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Ventura County Community Foundation Awards
More Than \$600,000 in Scholarships to Local Students

(CAMARILLO, CA – June 29, 2005) — The Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) has awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships to 217 outstanding local students as part of its annual scholarship program. The dollar amount of scholarships awarded this year by VCCF represents a doubling from just a year ago as well as an expansion of several key initiatives.

“None of this would be possible without the many donors here in Ventura County who established funds with the express purpose of staking the next generation to a better future,” said Mary Leavens Schwabauer, chair of both the VCCF board as well as its scholarship advisory. “We are thrilled to be able to help so many deserving students pursue their dreams of obtaining a college education.” VCCF has over \$12.8 million in endowed funds for scholarships and student-related programs.

This scholarship amount represents a significant expansion of VCCF's scholarship efforts, which have blossomed since the Community Foundation first began awarding scholarships in 1992. With this year's awards, over \$1.9 million in awards have been made to Ventura County students. Of particular note this year is the expansion of the James Basile Scholarships, due to the \$6 million bequest of Simi Valley attorney James Basile. The Basile Scholarships are providing \$20,000 awards to 15 students, which are payable over four years with certain requirements, a significant increase from prior years.

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Students awarded this year also include the second cycle of the Orfalea Nursing Scholarships, provided to students who intend to practice nursing in Ventura County. These awards are provided through a three-year grant from the Orfalea Fund of Santa Barbara. This is an important part of an initiative by the Community Foundation to expand the supply of nurses in Ventura County, which was recently supplemented by the establishment of a \$750,000 loan forgiveness fund in conjunction with the County of Ventura.

Several new memorial funds made their first awards this year, including the David Casavan Memorial Scholarship, which was awarded by his widow Carolyn, and two funds in honors of young men recently killed, the Michael DiRaimondo Scholarship and the Michael Frick Scholarship. Both the DiRaimondo and Frick families were in attendance at the recent awards ceremony.

The first awards from a scholarship fund established by the Ventura County chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP) were given to five students, one each attending Ventura College, Moorpark College and Oxnard College and two attending California State University, Channel Islands.

Scholarship applications are usually available on VCCF's Web site in late December with deadlines in February for distribution of awards for the next academic year. This year's winners, listed by hometown, are as follows:

Camarillo:

Jennifer Albertson, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Memorial Scholarship; Victoria Goncarencu, \$2,500 Iris & Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship; Phuong Mai, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. & Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Linda Tran, \$1,000 SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship; Andrew Vahradian, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Hiromi Arai, \$1,000 Joyce M. Kennedy, Ph.D. Scholarship; Alejandra Gutzeit, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Svetlana Rosvadovsky, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Lauren Carter, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Megan Moyer, \$650 Herbert A. Berlin Memorial Scholarship; Shasta Ott, \$1,500 Sage Scholarship, \$1,000 Jean Weber Memorial Scholarship, and \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Tanya Widmer, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Alina Logerquist, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship.

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Angelica Arroyo, \$1,000 Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship; Anthony Gurrola, \$1,500 Laura Duval Toomey Saticoy Poinsettia Club Scholarship; Adryana DeLaRosa, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Rosalia Garcia, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Juan Herrera, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Luz Lopez, \$1,500 Sage Scholarship; Dalia Navarro, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Crystal J. Ocegueda, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Maria C. Patino, \$500 Jean Weber Memorial Scholarship and \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Maria G. Patino \$500 Stanley E. Cohen Memorial Scholarship and \$1,000 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Gabriela Reyes, \$1,000 Saticoy Lemon Association Employee Scholarship; John Zermeno, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Devin Pace, \$2,200 Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship; Keshav R. Khadka, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Catherine Olivares, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Rupesh Sloan, \$500 TEACH Scholarship.

Moorpark:

Courtney Groden, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Nick Bailey \$625 CALAVO Scholarship; Hsuan-Wen Chang, \$500 Gerhardt Family Scholarship; Ashley A. Englander, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Neal Glatt, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Christina Kapucija, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Naomi Klimasewska, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Sergio Pacheco, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship and \$500 Vicky Howard Community Service Award; Shannon Pflaumer, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Amanda Schmutzler, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Jason Tai, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship.

Newbury Park:

Marella Martin, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Ryan J. Donahue, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Rachel M. Golombeck, William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Kristen Onsgard, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Corbin Walker, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship.

Oak Park:

Brian Kim, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jiakun Liu, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Alexandra Martin, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Kevin A. Potter, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship and \$500 Association of Water Agencies (AWA) Scholarship; Sabrina Chou, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship.

