue her dedication to behavior analytic interventions with youth who are disadvantaged.

### **Purpose and Use of Gift Proceeds**

The annual distributions from the ***Garine Melconian Psychology Scholarship Endowment*** will provide one or more annual scholarship awards for a senior completing their studies in the University's Department of Psychology or a graduate student in the Applied Behavior Analysis Master's program, who aspire to obtain a graduate degree in applied behavior analysis (ABA) at the University, demonstrate a concern for others, and are dedicated to making meaningful change through the application of behavior analysis. The recipients will have demonstrated their participation in, leadership of, and/or personal commitment to educational change in K-12 schools. Additional criteria to be utilized by the University in the determination of the recipient(s) include Scholastic Achievement (minimum of 3.0 grade point average) and two faculty references in support of their nomination.

An eligible student(s) will self-nominate by submitting a one-page personal statement describing why he/she is the most suitable candidate(s) for the award, including specific examples of how he/she demonstrated dedication to making meaningful change in the lives of underserved youth. In the event that no student self-nominates or those who do self-nominate do not meet the criteria, the faculty of the University's Department of Psychology may nominate students by submitting a brief paragraph describing why the students meet the criteria for the award. The award criteria, whether it be by self-nomination or faculty nomination, remain unchanged.

The recipients of the annual scholarship award and the amounts of the awards will be recommended by the department award committee to be established and coordinated by the Chair of the Department of Psychology in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Committee will review the applications and make their recommendations to the Director of the Applied Behavior Analysis Program, the Chair of the Department of Psychology, and the Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

### **Gift Fulfillment**

Donor agreed to make the gift of \$26,000 to support the scholarship endowment in November, 2016. Upon receipt of the gift, the Foundation will transfer \$1,000 to the working account of the endowment, so an award can be made in the 2016 – 2017 academic year.

The gift may be satisfied with cash gifts or gifts of securities at the discretion of the Donor. The pledge will be recorded once it is signed by the Donor and the appropriate representatives of the Foundation and the University. The Donor acknowledges that any contributions through corporate matching gifts or nonprofit organizations (such as community foundations, donor-advised funds, or United Way) cannot be used to reduce the outstanding balance of this Agreement. This does not preclude the donor from availing themselves to these opportunities.