



Port scholarship recipients Angelica Torres (awardee in 2001, 2002, and 2003) and Dexter Prive (awardee in 2003) stand dockside at the International Transportation Services container terminal located on the Port's Pier J.

A Helping Hand Tomorrow's

The world we live in is a global community, no longer confined by the traditional notions of borders and geographic seclusion. Learning how all citizens of the world are tied together through trade and commerce helps to broaden understanding of other cultures as well as promote tolerance and understanding.

These concepts figure prominently in the educational outreach programs the Port has supported for more than a decade. Another important goal of the Port's educational outreach is to prepare a new generation of leaders in international trade. The Port believes, as Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best dividends."

International Business Scholarships

Since 1993, the Port has awarded more than \$85,500 in scholarships to 103 college students. While scholarships were initially established for international business majors, they were expanded to students in vocational programs during the mid-1990's to prepare students for careers in technical professions.

Today, the Port awards scholarships each May to international business students at California State University Long Beach and Long Beach City College. Scholarships also are awarded to students in LBCC's Trades and Industrial Technologies programs.

LBCC international business students are eligible for the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Scholarship, named in memory of former Port of Long Beach Security Director and LBCC alumnus Woodrow Wilson. These scholarships range from \$500 for part-time students to \$1,000 for full-time students.

Criteria for International Business Scholarships

- Student must be a junior or senior (does not apply to LBCC students).
- Student must be enrolled in the International Business Program and intends to pursue a career in international business either through government or private work.
- Student must possess an overall cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- Student must demonstrate evidence of financial need.
- Student should be a U.S. citizen or otherwise authorized to work in the U.S.

For more information about our scholarship and Senior Studies programs contact the numbers below:

- CSULB at (562) 985-5306
- LBCC's scholarship office at (562) 938-4083
- LBCC's Trades and Industrial Technologies at (562) 938-3057
- Global Logistics Specialist Program/Scholarship at (562) 296-1170
- Senior Studies Program at (562) 938-3047.

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Technical Scholarships

In conjunction with the LBCC School of Trades and Industrial Technologies, the Port annually offers four \$500 scholarships which are available to students studying vocational trades related to the maritime industry. These trades include programs in alternative fuels, air conditioning and refrigeration, sheet metal, and welding. For more information about the Port's vocational scholarships, please contact the LBCC's School of Trades and Industrial Technologies at (562) 938-3057.

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Global Logistics Training

The Port has provided advanced educational support through funding and development of the Global Logistics Specialist Program offered through the University College and Extension Services at CSULB. The program offers an entry-level course to teach the basics of logistics, a certificate program for professionals in the industry, and a Master's in Global Logistics program. The Board of Harbor Commissioners recently approved the sponsorship of a scholarship for the Master's in Global Logistics program. For more information, contact Marianne Venieris at (562) 296-1170.

Other Educational Support

In addition to financial support, the Port provides guest lecturers for international business classes at CSULB and LBCC, the Pacific Rim Club at CSULB, and the student chapter of the International Business Association.

At LBCC, Port representatives also sit on the advisory board of the Seniors Studies Program, actively participating in the development of study topics for older adults. The Port provides annual classroom updates about the Port's development and challenges, as well as free annual harbor cruises for program participants. For more information on the Senior Studies Program, please call (562) 938-3047.



Port scholarship
2003 recipient
Vlad Marinescu

Sometimes wanting to succeed is not enough. For Vlad Marinescu the desire to succeed was always there, but like many people, he sometimes found the going difficult — especially when it came to college. In his final year at CSULB, he found himself with a full-time course load (a double major in finance and international business) and a full-time job to pay expenses.

“It is hard being a full-time student and a full-time worker,” says Marinescu, a 2003 recipient of a Port of Long Beach International Business Scholarship. “Something had to give, and there were many nights where I was only able to get a few hours sleep.”

Marinescu's Port of Long Beach scholarship gave him the freedom to finish his senior year. “I was able to cut down my work hours and focus instead on my studies and, ultimately, my future.”

Through contacts he made because of the scholarship, Marinescu became involved in an International Business Association program that allowed him to shadow a local executive for a day. He followed a member of the Long Beach City Auditor's office. While no offers or promises were made, Marinescu says that it helped get his foot in the door and allowed him to spend several hours with someone in the office, much more than a normal job interview might have done.

Now 24, Marinescu graduated as a CSULB double major in 2003 and now works for the City Auditor's office as a staff auditor.

“The Port scholarships,” he says, “are a wonderful program and the Port does a great service by making them available.”