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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO 10 COLLEGE STUDENTS

Housing Authority Provides \$9,000 in Assistance to Current Residents

(San Bernardino, CA.) The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) awarded 10 students a college scholarship to help them pay for their education expenses. The selection committee reviewed almost 50 applications from Housing Authority clients, and narrowing the selection to 10 was a tough decision.

For 20 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 received a \$1,000 scholarship while community and technical/vocational students received a \$500 scholarship. The Housing Authority uses non-public funds to promote educational success among their participants.

This year's scholarship recipients are attending one of the following colleges/universities: University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, Merced; California State University, San Bernardino; Biola University; Summit Career College; or San Bernardino Valley College. Their areas of study include majors such as: biology, business management, film, human resources, liberal arts, nursing, psychology, and social work.

HACSB's 2011 Scholarship Awardees are pictured on the right.

"We are pleased to be able to continue the scholarship program for two decades, especially as tuition costs are on the rise. Even though the scholarships are small monetary contributions, we know it helps these students through their educational journey," states Susan Benner, HACSB's Executive Director.



The scholarship recipients were also greeted by Bisrat Gebrekristos (pictured to the right), a former Housing Authority resident who also received a college scholarship in 1994 and is now a Neonatologist with Kaiser Permanente. In her statement to this year's scholarship recipients she reminisced on how the financial assistance helped encourage her to continue her education. She also reminded them that reaching their educational goals won't be easy, but in the long run the results are worth it. Her encouraging words reassured the awardees to continue their endeavors despite any obstacles they may face in life.



The Housing Authority's goal is to help all their residents achieve self-sufficiency, and these winners as well as many other students in the housing programs are headed on a path towards this goal.

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.