

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation
Spence & Shirley Flournoy Memorial Engineering Scholarship

Scholarship Series Update #4



The Spencer and Shirley Flournoy Engineering Scholarship honors the memory of Spencer and his wife Shirley Flournoy, both long-time supporters of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa and its Foundation. Spencer, prior to his retirement to Santa Rosa, held several high level engineering/constructions jobs, and worked on major projects around the world. After retirement Spence was President of the Sonoma County Taxpayers Association, working diligently as a taxpayer watchdog on government spending and taxation. Shirley stayed home to raise their three children, and volunteered for the Sonoma County Community Hospital. Due to their generosity, the annual scholarship is offered on a renewable basis to a Santa Rosa Junior College transfer students in the engineering and construction management fields.

Spencer Flournoy graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 1941 after serving as the President, Secretary and Councilor of his fraternity (Phi Gamma Delta). Spencer retired as Vice President of Occidental Petroleum in 1982, after also serving as President of Occidental Engineering Co. After his retirement, Gov. George Deukmejian appointed him to the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

The Flournoy Scholarship is awarded each year to the outstanding SRJC transfer student in the field of Engineering. The 2022-23 recipient was Joshua Crain who is attending UC Berkeley majoring in Mechanical Engineering. The 2023-24 recipient is Brooke Thompson who will major in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly-SLO.

Contributions to the Flournoy Scholarship will be gratefully accepted. The Foundation is trying to keep up with increasing cost of attending a university and earning a bachelors degree.