



Academic Scholarship Update

2020 Academic Scholarship Awards

By: Jennifer Finnegan

In a normal Rotary year, your Scholarship Committee would give a presentation during our weekly club meeting and introduce this year's Academic Scholarship recipients. In a normal year, we'd all cheer and clap as they walk up to the front of the room surprised and (in some cases) shocked at the amount of their scholarship award. The thrill of hearing of their accomplishments and the excitement of the unveiling of their award amounts is what makes this annual club program so special to me.

But this isn't a normal year, and we all know why a club presentation of Academic Scholarships isn't happening. The global pandemic we call COVID-19 has kept us at home and indoors for weeks now. It's not safe for all of us to gather or be out in public unprotected, and so we cancelled our club meetings and gave up on presenting these awards in person.

However, that didn't stop your Scholarship Committee from identifying worthy students and awarding them scholarships! There are still kids in need in our community, and many of them are Rotary Club of Redding Academic Scholarship award winners.

These scholarships have been made possible through our Rotary Foundation and funds that have been obligated for scholarships by our fellow Rotarians. We are also honored to have received additional funding again this year from the family of the late Rotarian Hal Kluis, and former Rotarian Dr. Gurpreet Sandhoo. Dr. Sandhoo generously donates to this program each year in memory of her son late Juju Dhillon. Thank you both so much for continuing to support these kids in their educational journey!

As always, these scholarships honor young adults in our Redding community who have exhibited all the characteristics of a Rotarian. It goes without saying that every single one of them is "Exceptional." Each has had to overcome their own personal challenges and struggles, and yet they continued to push forward, consciously and continuously making the effort to be better than they were yesterday while helping those around them. The Rotary Club of Redding is proud to recognize and celebrate their educational and community service achievements.

The following students and their awards are listed alphabetically by school.

Scholarship Awards for Gateway to College

- Britney B. \$3,000
- Cecilia H. \$3,000
- Daniel R. \$3,000

Scholarship Awards for University Preparatory High School

- Giselle E. \$1,200
- Savannah L. \$3,000
- Emily M. \$2,000
- Sage T. \$500
- Casiddy W. \$500

Scholarship Awards for Shasta College

- Raymon C. \$500
- Jason H. \$500
- Kathryn S. \$500

Scholarship Awards for Shasta High School

- Jackson B. \$900
- Nikolai B. \$900
- Luke B. \$900
- Mia F. \$1,200
- Chase H. \$800
- Zoey H. \$900
- Marie K. \$900
- Sophia K. \$1,100
- Chloe K. \$1,000
- Lindie L. \$800
- Jenna R. \$800

I would like to personally thank the entire Scholarship Committee for their unwavering commitment to supporting our local students. We are an excellent team!

Committee Co-Chairs: Cindy Fisher & Wendy Dickens

Shasta High School Committee: Jeff Darling (Chair), Rob Adams, Randy Tate, Steve Williams, & Joe Ayer.

Gateway to College Committee: Peggy O'Lea (Chair), Jeanne Jelke & Dee Domke.

University Preparatory High School: Michael Dacquisto (Co-Chair), Leslie Williem (Co-Chair), Joseph Hedayattzadeh, Dan Ghidinelli & James Theimer.

Shasta College: Jill Letendre (Chair), Rick Fauss, Betty Harrison Smith, Pat Corey & Michelle Nystrom.

Scholar Athletes: Gary Burks, Mark Rincon, Steve Westlake, & Silas Lyons.

(Scholar Athlete awards will be published in May in one of our Spillway Express editions.)

In closing, thank you to all fellow Rotarians for supporting our club's Scholarship program this year. We are pleased that we were able to support these students even under such unusual circumstances. Congratulations to all of this year's Rotary Club of Redding Academic Scholarship recipients!

Recognitions

Do you miss seeing club recognitions each week?

Until the club can reconvene meeting in-person, we'd like to take our recognitions to the pages of our weekly Spillway. Please consider self-recognizing yourself by taking a photo, or even better, shoot a brief video that tells the story of your recognition. Once you have your photo or video ready to go, please send it and the following info to the Spillway Committee at spillway@reddingrotary.org:

- Details of your recognition, the who, what, when & where - make it fun!
- The recognition amount
- The recognition will go as designated in your pledge form, unless otherwise specified

This week's recognitions:



Mike Mangas recognized **Randy Smith, Jack Kimple, and Mark Wood** for their help with some brush burning on his property - click the photo to watch this video recognition. In their honor, **Mike** donated \$100 to the club. Thanks **Mike** for being our very 1st video recognition!



Mary Brace recognized **Michelle Nystrom** for starting the Open For Business (Shasta County) Facebook Group. In **Michelle's** honor, **Mary** is giving \$100 towards her Paul Harris. Great gesture **Mary!** Click on the photo to go to this newly created Facebook page.

Virtual Team Socials

Are you missing our Rotary team socials? If so, how about having one the same way we're doing just about everything else these days - via a Zoom meeting! Team 3 ran with this idea, here's **Amelia Ward**'s reporting on their first virtual team meeting:

Here is a picture of our Team Numero 3 Zoom Social we had on April 21st. Only 5 Rotarians joined in, but it was worth seeing all five smiley faces, catching up, and finding out how they are keeping busy, and knowing they are all healthy! (see attachment) We intend to keep the social going every Thursday at 5:00 if anyone else wants to join in. It does not matter what team they are in. All they have to do is copy and paste the following link to their browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/93536200507?pwd=WktYWwZhdY80L3hFMkFoTlMxVG5Cdz09>





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