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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HONORS NINE OUTSTANDING SAN BRUNO STUDENTS WITH CRESTMoor NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Foundation Awards \$120,000 in Multi-Year Scholarships to Recognize
Scholars' Service to the San Bruno Community*

San Bruno, California, May 10, 2018 – The San Bruno Community Foundation today announced the 2018 recipients of the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. In its third year, the Crestmoor Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to exceptional San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The 2018 Crestmoor Scholars include Capuchino High School seniors Kiersten Blair, Julia Cordero, Lauren Meyer, Max Stines, Lauren Valles; Mercy High School, Burlingame, senior Muriel Butler; and Skyline College students Martha Marquez Ramirez, Marjourie Quintanilla, and Vincent Ramsey.

To finance the scholarship program, the Foundation is using a portion of the restitution funds resulting from the City of San Bruno's settlement with Pacific Gas & Electric Company following the 2010 gas pipeline explosion that devastated San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Crestmoor Scholarship was created in 2016 in honor of the community members most directly affected by the disaster, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives. It ensures that the tragedy of September 9, 2010, is not forgotten and that the resiliency, teamwork, leadership, and commitment to community displayed throughout San Bruno in the aftermath of the explosion are honored in the annual recipients of the Scholarship.

This year the Foundation is awarding nine scholarships totaling \$120,000. Headed to four-year colleges in the fall, Butler (who will attend Colorado State University), Cordero (University of Southern California), Meyer (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo), and Valles (UCLA) will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 a year for four years). Blair and Stines both plan to attend Skyline College this fall and will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 a year for two years). As transfer students, Marquez Ramirez (who is headed to UC Berkeley), Quintanilla (San Jose State University), and Ramsey (UC Berkeley) will each receive \$10,000 in scholarship funding (\$5,000 a year for two years).

“We are so proud of the 2018 class of Crestmoor Scholars and are thrilled to help them realize their dream of pursuing a college degree,” said Nancy Kraus, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “The Crestmoor Scholars’ service to San Bruno spans a wide range of involvement – from volunteering in elementary school classrooms and at the San Bruno Senior Center, to serving as camp counselors and peer tutors, to leading the San Bruno 4-H Club, to teaching San Bruno youth to play baseball, to helping community members receive public benefits – that is truly inspiring. We look forward to seeing these students continue their studies in bioscience research, business, computer science, agriculture, communications, political science, and other fields.”

This year, the Foundation received 70 applications for the Crestmoor Scholarship. In selecting the 2018 recipients from a highly competitive applicant pool, the Foundation’s selection panel evaluated, first and foremost, applicants’ demonstrated engagement in the San Bruno community, as well as their financial need, academic record, extracurricular activities, and examples of leadership, teamwork, and collaboration – important qualities that were displayed throughout the San Bruno community in the aftermath of the 2010 explosion and fire. Brief biographies of the nine 2018 Crestmoor Scholars are attached as well as posted on the Foundation’s website at www.sbcf.org.

The Foundation will recognize the 2018 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 6, 2018, Board meeting at the San Bruno Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road. Community members are welcome to attend and will have the opportunity to meet the Crestmoor Scholars at 6:30 p.m. at a reception preceding the 7:00 p.m. Board meeting.

The San Bruno Community Foundation is the nonprofit organization created by the City of San Bruno to administer the \$70 million in restitution funds received from PG&E after the devastating 2010 gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno's Crestmoor neighborhood. The Foundation serves the San Bruno community by investing in projects, programs, services, and facilities that have significant and lasting benefits. Through making grants, leveraging partnerships, and taking advantage of other resources, the SBCF assists and enables the community to maximize shared investments and realize their subsequent enhancements and benefits. For more information, visit www.sbcf.org.

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In 2018, the San Bruno Community Foundation recognizes nine outstanding San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community with multi-year college scholarships totaling \$120,000.



KIERSTEN BLAIR: After graduating from Capuchino High School this spring, Kiersten Blair will study cosmetology and esthetics at Skyline College, with the ultimate goal of becoming a professional special FX makeup artist in the movie industry. She has cultivated this interest at Cap, where she has led the makeup team for the school's musical productions, worked on the stage crew, and served as a lead instructor of makeup seminars as part of Capuchino Flex Days. Since 2014, Kiersten has volunteered as a counselor at a local Girl Scout camp that many San Bruno girls attend, teaching camping and outdoor skills. She also works at a small, locally owned ice cream shop in downtown San Bruno.