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Ojai:

Katie E. Parziale, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Andrew Doyle, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Tiana Graham, \$1,000 Dennis S. Ford Memorial Scholarship; Matthew Gregory-Browne, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Megan Lewis, \$1,000 Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship and \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Zachary Tane, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Erendira Garcia, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award.

Oxnard:

Victor Alamillo \$5100 Gerhardt Family Scholarship; Gerardo DeCasas \$500 Armando and Lourdes Lopez Scholarship; Lady Ariane Eugenio, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Krista Fierro, \$250.00 Indian Education Scholarship; Vanessa Ilano, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Yvette Lopez, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Marie Mattingly, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Melody Grace Mattingly, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Teresa Palencia, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Julia Rodriguez, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Stefani Zavala, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Laura A. Chacon, \$500 Armando and Lourdes Lopez Scholarship; Evelyn Padilla, \$500 Adelante Scholarship and \$500 Armando and Lourdes Lopez Scholarship; Jorge Rosales, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Noemi Fernandez, \$500 Ventura County Agricultural Scholarship; Xavier A. Erguera, \$600 Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; Alexandria Gayda, \$600 Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; Anna Jessmer, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Andres M. Sanchez, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Georgina M. Sanchez, \$600 Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; Melissa M. Sment, \$500 Oscar and Aileen Horn Scholarship; Jaimie K. Thomas, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship and \$600 Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; Lucita Van Der Kraan, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship and \$600 Paul Lehmann Memorial Scholarship; Veronica Rice, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Kathleen McVicker, \$1,000 Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship and \$700 Berenice Barnard Music Education Scholarship; Brenda Hurtado, \$1,000 Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship; Catherine Olivares, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Adam L. Oyerbides, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Farhaad Azimi, \$2,200 Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship; Patricia Lopez, \$1,000 TEACH Scholarship; Kitssia Rodriguez, \$2,500 TEACH Scholarship; Mayela Segura, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship.

Port Hueneme:

Darren Finklea, \$1,000 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Evelyn Padilla, \$500 Adelante Scholarship and \$500 Armando and Lourdes Lopez Scholarship; Jessica Angel, \$1,000 Ventura County National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals.

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Piru:

Juana E. Becerra, \$2,500 Finch Family Scholarship; Janyne Piche, \$2,500 Finch Family Scholarship.

Santa Paula:

Maribel Aguilar, Christina Cabral, Wendy Delgadillo, and Robert Garcia each received a \$500 Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia/Latino Town Hall Scholarship; Byanka Gaxiola, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship and \$500 Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia/Latino Town Hall Scholarship; Geronimo Gonzalez, \$1,000 Bob Burns Memorial Scholarship; Jesse Leidig, \$1,000 Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia/Latino Town Hall Scholarship, and \$500 Association of Water Agencies (AWA) of Ventura County Scholarship, and \$2,250 Milton McKeveett Teague Scholarship; Yesenia Lemus, \$500 Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia/Latino Town Hall Scholarship; Maria Magana, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Sal Magana, Lupe Martinez, Michelle Padilla, Oscar Rodriguez, Victoria Salas, and Karina Tapia each received a \$500 Ray Libero Sepulveda and Ray Garcia/Latino Town Hall Scholarship; Sergio Oseguera, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Jacob Thompson, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Amy Geiger, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Maria Villalon, \$1,000 Katherine M. Wakelee Scholarship; Benny Cavanna, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship; Angel Silva, \$2,250 TEACH Scholarship; Michael Jue, \$750 Alfonso and Dora Romero Scholarship.

Simi Valley:

Jennifer Curtin, \$1,000 Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship and \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jeffrey Graves, \$500 David G. Casavan Memorial Scholarship; Megan C. Hughes, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Robert Johnston, Jerry E. Lorenz Scholarship; Van Nga Nguyen, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Juan C. Ordonez, \$10,000 Michael A. DiRaimondo Foundation Scholarship; Hsiangchih (Stacy) Yeh, \$1,000 Ventura County National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals Scholarship; Eileen Kwan, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Christina M. Rodriguez, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Cassidy Adlof, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Grace Kim, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Atul Vyas, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Greg M. Gonzalez, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Frances Kim, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Alan Le, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship, and \$1,000 Bob Burns Memorial Scholarship, and \$1,000 SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship; Jennifer Ngo, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Athena Fricano, \$500 TEACH Scholarship; Melissa Garcia, \$500 TEACH Scholarship; Ashley Lemense, \$500 TEACH Scholarship; Ashlee Ostic, \$500 TEACH Scholarship.

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Shannon Aguilar, \$2,250 Milton McKeveatt Teague Scholarship.

