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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2022 RECIPIENTS OF THE CRESTMOOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Foundation Awards \$190,000 to Twelve Outstanding San Bruno Students

San Bruno, California, May 17, 2022 – The San Bruno Community Foundation today announced the 2022 recipients of the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. Founded in 2016, the Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to exceptional San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The 2022 Crestmoor Scholars include Capuchino High School seniors Rawan Alayan, Sabina Beerawi, Myla Brignardello, Adrienne Chen, Raymond Gonzales, Isabella Guzman Quijano, Waine Louie, Raef Makrai, Samantha Paschner, and Mason Rofii, and Skyline College students Isabel Martin and Patricia Mae Sumang.

SBCF is funding the 2022 Crestmoor Scholarship with generous donations from the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation and Allan and Mary Lou Johnson, as well as investment proceeds from 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 Foundation created the Crestmoor Scholarship in 2016 in honor of the community members most directly affected by the disaster, especially the eight San Bruno residents who lost their lives. The scholarship program 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. Since 2016, 71 deserving San Bruno students have received Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$1,035,000.

In 2022, the Foundation is awarding multi-year scholarships totaling \$190,000. Headed to four-year colleges in the fall, Alayan (who will attend San Francisco State University), Beerawi (UC Santa Cruz), Brignardello (UC Berkeley), Chen (UCLA), Gonzales (Catholic University of America), Guzman Quijano (UCLA), Makrai (UC Berkeley), and Rofii (UC Santa Cruz) will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 a year for four years). Community college-bound students Louie (Skyline College) and Paschner (College of San Mateo) will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 a year for two years). As transfer students, Martin (who is headed to UC Berkeley) and Sumang (UC Irvine) will each receive \$10,000 in scholarship funding (\$5,000 a year for two years).

“The Crestmoor Scholarship recognizes impressive young adults committed to giving back to the San Bruno community and provides financial support so that they can fulfill their dream of obtaining a college education,” said Malissa Netane-Jones, President of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “This year’s Crestmoor Scholars include student leaders, accomplished athletes, environmental ambassadors, LGBTQ+ activists, talented artists, social change advocates, and dedicated volunteers who have spent countless hours helping our community. We are inspired by their example and look forward to seeing them succeed in college and beyond.”

This year, the Foundation received 54 applications for the Crestmoor Scholarship. In selecting the 2022 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 twelve 2022 Crestmoor Scholars can be found on the Foundation’s website at www.sbcf.org.

The Foundation will recognize the 2022 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 1, 2022, Board meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Community members are welcome to attend:

Zoom Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87008578466?pwd=d3lFMU1la0x3bEdFV2VwUjl0TIYzQT09>

Webinar ID: 870 0857 8466

Passcode: 146633

Dial-in: (669) 900-6833

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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The San Bruno Community Foundation honors 12 San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community with multi-year college scholarships totaling \$190,000. Thank you to the Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation and Allan and Mary Lou Johnson for their support.



RAWAN ALAYAN: As a San Mateo County Youth Climate Ambassador, Rawan created a clothing swap at Capuchino High School aimed at reducing the carbon footprint of the San Bruno community. As a second-degree black belt, Rawan coaches children as a Taekwondo instructor. She has also been a board member of Capuchino's Interact Club and the San Mateo Activist Coalition, and she served as a cabin leader for the San Mateo County Outdoor Education program. Rawan will study kinesiology at San Francisco State University.



SABINA BEERAWI: Sabina is an activist, athlete, and artist committed to social justice. A leader of the Sexuality and General Alliance Club at Capuchino High School, Sabina has hosted the club's drag shows and led schoolwide efforts in LBGQT education. She has served as president of the San Mateo Activism Coalition, interned with California Youth Connection, and competed with the Capuchino swim team. She also worked on a Black Lives Matter mural, helped create the set for school plays, and has had her artwork showcased at the Society of Western Artists' gallery. Sabina will attend UC Santa Cruz this fall.



MYLA BRIGNARDELLO: With aspirations of becoming a pediatrician, Myla will study biology at UC Berkeley. As a Girl Scout and a member of Capuchino's Environmental Club, Marine Biology Club, and Interact Club, Myla is committed to giving back to the community. She helps students prepare for college through the Mentorship Program and leads beach cleanups through the Pacific Beach Coalition. A four-year athlete on the cross country and track teams, Myla won the Central Coast Section Division III cross country championship in 2021 and became only the second female in Capuchino history to qualify for the state meet.



