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ROTARY CLUB OF SANTA CRUZ SUPPORTS 22 AREA STUDENTS THROUGH VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. - On Friday, Sept. 22, the Rotary Club of Santa Cruz through its Educational Endowment Fund Committee awarded \$16,000 in vocational scholarship funds to support area students. The Awards were provided to 22 qualifying students. The applicants were competitively judged on financial need, essay, letter of recommendation, community service, and academic record. The recipients' ages ranged from 18 to 48 and awards ranged from \$500-\$1,000.

The list of recipients and their program choice is included below.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

- Dental Assisting: Maria Cabrera, Rocia Del Toro Diaz, Maria Flores, Madeline Forrest, Audra Julian, Whitney Swans
- Medical Assisting: Zaina Alsheshani, Breanna Esche, Michaela Hiddleson, Austin Lee

Cabrillo College

- Nursing: Kristen Koeller, Naomi Marquez
- Dental Hygiene: Wendy Chavez
- Public Services: Kyle Kessler
- Music: Landon Baker, Alyssa Beltran
- Culinary: Justin Clark, Dinesh Kaththri, Devika Kumar, Renata Zacarias
- Engineering & Design: Thayara Almeida
- Radiologic Technology: Erin Adam, Thaddeus "Teddy" Kosciolek, Cecelia Piercy

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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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