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Pictured: 2017 Scholarship recipients representing Santa Cruz High, Harbor High, PCS and Delta.

ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ SUPPORTS 31 AREA STUDENTS THROUGH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - On Friday May 19, the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz awarded \$46,000 in scholarship funds to support area students. In order to receive support, students were required to go through an application process and were selected based on a variety of factors. Awards were provided to 18 new applicants and 13 returning applicants.

The scholarships are given to some students who are the first in their families to attend college or vocational school. Others have faced hardship or rocky starts before they found their way, while a few have made a name for themselves in their chosen careers. The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz feels honored to play a role in helping area students with their educational pursuits.

The scholarship program has been in existence since 1983. Since then more than 700 scholarships in the amount of more than \$800,000 have been awarded to Santa Cruz students.

The 2017 recipients new to receiving a scholarship include:

Santa Cruz High: Ariana Boostani, McKenzie Dilloughery, Rachael Drizin, Chloe Gentile-Montgomery, Nora Griffith, Rachel Hendsbee, Jessica Hilger, Chelsea Kintz, Margaret O'Hara and Jack Radovan

Harbor High: Misael Acosta Vaal, Jack Biddle, Liam Dulaney, Hexi Huang, Emily Rafalski and Rafael Seguritan

PCS: Emily O'Neal

Delta: Grant Myers

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The Rotary Club of Santa Cruz meets every Friday from noon - 1:30 p.m. at Back Nine Grill at Pasatiempo Inn. For more information visit <u>santacruzrotary.com</u>.

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