MURIEL BUTLER: Headed to Colorado State University to study animal science, Muriel Butler aspires to be a first-generation farmer and manage her own agricultural company. As president of the San Bruno 4-H Club, Muriel organized community service activities, encouraged younger members, and built a culture of respect and integrity, while also successfully raising and showing livestock. She has also served as a summer recreational leader with the San Bruno Community Services Department. At Mercy High School, Burlingame, Muriel has run track and cross country, played in the school band, assisted senior citizens with Alzheimer's, and is a member of the National Honors Society.



JULIA CORDERO: Julia Cordero is a Capuchino High School scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program, a two-sport varsity athlete, and a committed member of the San Bruno community. An officer in Cap's Interact Club, she led a team that developed a mobile app for facilitating communication among local Interact clubs, helped organize the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards training program, and volunteered at countless community events. She also provides voluntary instruction to the children's liturgy at St. Robert's Church and has served as a cabin leader at the San Mateo County Outdoor Education program. Julia plans to major in computer science at the University of Southern California, where she will enroll this fall.



MARTHA MARQUEZ RAMIREZ: A lifelong love of nature and a childhood diagnosis of an autoimmune disease that has left permanent physical limitations have combined to inspire Martha Marquez Ramirez to pursue chemical biology at UC Berkeley, with the intention of eventually obtaining a Ph.D. Immigrating from Mexico, Martha has excelled at Skyline College, serving as a tutor and instructional leader for STEM classes and the TRiO program for first-generation college students from underrepresented communities, organizing STEM workshops for middle and high school girls at the Expanding Your Horizons conference, and spending countless hours providing computer literacy training to seniors through the Phi Theta Kappa honor society.



LAUREN MEYER: This fall Lauren Meyer will begin her studies at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, on her way to achieving her longtime goal of becoming an elementary school teacher. In addition to serving as a peer tutor, public relations commissioner, rally commissioner, and yearbook editor at Capuchino High School, Lauren has volunteered weekly as an aide in her former fifth grade teacher's class at Allen Elementary School. A varsity soccer player, Lauren has served as a field marshal for the San Bruno AYSO's annual Turkey Tournament, coached younger players in the Summer Kicks program, and volunteered as a cabin leader for the San Mateo County Outdoor Education program.



MARJOURIE QUINTANILLA: A single mother, full-time student, and active San Bruno community member, Marjourie Quintanilla is an inspiration to those around her. An alumna of Capuchino High School who graduates from Skyline College this spring, Marjourie assists students and community members with obtaining and maintaining public benefits through the SparkPoint program, has assisted patrons of Skyline's library, facilitated a classroom of first graders as part of the Big Lift Summer Camp, and worked with second graders through the Reading Partners program. She also supports her son's activities as a volunteer with San Bruno Youth Baseball and his school's PTA. This fall Marjourie will transfer to San Jose State University and pursue a degree in social work.



VINCENT RAMSEY: A lifelong resident of San Bruno, a graduate of Capuchino High School, and a business student at Skyline College, Vincent Ramsey has researched the challenges of the Bay Area's housing crisis, which he hopes to address upon transferring to UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business this fall to study housing economics. Growing up in San Bruno, Vincent represented Cahill's Academy at national judo competitions, served as recreation leader for the City's Community Services Department, and played varsity football. More recently, he has interned at a local real estate brokerage, supporting the company's engagement in the local community. With support from the San Bruno Rotary Club, Vincent coordinated a successful clothing drive for an orphanage in Nicaragua.



MAX STINES: From Junior Giants to Pee Wee to Joe DiMaggio to Capuchino High School's varsity team, Max Stines bleeds San Bruno baseball, a tradition he hopes to continue as a student athlete at Skyline College this fall. Max loves to support San Bruno's kids, working as a recreation leader in the San Bruno Community Services Department's after-school program, serving as an instructor at a San Bruno sports camp, and helping coach younger players at various San Bruno baseball clinics. Max also volunteers at an annual Special Olympics basketball tournament, refereeing games and supporting players, and is an active member of Capuchino's Latinos Unidos Club. At Skyline, Max intends to study communications.



LAUREN VALLES: As Capuchino High School's student body president, Girls State representative, and president of the Junior State of America chapter, Lauren Valles hopes to pursue a career in policy and politics. Lauren's service to San Bruno began in earnest in middle school, when she joined the Youth Activities Committee, and she currently serves as a recreation leader for the City's Community Services Department. At Cap, Lauren has served as captain of the cross country team, a peer tutor, a cabin leader for the Outdoor Education program, an active member of the Interact Club, and a cast and crew member of several musical theater productions. A Shinkyu Shotokan black belt, Lauren will begin her undergraduate studies at UCLA this fall.