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Rotary Club of Montecito Gives \$12,500 in Scholarships to Santa Barbara City College Students

Santa Barbara, CA – In partnership with the SBCC Foundation, Rotary Club of Montecito and its supporting foundation are pleased to announce the awarding of ten \$1,250 scholarships to high-performing Santa Barbara City College vocational and career technology students. Rotary Club of Montecito has long prioritized education as a key area of focus by providing financial support to ensure Santa Barbara’s local youth are able to maximize their potential.

“For more than 25 years, the Rotary Club of Montecito has made scholarships available for students in the Vocational and Career Technical Studies at Santa Barbara City College; the total amount of support provided during this time exceeds \$120,000,” said Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation President Cathy Cash. “This year the club awarded ten scholarships for a total of \$12,500. These scholarships cover a range of vocational endeavors including medical studies, theatre arts technical skills, culinary arts, early childhood education, marine diving technology, cosmetology, and computer information systems. The club membership believes in the mission of SBCC to educate and provide opportunity to students seeking lucrative and engaging careers in a variety of career technical fields.”

“We remain grateful to the Rotary Club of Montecito for its substantial and loyal support of SBCC’s Career Technical Education students,” said SBCC Foundation CEO Geoff Green. “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.”

Nominations come from faculty members in SBCC’s more than five dozen Career Technical Education Programs. Faculty take into consideration students’ leadership qualities, excellence in their discipline, and community involvement. Rotary’s Four-Way Test guides the

nomination and choice of scholarship recipients—Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendship? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Congratulations to the 2019 scholarship recipients:

From the Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation

Buehler Family Scholarship: **Victoria Krause**, Early Childhood Education
Chris Carroll Memorial Scholarship: **Joseph Hernandez**, Theatre Arts
Cash-McRoy Scholarship: **Eun Jung “Judy” Kim**, Associate Degree in Nursing
Fenkner Family Scholarship: **Rachel Braswell-Jennings**, Associate Degree in Nursing
Martin and Julia Koobation Scholarship: **Ellie Piedra Cruz**, Justice Studies
Lynda Nahra Scholarship: **Joseph Mooy**, Computer Information Systems

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Vocational and Career Technical Scholarships: **Holly Burnicki**, Vocational Nursing; **Maile Hewitt**, Radiography; **Nan May Thu Htwe**, Interior Design; and **Annie Lin**, Cosmetology.

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 110 years old, Rotary International continues to have lasting impact on local as well as global communities.

About the SBCC Foundation

The SBCC Foundation has provided Santa Barbara City College with private philanthropic support since 1976, serving as the vehicle through which individuals and organizations may invest in the college and its students.

As an independent 501c3 nonprofit organization and partner to SBCC, the SBCC Foundation awards more than \$5 million annually for student success programs, scholarships, book grants, emergency funds, and other critical needs of the college. For more than four decades, the resources raised and managed by the SBCC Foundation have supported SBCC students as they prepare for careers, transfer to four-year universities, and pursue lifelong learning goals.

In 2016, the Foundation launched the SBCC Promise, offering all local high school graduates the opportunity to attend SBCC full-time at no cost. The SBCC Promise relies entirely on private support and covers all required fees, books, and supplies for up to two years. To date, more than 3,000 local students have participated in the SBCC Promise. By removing financial barriers, the SBCC Promise ensures that SBCC's life-changing educational programs are fully accessible to all local students.

For more information, visit sbccfoundation.org



Photo: Rotary Club of Montecito members, SBCC faculty, SBCC Foundation staff, and 2019 student scholarship recipients. Photo courtesy of Nell Campbell Photography.

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