Thousand Oaks:

Amanda Buescher, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Erin Dieterle, \$1,000 Delta Kappa Gamma Recruitment Grant Scholarship; Tejasvi Vishwanadha, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship, and \$1,000 SAME Engineer/Architect Scholarship; Lauren Baize, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jessica L. Bennett, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Alexandra Klokova, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Daria Klokova, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Kristin B. Burns, \$500 Gerhardt Family Scholarship; Hsuan-Wen Chang, \$500 Gerhardt Family Scholarship; Shalra Hameed, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Tiffany Hsiou, Irene (Han) Li, Lydia Lo, May M. Lou, Barbara Mazina, Jordan Michaels, Maria Pesquiera, Catherine Ricafort, Laurent Russell each received a \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Camille Mathewson, \$1,000 TEACH Scholarship; Judy Miyaro, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship.

Ventura:

Eliana Asaad, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Jeffrey B. Cordial, \$500 Mike Frick Memorial Baseball Scholarship; Hector DeAlba, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jeffrey Gurrola, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Michael Kilpatrick, \$1,000 Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship; Crystal J. Medina, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Andrea L. Muntzel, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Hannah Pitts, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Austen D. Slade \$1,400 Arleigh McConnell Memorial Scholarship and \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jesse M. Taylor, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Sergio Valenzuela, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Larissa White, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Katherine Brooks, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Garrett Boys, Amanda Dominguez, Megan Lysaght, Kyle Klein Stephenson, and Brian C. Wantz each received a \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Robert Nichols, \$1,000 Parker & Virginia Howell Scholarship; Skyler Stewart, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Christopher Yazzie, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Duong Phan, \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award; Brian Yuncker, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Katie Brugman, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship and \$725 Bethany Anne Cody Scholarship; Amelia Z. Garcken, \$725 Bethany Anne Cody Scholarship; Ravneet Bajwa, \$1,000 Parker and Virginia Howell Scholarship; Genetrix Barasa received the \$2,000 Orfalea Nursing Scholarship Award, the \$750 Charles J. and Kay Schuler Scholarship, and the \$500 Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship; Daniela Flores, \$1,500 Berenice Barnard Music Specialist Scholarship and

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\$700 Berenice Barnard Music Education Scholarship; Ricky Medrano, \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Christopher Boswell-Donaldson, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Brendan Britz, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Tara Bryant, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Colin Campbell, \$500 Mike Larrabee Athletic Scholarship; Allison Dally-Shaffer, \$250 Indian Education Scholarship; Alicia Dillon, \$500 Community Folk Art Scholarship and \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Ashley Elbogen, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Christopher Gurney, \$500 Kent Weigel Math Scholarship and \$20,000 James C. Basile Scholarship; Chelsea M. Jones, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Leticia Rubalcava, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Addy Sanchez, \$500 Eleanor Tillquist Scholarship; Juliet Shih, \$2,500 Iris and Roger (Spike) Wilkins Scholarship and \$1,000 Helen Mathilda Yunker Music Scholarship; Michelle Stevens, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Tami Weston, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Dallas Woodburn, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jessica L. Workman, \$500 Ventura County Community Foundation Scholarship; Lisa Anderson, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship; Jessica Loftus, \$1,000 TEACH Scholarship; Raquel Montes, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship; Alaina W. Upthegrove, \$1,500 TEACH Scholarship.

Westlake Village:

Ira Clary, Jr., \$2,200 Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship; Daniel Agarwal, \$1,000 Gary W. Chism Memorial Scholarship; Tyffany Chen, \$1,500 Sage Scholarship; Shalra Hameed, \$1,200 William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Jordan Michaels, William A. Fairburn, Jr. and Cynthia D. Fairburn Memorial Scholarship; Christopher Conant, \$2,200 Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship; Kristopher Cronin, \$2,200 Roy A. Gustafson Memorial Scholarship.

Other Area Recipients:

From Santa Clarita: Sergio Fletes, \$500 Adelante Scholarship

From Somerset, Kentucky: Kerri Clark, \$5,000 Rosellen Dee Pearsall Nurse Scholarship

From San Luis Obispo: Tara Saylor, \$1,000 TEACH Scholarship

“Many of these young people are first-generation college students,” said Schwabauer. “The Foundation’s scholarship program provides them with a support system, without which many may not have the confidence to pursue higher education.”

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The Ventura County Community Foundation is a family of charitable funds created in 1987 by citizens who cared deeply about strengthening the community, preserving and expanding its cultural resources, and helping those in need. The Foundation works to enrich and enhance the quality of life in Ventura County and to provide leadership to residents and nonprofit organizations in building an enduring source of funds and strengthening community participation to meet the changing needs and challenges of the community. If you would like to volunteer, contribute to VCCF's general scholarship fund, or want more information on starting your own scholarship fund at VCCF, please call (805) 988-0196 or visit www.vccf.org.

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