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13 COLLEGE STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

(San Bernardino, CA) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) **awarded 13 students a total of \$16,500 in college scholarship** to help them pay for their education expenses – using non-public funds.

For 24 years, the Housing Authority has been awarding college scholarships to students, in 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.

This year's scholarship recipients are attending one of the following colleges/universities: Cal Baptist University, California State University Pomona, California State University San Bernardino, Loma Linda University, San Bernardino Valley College, UEI College, University of California Los Angeles, and Walden University. Their areas of study include majors such as: Biology, Business Administration, Business Economics, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, English, Masters in Social Work, Masters in Health Psychology, and Nursing.

"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," states Dan Nackerman, HACSB's Executive Director.

During the awards presentation a common message resonated among the students: an education is the key to achieving their goals and making a difference for their families and community. Hortencia Rosales from Chino stated: "Being able to make it on the Dean's list my first and second quarter at Cal Poly was a big accomplishment because **no one believed I would make it very far in college... I know nothing is impossible when you set your mind to it.**" Perla Zuniga-Terrazas, whose parents are part of the Homeownership program, talked about her family's influence on her: "**My parents instilled in me the meaning of dedication and determination.** They always told me to get an education so I would not have to work as hard as they worked."

Also for the first time **HACSB's received a \$1,500 donation for the scholarship fund from Mr. Bob Doshi and his family**, longtime landlords of our voucher program. Mr. Doshi believes in helping our families succeed: "We care about the families we serve through the Housing Authority and education is a key component to success." He hopes his contribution will also inspire other landlords of the program to donate to this important cause.

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, disabled individuals, 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.