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COLLEGE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO MONTEREY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

[Monterey, CA - May 24, 2023] The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is pleased to announce that they awarded eleven \$2,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors in Monterey County who are pursuing a higher learning degree in the arts, including one recipient who received the Joann Adair Memorial Scholarship, which Arts4MC stewards on behalf of Salinas Performing Arts, Inc.

Congratulations to our 2023 College Arts Scholarships recipients: Leonardo Tovar from Rancho San Juan High School, Arturo Ordaz-Gutierrez from North Salinas High School, Fernanda Hernandez Mena from North Salinas High School, Hannah Ettinger from King City High School, Rocelin Tinajero from Soledad High School, Bianca Castro from Salinas High School, Cassandra Lopez-Warren from Seaside High School, Madeleine Gill from York School, Gerard Marnell from Carmel High School, Taylan Dincer from Carmel High School, and Nadia Ivanova from Monterey High School.

“As a first-generation student, I have always had the goal of graduating from a four-year university. I plan to attend CSU Long Beach and obtain my Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Design,” states Rocelin Tinajero, 2023 College Arts Scholarship Recipient.

After graduation, these grants enable Monterey County children to realize their aspirations and contribute to the local creative community and rich artistic history. Career options in creative professions are expanding and diversifying, ranging from design (graphic design, architecture) to digital arts (filmmaking, game design, photography), literature to performing arts, and visual arts (including crafts like pottery).

“The Arts Council is so proud to provide this funding to these students to fulfill their goal of a higher education degree in a creative field. We hope they return to Monterey County after completing their education to build their art business and support our local community,” states Jacquie Atchison, Arts4MC Executive Director.

For future scholarship information visit www.arts4mc.org/scholarships.

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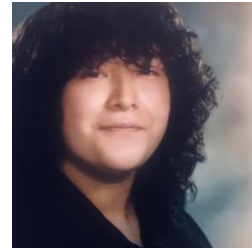
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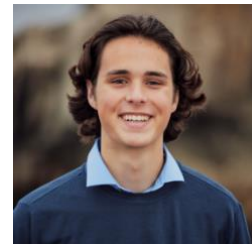
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