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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.

“The Rotary Club of Montecito has been partnering with Santa Barbara City College for more than 25 years, providing annual scholarship awards to qualified students pursuing vocational and career technical degrees,” said Rotary Club of Montecito President Kati Buehler. “The Club awarded ten scholarships this year for a total of \$12,500 and is proud to support the recipients as they persevere in their studies. Our Club membership is committed to supporting educational opportunities for SBCC students so they can pursue successful careers in a variety of career technical fields.”

“We are grateful to the Rotary Club of Montecito for its generous support of SBCC’s Career Technical Education students,” said SBCC Foundation CEO Geoff Green. “These scholarships support talented students in a wide array of CTE fields, spotlighting one of the great strengths of our community’s college. SBCC serves as one of our region’s most important economic development engines. The vast majority of these exemplary students move directly into our local workforce after completing their education.”

Nominations come from faculty members in SBCC’s more than five dozen Career Technical Education Programs. The scholarships awarded this year cover a range of endeavors, including medical studies, multimedia arts and technology, film production, early childhood education, marine diving technology, business entrepreneurship, and automotive technology. Faculty take into consideration students’ leadership qualities, excellence in their discipline, and community involvement.

Congratulations to the 2020 scholarship recipients:

Rotary Club of Montecito Scholarships

Maria Abundez, Vocational Nursing (*In Memory of Rosslyn Ray*)

Jason Usami, Film Production

Melissa Mueller, Radiology

Cristian Sanchez, Automotive Technology

Isaac Kershner, Animation and Gaming

Emma Horanic, Marine Diving Technology, *Martin and Julia Koobation Scholarship*

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Priscilla Nolasco, Early Childhood Education, *Kati and Peter Buehler Scholarship*

Keith Steele, Associate Degree in Nursing, *Catherine Cash and Bruce McRoy Nursing Scholarship*

Tobias Norby, Business with an Accounting Emphasis, *Lora and Tom Fisher Business Education Scholarship*

Lucas Roque, Entrepreneurship, *Lynda Nahra Scholarship*

About the Rotary Club of Montecito

Concentrating on fellowship through service, Rotary International is a network of more than 35,000 clubs in almost every country in the world, with more than 1.2 million members who come together to create positive, lasting change in their communities. Rotarians take action in five key areas: providing access to clean water and sanitation, supporting education, preventing and treating disease, saving mothers and children, and growing local economies. 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 recent, 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, nearly 4,000 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.

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