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With the Motto “Service Above Self,” the Rotary Club of Montecito Gives \$13,750 in Scholarships to Santa Barbara City College Students

In partnership with the SBCC Foundation, the Rotary Club of Montecito is pleased to announce the gift of \$1,250 scholarships to 11 deserving Santa Barbara City College students. The Rotary Club has long prioritized education as a key area of focus, providing scholarships to ensure Santa Barbara’s local youth are able to maximize their potential.

“For more than 25 years, the Rotary Club of Montecito has provided scholarships for students in the Vocational and Technical Studies at Santa Barbara City College; the total amount of support provided during this time exceeds \$100,000,” said Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Chair John Glanville. “This year the club funded 11 scholarships for a total of \$13,750. These scholarships cover a range of vocational endeavors including nursing, automotive, marine diving, cosmetology, and theatre arts. The club membership believes in the mission of SBCC to educate and provide opportunity to students seeking worthwhile careers in a variety of vocational and technical fields.”

For many Santa Barbara City College students, a scholarship can mean the difference between staying in school or having to give up on an education. When an SBCC student receives a scholarship, they are receiving a boost of confidence as well as financial support.

“We are so very grateful to the Rotary Club of Montecito for their long-standing support of SBCC's career technical education students,” said SBCC Foundation CEO Geoff Green. “The focus on CTE puts a spotlight on one of the great strengths of our community's college and the talented students who pursue these specialized skills. The generosity of the club and its members is remarkable.”

Congratulations to the 2015 Rotary Club of Montecito Scholarship recipients including:

- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Chris Carroll Memorial Scholarship: **Ivette Fernandez**, Theatre Arts
- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Martin and Julia Koobation Scholarship: **Mackenzie “Mac” Welby**, Journalism
- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation President’s Leadership Scholarship: **Michael Reynolds**, Computer Network Engineering
- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Fenkner Family Scholarship: **Vito Summa**, Nursing
- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Nahra Scholarship: **Dean Bertrand**, Business
- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Buehler Family Scholarship: **Jessica Murr**, Early Childhood Education

- Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation Berwick Family Scholarship: **Skyler Lyon**, Nursing
- Rotary of Montecito Vocational and Career Technical Scholarships: **Jose Alva**, Culinary Arts; **Sean Normandin**, Automotive Technologies; **Kerilyn Morales**, Radiography; **Jonathan Ruhl**, Marine Diving Technologies

Working with the SBCC Foundation since 2007, the Rotary Club of Montecito continues to provide a growing number of scholarships to support students who show outstanding determination and drive to succeed, and who are leaders within their discipline and the broader community. As the vehicle through which individuals and organizations invest in the college, the SBCC Foundation was able to match the Rotary Club of Montecito's interest in supporting scholarships with specific student need.

About the Rotary Club of Montecito

Concentrating on fellowship through service, Rotary International is the world's largest service organization with more than 1.2 million members who come together to create positive change. Local chapters, such as the **Rotary Club of Montecito** focus on leading polio eradication efforts, promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing the local economy. Now more than 100 years old, Rotary International continues to have lasting impact on both local and global communities.

About the SBCC Foundation

The **SBCC Foundation** was established in 1976 to provide Santa Barbara City College with private philanthropic support. The foundation acts in partnership with the college and bridges the gap between available public funding and institutional need, as determined by the college leadership. Serving as the vehicle through which individuals and organizations may invest in the college, the foundation fuels the educational excellence that has long been the hallmark of SBCC. The SBCC Foundation provides more than \$4 million annually for student success programs, scholarships, book grants, and other critical needs of the college in order to support SBCC students as they prepare for careers, transfer to four-year universities, and pursue lifelong learning goals.



Photo credit: Rotary Club of Montecito members, SBCC faculty, and scholarship recipients.
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