

# Three Wishes Scholarships and The Ventura BioCenter To Help Conejo Valley Families Pay Less for College

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Nancy Paul of Three Wishes Scholarships in Westlake Village and The Ventura BioCenter in Thousand Oaks will collaborate to present “The ABC’s of Using Achievement to Pay Less for College: What to do Starting in 4th Grade to be able to Afford Your Student’s Dream College,” a complimentary lecture open to the public, on Tuesday, April 21, at The Ventura BioCenter. Networking will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the presentation will start at 7:00 p.m.

“College costs are up another 3% nationwide this year, with no end in sight,” explains Three Wishes Scholarships founder Nancy Paul whose three daughters were awarded \$600,000 in merit scholarships – money for college based on achievement.

Merit scholarships are not based on financial need. They are awarded for all kinds of achievement, from academics, leadership, and community service to hobbies, religion, hardships, and more. The money never has to be paid back.

“Students in all financial situations can apply for merit scholarships starting in the 4th grade,” she continues. “The problem is that most families don’t know what to do to make their students’ college dreams come true, without breaking the bank.”

“The two biggest and most costly misconceptions about merit scholarships are that a family may earn too much to qualify for merit aid, and that students should wait until their senior year to begin pursuing merit scholarships,” Paul shares. “At that point they have missed so many opportunities to pay less for college that they often must send their students to other schools or incur college debt,” Paul explains. “So much stress and guilt regarding paying for college can be reduced with advance planning.”

The cost of college has increased by 1120% since 1978. College debt has reached \$1.2 trillion, eclipsing credit card debt.

High school and private college counselors typically focus on getting students admitted to college. How to pay for college is another matter.

Author of the best-selling handbook, *The Little Book about Scholarships*, Paul frequently speaks at high schools and to groups. She also consults with families nationwide who want to be proactive about lowering college costs and position their students to help pay for college.

To register for the event, call the BioCenter at (805) 480-9900 or email [info@amethystls.com](mailto:info@amethystls.com).

For more information about Three Wishes Scholarships, please call (805) 870-2610 or visit [www.ThreeWishesScholarships.com](http://www.ThreeWishesScholarships.com) to claim your complimentary copy of “7 Secrets to Pay Less for College.”

The Ventura BioCenter is located at 1176 Tourmaline Drive in Thousand Oaks. This vibrant community of scientists, engineers, educators, business leaders and marketing professionals is dedicated to bringing the entire community together to enrich one another and the Conejo Valley as a whole. For more information, on The Ventura BioCenter, please visit us on the web <http://venturabiocenter.com>, call 805-480-9900, or email [info@venturabiocenter.com](mailto:info@venturabiocenter.com).

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