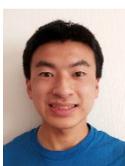
ADRIENNE CHEN: While successfully managing a full IB course load at Capuchino High School, Adrienne volunteers to help kids in need reach their full potential. She is a math tutor for STEM Power, the social media manager for SupplyHopelInfo, which donates school supplies to disadvantaged students, and director of marketing for Superpositions San Mateo, which promotes STEM opportunities for female and nonbinary students. She also plays the violin with Capuchino's chamber orchestra and is a member of the Interact Club. Adrienne will attend UCLA.



RAYMOND GONZALES: Motivated by his experience caring for his ailing grandfather, Raymond plans to study biology at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and pursue a career in a medical field. A black belt, Raymond enjoys teaching Taekwondo to children, volunteering at St. Bruno's Catholic Church, serving on the School Site Council as a student representative, and participating in beach clean-up activities. Thankful for the assistance he has received to overcome many challenges, Raymond is proud to be a first-generation college student.



ISABELLA GUZMAN QUIJANO: An accomplished artist, Isabella has been instrumental in designing and painting a community mural in downtown San Mateo spearheaded by the San Bruno Lion's Club and the Capuchino High School IB art program. A natural leader, Isabella has supported Capuchino's sports teams and promoted school spirit as a four-year cheerleader. While the pandemic has been challenging for Isabella's family, she has been committed to giving back to the community. Isabella will attend UCLA.



WAINE LOUIE: A Capuchino High School student enrolled in the Middle College program at Skyline College, Waine plans to pursue a business degree when he returns to Skyline College this fall. Waine has used his technical skills to volunteer in a variety of capacities at his church, where he supports the worship team as a stage manager, lighting coordinator, and video camera operator. At Skyline, Waine has been a student assistant supporting the Middle College program staff and a dedicated volunteer at Skyline's weekly Drive-Thru Grocery Distribution since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.



RAEF MAKRAI: Coming from a minority background, Raef is committed to giving back to his local community by sharing knowledge and resources with other minority students. A Capuchino senior enrolled in the Middle College program at Skyline College, Raef tutors other students, volunteers at Skyline's Drive-Thru Grocery Distribution, and works on community service projects with the Interact Club. As a part of the Black Lives Matter movement, Raef began volunteering for Blackman Music Group, working with young singers and rappers to promote music career programs. Raef plans to major in economics at UC Berkeley.



ISABEL MARTIN: A 2020 graduate of Capuchino High School, Isabel will transfer from Skyline College to UC Berkeley to obtain a bachelor's degree in sociology this fall. In high school, Isabel served as junior class president, played on the soccer and tennis teams, and organized a school supply and children's book drive. While at Skyline, Isabel has distributed food to families in need through Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, organized food donations from her café job at the Catholic Worker Hospitality House, and pursued culturally competent research focused on women, the Latinx community, and other minority groups.



SAMANTHA PASCHNER: In addition to participating in the Chamber Singers group, Samantha has been the administrative backbone of the Capuchino High School music program, providing invaluable service to the music director by handling day-to-day logistics for the symphonic and marching bands, organizing fundraisers, and coordinating community concerts. Samantha has learned the value of empathy and compassion while serving as her mother's caregiver in the final years of her life. Samantha plans to study business at the College of San Mateo.



MASON ROFLI: A native of San Bruno, Mason is committed to giving back to the community in which he has grown up. A leader in the Capuchino High School Interact Club, Mason has volunteered at a wide range of community events, including Taste of San Bruno, Goblin Grotto, Concerts in the Park, San Bruno Special Olympics, and COVID-19 vaccination drives. Mason has been an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community as the president of Capuchino's Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club. Mason will begin his studies at UC Santa Cruz in the fall.



PATRICIA MAE SUMANG: In both her studies and her community service work, Patricia has focused on mental health and community healing, especially in underserved populations. While at Skyline College, Patricia has been a leader of the Filipino Student Union and the Kababayan Learning Community. She has also served as a Skyline Outreach Student Ambassador, assisting prospective students in the application process and transition to college. Transferring to UC Irvine this fall, Patricia will major in psychology and ultimately intends to pursue a doctorate degree.