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SAN BRUNO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION HONORS 13 OUTSTANDING SAN BRUNO STUDENTS WITH CRESTMOOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

With Donation from Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation, SBCF Awards \$190,000 in College Scholarships to Recognize Scholars' Service to the San Bruno Community

San Bruno, California, May 18, 2020 – The San Bruno Community Foundation today announced the 2020 recipients of the Crestmoor Neighborhood Memorial Scholarship. In its fifth year, the Crestmoor Scholarship provides multi-year college scholarship awards to outstanding San Bruno students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the San Bruno community. The 2020 Crestmoor Scholars include Capuchino High School seniors Jumana Abdelgadir, Jun Chan, Isabella Da Silva, Tristan Davis, Karina Diaz Alvarez, Nadia Koshafa, Alannah Linden, Asia Lopez, and Jomelline Umali and Skyline College students Pearl Ibeanusi, Jakarta Kumasi-Nakuru, Kaelynn Malani, and Eric Torres.

The Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation has generously donated \$70,000 to SBCF for the 2020 Crestmoor Scholarship. SBCF is funding the other \$120,000 in scholarships by utilizing 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, 46 deserving San Bruno students have received Crestmoor Scholarships totaling \$650,000.

"This year's Crestmoor Scholars all share a deep dedication to giving back to our community – a quality that is especially important today as San Bruno rallies to cope with the impacts of COVID-19," said Emily Roberts, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "As activists, student government officers, library volunteers, peer tutors, campus, club, and church leaders, food drive chairs, and accomplished athletes, musicians, thespians, and dancers, the 2020 Crestmoor Scholars inspire us with their engagement, empathy, and leadership. We are thrilled to support their pursuit of a college education with multi-year scholarships."

This year the Foundation is awarding 13 scholarships totaling \$190,000. Headed to four-year colleges in the fall, Abdelgadir (who will attend UC Berkeley), Chan (UCLA), Da Silva (UC Santa Cruz), Davis (Grinnell College), Diaz Alvarez (UC Santa Cruz), Koshafa (UC Berkeley), and Linden (UCLA) will each receive a \$20,000 scholarship (\$5,000 a year for four years). Lopez (who will attend Los Medanos College) and Umali (College of San Mateo) will each receive a \$5,000 scholarship (\$2,500 a year for two years). As transfer students, Ibeanusi (UC Santa Cruz), Kumasi-Nakuru (UC Berkeley), Malani (San Jose State University), and Torres (San Francisco State University) will each receive \$10,000 in scholarship funding (\$5,000 a year for two years).

"The Welch family's support for the 2020 Crestmoor Scholars is an important way for us give back to the San Bruno community, where our family has long been associated through business and philanthropic support," said Shannon Welch Moore. "This year's scholarship recipients

represent the volunteer spirit and determination that make San Bruno the warm and close-knit community that it is.”

This year, the Foundation received 55 applications for the Crestmoor Scholarship. In selecting the 2020 recipients from a 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 2020 Crestmoor Scholars are attached as well as posted on the Foundation’s website at www.sbcf.org.

The Foundation will recognize the 2020 Crestmoor Scholars at its June 3, 2020, Board meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Community members are welcome to attend; Zoom login information will be included on the agenda, which will be posted at www.sbcf.org by May 29, 2020.

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, 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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2020 CRESTMOOR NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

In 2020, the San Bruno Community Foundation recognizes 13 outstanding 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 for its support of the 2020 program.



JUMANA ABDELGADIR: As president of the Black Student Union, a member of the School Site Council, a peer tutor, track and field team captain, and the only student to serve on the principal's hiring review committee, Jumana Abdelgadir is a leader at Capuchino High School. Her broad community involvement includes volunteering at a local hospital and at the San Bruno Library Homework Center. Combining her interest in science and social justice, Jumana plans to study public health at UC Berkeley.



JUN CHAN: Motivated by her mother's medical struggles, Jun Chan plans to pursue a degree in the biological sciences at UCLA. She has volunteered at Mills-Peninsula Health Center, taken emergency medical responder training, served as an election poll worker, and participated in an Empty Bowls fundraiser for organizations fighting hunger. Jun has also been an active member of Interact, the Environmental Club, and the California Scholarship Federation at Capuchino High School.



