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## **Santa Barbara Foundation Honors 2017 Fleischmann and Spaulding Scholarship Recipients for Excellence in Academics and Community Service**

May 19, 2017 – Twenty six students from throughout Santa Barbara County were selected for the Santa Barbara Foundation’s 2017 Fleischmann and Spaulding Awards, honoring academic excellence and dedication to community service. The awards were presented at a reception for students and their families on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

“Giving out these scholarships is really important to us because investing in education is essential to our democracy and to moving our community forward,” said Ron Gallo, President & CEO of the Santa Barbara Foundation. “Today, we are here to celebrate the success of the individuals, both inside and outside of the classroom, who are going to make that happen.”

In total, \$66,500 was distributed to recipients this year. The seniors selected to receive these scholarships represent the top one percent of all high school students throughout the county.

“Students, you have made us proud because we are your community - who helped raised you as mentors, as teachers, as coaches and as neighbors - and we are your biggest fans,” said Santa Barbara Foundation Trustee Angel Martinez. “Your achievement is our aspiration for our community and society and country, but what got you here will not get you there and I encourage you to pursue every opportunity on the path to success.”

Fleischmann recipients are selected from throughout the county, with the top candidate receiving the Spaulding Award. Fleischmann recipients are given a \$2,500 scholarship. The winner of the Spaulding Award receives a \$4,000 scholarship.

“To me, this award means that I am being given the opportunity to be successful and that I will have the support to pursue all my endeavors in college and beyond,” said Ricardo Carrillo, Fleischmann recipient and a senior at Dos Pueblos High School who will be attending University of San Francisco in the fall. “I could not be more grateful.”

These scholarships were made possible by Major Max Fleischmann, founder of the Santa Barbara Foundation, and Edward R. Spaulding, the first executive director of the Santa Barbara Foundation, both of whom made substantial gifts in support of academic excellence and community service. These generous gifts increase the Santa Barbara Foundation’s ability to support academic achievement through scholarship awards.

The Santa Barbara Foundation is committed to supporting quality education throughout Santa Barbara County. Working in collaboration with the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara and many generous donors throughout the history of the foundation, thousands of local students have benefited from more than \$40 million in scholarships from the Santa Barbara Foundation.

### **2017 Spaulding Award Recipient**

Delaney Werner, San Marcos High School

### **2017 Fleischmann Award Recipients (25)**

Ricardo Carrillo, Dos Pueblos High School  
Chloe Casady, Dos Pueblos High School  
Emily Condon, Bishop Garcia Diego High School  
Ana Cruz Adame, Dos Pueblos High School  
Sandy Cruz Reyes, Providence High School  
Mason Dochterman, Dos Pueblos High School  
Juan Alfonzo Esleta, Bishop Garcia Diego High School  
Chad Goodwin, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School  
Amanda Hagen, Dos Pueblos High School  
Lauren Hagen, Santa Barbara High School  
Elias Haws, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School  
Eva Hennessee, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School  
Haidee Jimenez, Santa Barbara High School  
Mackenzie Kephart, Carpinteria High School  
Valerie Laufer, Lompoc High School  
Daven Martinez, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School  
Leonel Olivo Fuentes, Santa Barbara High School  
Victoria Petersen, Santa Ynez Valley Union High School  
Mayah Pico, Lompoc High School  
Anya Schmitz, Dos Pueblos High School  
Christopher Siefe, Cabrillo High School  
Brooklyn Snyder, San Marcos High School  
Giulia Tasca, San Marcos High School  
Emma Wagner, San Marcos High School  
Kalila Wash, Santa Barbara High School

### **About the Santa Barbara Foundation**

The Santa Barbara Foundation was established in 1928 to enrich the lives of the people of Santa Barbara County through philanthropy. As the largest community foundation in the county and a major source of funding for local nonprofits, the foundation is committed to building philanthropy,

strengthening the nonprofit sector and solving community problems.

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