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Students Receive Health Care Scholarships

San Diego, Calif. - Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla and the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation awarded 2015/2016 scholarships to fifteen North County students interested in pursuing careers in the health care field. This joint scholarship program is now in its twelfth year providing assistance for needy and deserving young people. The awards were presented at a luncheon on August 3rd at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla. Scholarship recipients are:

- From Sunset High School – Sara Velez is attending Mira Costa and plans to become a nurse.
- From La Costa Canyon High School – Natalia Price will attend CSU San Marcos and her intended course of study is Women's Studies; Jacklyn Vasquez will attend Mira Costa College and plans to become a nurse.
- From Oceanside High School – Oreana Diaz, Stephanie Murillo, Maryjane Arroyo, Jennifer Casarrubias Rendon, Jackelyn Carrillo and Ashley Campos all plan to attend Cal State San Marcos and become nurses; Monica Mozo plans to attend Mira Costa and also study nursing; Jennifer Magbata will be attending Grand Canyon University and wants to become a pediatric nurse.
- From Carlsbad High School – Christina Flores-Lopez will be attending Cal State San Marcos studying Political Science and Beenish Ismail will also attend CSU San Marcos and study nursing.
- From El Camino High School – Steven Avalosmontes will be attending Mira Costa College and plans to become a nurse.
- From San Dieguito Academy – Sophia Hernandez is going to Biola University and will be studying Human Biology.

Students receiving a renewal of their scholarships are:

- Rebekah Chung, a 2012 graduate of Carlsbad High School, is attending her fourth year at San Diego State University. This year she will be entering SDSU's nursing program.
- Georgina Akuffo graduated from La Costa Canyon and is in her second year at Mira Costa College studying Kinesiology.

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- Alexander Flores graduated from Oceanside High School and is in his second year at UCLA and wants to become a nurse.

The scholarship program was the brainchild of Leonard Polster, an ardent supporter of both Scripps La Jolla and the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito as well as a long-time member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Mr. Polster brought both organizations together to form the scholarship program in hopes of encouraging students to pursue careers in the medical field to help offset the shortage of health care workers.

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla is a part of Scripps Health, a not-for-profit, community-based health care system that includes four hospitals on five campuses, dozens of outpatient clinics, thousands of affiliated physicians, home health and hospice care. Scripps employs 13,500 people in San Diego County and treats a half-million patients annually.

About Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation

The Boys and Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation was established in 1977 and is an independent entity managed by 19 Trustees. The Foundation is a tax-deductible receptacle for donations aimed at long-range facilities planning, as well as being a backup for existing operations. The Foundation also acts as a custodian for major grants and bequests in support of specific BGC San Dieguito programs and activities, and will administer them at its own cost. Contributions arrive through direct gifts (cash, land, stocks, insurance and mortgages) and through delayed gifting via bequests and charitable trusts. Assets today are approximately \$3 million, with approximately \$12 million in deferred gifts. The Foundation supports the operating Club by:

- Providing non-interest-bearing loans to assist the operating Club's cash flow
- Undertaking studies and demographic surveys to project future needs
- Seeking land to acquire for new Club facilities
- Making grants for off-budget items such as capital grants and special projects
- Providing scholarships to deserving youth

For more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation, please visit us at bgcsandieguito.org/home/foundation/



2015/2016 Scripps/Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation Scholarship Recipients
(Not pictured are Oreana Diaz and Alexander Flores)

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