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Fourteen college students awarded scholarships

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) awarded 14 students \$15,750 in college scholarships to help them pay for their education expenses using non-public funds.

For 25 years, the Housing Authority has been awarding college scholarships to students as a commitment to helping students succeed in college. Students attending a four-year college or university receive a \$1,500 scholarship while community and technical/vocational students receive a \$750 scholarship.

"These are small monetary contributions to help alleviate some of the financial burden of their educational journey, an investment we hope will take them on a path towards economic independence," said Maria Razo, HACSB's Interim Executive Director.

This year's scholarship recipients are attending one of the following colleges/universities: California State University Fullerton, California State University Pomona, Crafton Hills Community College, Chaffey College, University of California Riverside, University of La Verne, University of Redlands, Riverside Community College, San Bernardino Valley College, and Victor Valley College. Their areas of study include majors such as: biology, business administration, creative writing, educational leadership, kinesiology, mathematics, nursing, social work, and teaching.

Most of the recipients emphasized that achieving their educational goals is a way of becoming role models for their family members and mentors for others in the community. Leandra Macias aspires to be a math teacher.

"Many high school students are not engaged in school and I am determined to become a teacher to help inspire those students to succeed and find their place just like my teacher did for me," Macias said.

As a participant in HACSB's term limited assistance program, Karen Piggee is taking the opportunity to go back to school for social work.

"As the population continues to grow mental health needs are increasing," she said. "This is my motivation to reach my goal in education working with aging adults to be their advocate and give back to my community."

The Housing Authority congratulates all the scholarship recipients and wishes them the best in their ongoing educational endeavors.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the nation's most progressive housing authorities. As the largest provider of affordable housing in the County, we proudly serve in excess of 30,000 people, most of whom are seniors, individuals with disabilities, and children. We also work on providing our families with the resources, skills, and motivation to achieve their personal goals. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.