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

Santa Barbara, CA – In partnership with the SBCC Foundation, the Rotary Club of Montecito and its supporting foundation are pleased to announce the awarding of ten (10) \$1,250 scholarships to standout SBCC students pursuing study in a career technical education program.

“The Rotary Club of Montecito, which is celebrating its 70th year of community service, is proud to have a longstanding relationship with Santa Barbara City College Foundation,” says Rotary Club of Montecito President Tony Morris. “For nearly 30 years, our club has provided vocational scholarships to deserving students who have been nominated by faculty members. This year, 10 students were honored for excelling in their chosen fields with a luncheon prepared by the amazing staff of Santa Barbara City College’s culinary team. Our club looks forward to many more years of this educational tradition.”

SBCC Foundation CEO Geoff Green adds, “We are forever grateful to the Rotary Club of Montecito for their long-standing commitment to SBCC students. For more than a quarter century the Club has generously supported scholarships to SBCC’s Career Technical Education students. CTE programs are one of the great strengths of our community’s college. The students who pursue these specialized skills are the future of our community.”

Students were selected from among SBCC’s more than 60 Career Technical Education programs. Faculty nominated students who demonstrate leadership, academic excellence, and service to their classroom, campus, or community. Rotary’s Four-Way Test guides the nomination and choice of scholarship recipients: Is it Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendship? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

Congratulations to the 2023 scholarship recipients:

From the Rotary Club of Montecito Foundation

Kati and Peter Buehler Family Scholarship: **Leslie Loeza**, Early Childhood Education
Cathy Cash and Bruce McRoy Scholarship: **James Hanna**, Associate Degree Nursing
Lora and Tom Fisher Scholarship: **Andrej Mihajlovic**, Business Administration
Julie and Roger Davis Scholarship: **Julio Rangel**, Construction Technology

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Career Technical Education Scholarships:
Carmen Zamora, Radiography
Marianna Gamet, Cosmetology
Alyssa Marlen, Drafting/CAD
Estella Avila, Addictive Disorders Counseling
Hannah Diaz, Multimedia Arts & Design

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About the Rotary Club of Montecito

Rotary International is one of the world's largest service organizations, with over 46,000 clubs and 1.4 million members worldwide. Its mission centers on creating lasting change in local communities and across the globe. Local chapters like the Rotary Club of Montecito focus on efforts ranging from the promotion of peace to growing local economies to protecting the environment. For over 25 years, the Rotary Club of Montecito has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships to SBCC students in career technical education.

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 approximately \$5 million annually for the SBCC Promise, student success programs, scholarships, book grants, emergency funds, and more. For 47 years, 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, more than 6,500 students have participated. By removing financial barriers, the SBCC Promise ensures that SBCC's life-changing educational programs are fully accessible to all local students.

Photo: Rotary Club of Montecito members, SBCC faculty, SBCC Foundation staff, and 2023 student scholarship recipients.

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