ISABELLA DA SILVA: Concert master of the Capuchino Chamber Orchestra, music teacher, and theater stage performer, Isabella Da Silva gives back to the community through the arts. She has also been active in her church, singing in the choir and teaching Sunday School. The daughter of Brazilian immigrants, Isabella has overcome many cultural challenges and will be the first in her family to attend college. Isabella will begin her studies at UC Santa Cruz this fall.



TRISTAN DAVIS: Headed to Grinnell College to study environmental science, Tristan Davis hopes to address issues of climate change. As president of the San Bruno 4-H Club, he has organized community service activities, served as a mentor for younger members, and partnered with the San Bruno Community Services Department. Tristan has also served on the San Mateo County Junior Fair Board, been a member of the Capuchino High School track and cross country teams, and played tuba in the school band.



KARINA DIAZ ALVAREZ: Karina Diaz Alvarez is a Capuchino High School scholar in the International Baccalaureate diploma program, dancer, athlete, and theater crew member. For the past three summers, Karina has been a dedicated leader in the San Bruno Library's Summer Reading Program, which sparked her interest in public service and her desire to pursue a career in the mental health field. Karina will enroll at UC Santa Cruz this fall.



PEARL IBEBANUSI: As a mother of six, full-time student, campus leader, and cancer survivor, Pearl Ibeanusi epitomizes hard work and sacrifice. At Skyline, Pearl has advocated for solutions to student hunger, homelessness, and the needs of international students. As President of the Associated Students at Skyline College, she provides collaborative leadership in her role overseeing all clubs on campus. Pearl will transfer to UC Santa Cruz and plans to pursue a career in community studies.



NADIA KOSHAF: An International Baccalaureate diploma candidate and two-sport athlete at Capuchino High School, Nadia Koshafa will begin her studies at UC Berkeley with the goal of becoming a physician. Motivated by her younger siblings, Nadia has been an active volunteer at the San Bruno Library's Homework Center and Summer Reading Program, a peer tutor, and an Interact Club member. She has also served as the youth representative on the San Bruno Parks and Recreation Commission.



JAKARTA KUMASI-NAKURU: Having experienced the struggle of food insecurity first-hand, Jakarta Kumasi-Nakuru is motivated to give back to the community around him. At Skyline College, he has served as the Food Drive Chair for Second Harvest of Silicon Valley as well as tutored other students. Jakarta also co-founded the Astronomy Club and served as president of Kappa Beta Delta, Skyline's business honor society. Jakarta will begin his studies at the UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business this fall.



ALANNAH LINDEN: Alannah Linden has proudly represented San Bruno as drum major of the Capuchino High School band. A saxophonist, Alannah also plays in the USNSCC Band of the West and is a two-sport athlete. She has also volunteered with the San Bruno Library's Summer Reading Program and is trained as a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) member. President of the Environmental Club, Alannah plans to study atmospheric and oceanic sciences and mathematics at UCLA.



ASIA LOPEZ: Inspired to share her musical talents, Asia Lopez has been a leader in the Capuchino Chamber Singers and was elected by her peers to be part of the Chamber Singers Student Council. She has also been active in both school and community drama productions as a sound tech and lead crew member. A peer tutor at school, Asia has also volunteered at the San Bruno Library. Asia plans to attend Los Medanos College with the goal of transferring to a four-year college and continuing her musical aspirations.



KAELYNN MALANI: Kaelynn Malani's identity as a first-generation Tongan and Filipina has inspired her community service. At Capuchino High School, she was president of the Polynesian Club, a peer tutor, and a leader of St. Bruno's Tongan Lataki. At Skyline College, she has embraced the Kababayan Learning Community and served as Pacific Islander Club president, student trustee for the San Mateo County Community College District, and commissioner of activities. She will transfer to San Jose State University this fall.



ERIC TORRES: As a single father of a special needs toddler, Eric Torres is determined to build a solid future for himself and his son. A financial aid ambassador at Skyline College, Eric takes pride in empowering others to reach their educational and financial goals. He is an active member of the Alpha Gamma Sigma, Kappa Beta Delta, and Phi Theta Kappa honor societies. A business major, Eric will transfer to San Francisco State University and aspires to one day own his own business.



JOMELLINE UMALI: Jomelline Umali co-founded Capuchino High School's Environmental Club, participated in many community events through four years of Interact Club, served as a peer tutor, and volunteered over several summers with the San Bruno Library's Summer Reading Program. With a passion for improving the quality of life for others, Jomelline plans to major in nursing at the College of San Mateo, with the ultimate goal of becoming a dermatologist.