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YHS students earn nearly \$500,000 in scholarships

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Yosemite High School seniors received almost half a million dollars in community awards during Community Awards Night held recently in the school's new theater. This includes four students who received full-ride, four year scholarships. Locally \$110,000 was awarded to the seniors.

Stephanie Samuels, counseling technician, organized the event and coordinated the awards.

Awards and recipients are:

49 Ears (Disney), John Costa; Mariposa / Madera County Association of California School Administrators, Heather Hyatt; Barbara Banich Memorial, Amit Gurnani; Bass Lake Lions, Suzie Knowles and Katie Peek.

William Beau Bushman Memorial, Eugene Gould and Justin Hultman; Challenge Day - Mary Z. Smith Memorial, Eugene Gould; Coarsegold Elementary School Teachers' Association, Laurie Greco and Leslie MacDonald.

Coarsegold Market, Michael Harr and Kelly Hogan; Coarsegold Market Employee, Kaitlyn Leroy, Robbie Sotelo and Chase Zinich. California State Employees Association (CSEA) - Yosemite High School, Tiffany Jordan, Thomas Marsh, Sean Ratchford, William Romine, Daniel Vawter and Krista Watson.

Dakota Lea Nelson Bradford Memorial, Jenna Barney; Darin M. Camarena Health Centers, Inc., Alex Michel and Elizabeth Zielins; Dave Nemeth, CFP, Natasha DeSantis; Doctors Dennis Jones, Rodney Peter and staff, Ashley Allen and Kyle Robinson.

Dorsey's Hallmark, Sarah Gilbank; Eakin Peirsol, Elizabeth Zielins; E Clampus Vitus (Clampers) Danny Goldbeck Memorial, Kenneth Rosetti. El Capitan Education Foundation, Mescha Bosco, Lauren Burrill, Dotti Jackson, Brandi Johnson, Tiffany Jordan, Rebecca Manion, Hannah Marshall, Olivia Pogue, Kelli Protzman, Kenneth Rosetti and Krista Watson.

Foreign Language, Micaela Cypher and Veronica Stewart.

Gerald A. Smith Memorial, Katie Bohigian, Kristin Caiati, Justin Leithem, Emily Penton and Jasmine Valentine; Grant Mercantile, Casey Lucas and Amy Rothchild; Holidays, Travis Glover; Harmelin Family Award, Justin Barigian; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Kristin Lukan.

Kiwanis Club, Brandi Johnson, Annette Rivas, Eugene Gould and Patrick Kientz; Kiwanis Club Key Club, Angela Gerow.

Ladies of the Lake - Yosemite Lakes Park, Brittany Bohner, Lindsay Collins, Micaela Cypher, Richard Maggio, Gabby Ripley Phipps, Kyle Robinson, Alyssa Sayre and Elizabeth Zielins.

Lions Club (Devere Williams), Suzi Knowles, (Jesse Love), Sara Gilbank, (Red Havens), Patrick Kientz.

Live Oak Associates, Sarah Gilbank; Madera Auto, Jessica Fischer and Melinda Young; Madera Auto - Spirit of Oakhurst, Hallie Fassbinder; Madera County Arts Council, Jessica Fischer and Patrick Kientz.

Madera County Office of Education, Veronica Stewart; Madera County Retired Teachers, Caitlyn Blum.

Marine Corps League, Justin Barigian, Angela Gerow, Olivia Pogue and Shannon Smith; McClean Award, Shelby Wagner; Merced Emblem Club, Chase McCabe; New Community United Methodist Church, Lauren Helm.

North Fork Faculty, Justin Logee and Shaina Talbot; North Fork Lions, Shaina Talbot; North Fork Women's Club, Shaina Talbot.

Oak Creek Intermediate School, Sarah Gilbank; Oakhurst Elementary School, Megan Cable, Sarah Gilbank and Amy Stillman.

Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club, Kristin Lukan, Leslie MacDonald, Amanda Schotke, Tiffany Sellars, JR Singer and Shelby Wagner.

Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club - Sunrise, Lauren Cook, Sarah Gilbank, Taylor Hutchison, Patrick Kientz, and Casey Lucas; Oakhurst Sierra Rotary Club Sunrise (Interact), JR Singer.

Our Lady of the Sierra Women's Guild, Melissa Springer and Veronica Stewart; Pines Resort, JR Singer; Positive Living Center (Ruth Ross Memorial), Rebecca Manion; Pride Award, Casey Robeson.

Raymond Knowles Community Association, Amanda Schotke and Jessica Silva; Raymond Knowles Elementary, Amanda Schotke and Jessica Silva; Round Table Pizza, Bailey Whitcanack.

Service Organization of the Sierra, Jenna Barney, Jessica Fischer, Sarah Gilbank, Heather Hyatt, Patrick Kientz, Casey Lucas, Malissa Trenholm, Thomas Veatch and Melinda Young.

Sierra - Yosemite Tennis Club, Nolan Fitzpatrick and Malissa Trenholm; Sierra Ambulance, Angela Gerow and Ashley Holmes.

Sierra Cellular, Megan Cable; Sierra Tel Business Center, Whitney Benson; Sierra Tel Business Systems, Anthony Grimes; Sierra Tel Internet, Richard Maggio; Sierra Tel Long Distance, Laurie Greco; Sierra Telephone, Michael McCarty; Sierra Tel Harry and Marie Baker Memorial, Bradley Cavin.

Skeahan Award, Lauren Helm; Soroptimist International of the Sierra, Inc., Sarah Gilbank, Laurie Greco and Suzi Knowles; Squirrel Cage Theatre, Sean Ratchford.

Swortzel Trust - Hope Scholarship, Justin Barigian and Micaela Cyper; Swortzel Trust - University of Michigan, Sean Ratchford. These three awards are "full ride" four year awards.

Swortzel Trust, Nathan Merkle and Courtney Papike; Tenaya Lodge, Hannah Cossa, Abdul Kabbani and Sean Ratchford; United Way - Oakhurst, Shelby Wagner.

University of Seattle ROTC Scholarship, Chase McCabe, full-ride, four years.

Vision Academy of the Arts (Writing), Malissa Trenholm and Veronica Stewart, (Art), Elisa Plumlee, Lauren Cook and Patrick Kientz, (Dance), Heather Hyatt (Drama) Leslie MacDonald, (Music), Jon Costa and Jessica Fischer.

Billy Vukovich III Memorial, Lindsay Collins, Sarah Gilbank, Jessica Morrison, Will Romine, Jayson Schrank, JR Singer and Melinda Young; Wasuma Elementary, Melissa Springer; Watkins, Anthony Grimes.

Werner Family Limited Partnership, Bradley Cavin, Natasha DeSantis, Hallie Fassbinder, Rebecca Manion, Heidi Nilmeier, Elizabeth Zielins, Michael Flahiff, Patrick Kientz and Jessica Silva.

Western Sierra Nursery, Kelli Protzman; Wild Wonderful Women, Amit Gurnani; Wilma Ely Memorial, Tyler Tomlinson; Yosemite Bank, Jon Costa.

Yosemite Gateway Association of Realtors, Lauren Cook, Patrick Kientz, Jessica Morrison, Annie Penton, Shaina Talbot and Elizabeth Zielens.

Yosemite Leadership, Codee Cardoza, Janelle Hendrickson, Ashley Holmes and Jessica Morrison; Yosemite Teachers Association, Kelli Protzman.

Yosemite Youth Basketball Association, Karras Blate, Sean Ratchford and Alyssa Sayre.

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