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015-046: 2015 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship

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2015 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship Awards \$65,000 to Graduating Seniors

Winners from 20 San Joaquin County high schools each awarded \$3,250

Twenty outstanding graduating seniors from San Joaquin County high schools have been awarded a total of \$65,000 in scholarships from the Friedberger Educational Fund to continue pursuing their education.

Each of the students was awarded \$3,250, paid out in installments over four years. In the 51 years since the first scholarship was awarded, the Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship has awarded more than \$2.6 million to local students.

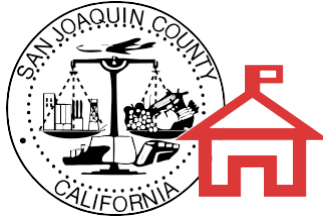
The fund was established in 1963 by William Friedberger, a prominent Stockton physician and longtime Medical Director at San Joaquin General Hospital. He established the fund in memory of his father and mother – Arnold and Lotta Friedberger. They were 19th-century pioneers to the Mother Lode and Stockton from their native Germany. The Bank of Stockton has been the fund manager since it was established.

To qualify for the scholarship, nominees must meet a list of criteria. The list includes: need for financial assistance, excellent schoolwork, outstanding character, leadership, public service and intent to enroll in an institution of higher learning in California.

Each high school in the county may nominate one applicant per year. The schools can either be public or private.

The applications are reviewed by a three-member awards committee, which included representatives of San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James A. Mousalimas and Stockton Unified School District Interim Superintendent Julie Penn. San Joaquin County Board of Education Area 3 Trustee Peter Ottesen was the third committee member.

The San Joaquin County Office of Education would like to congratulate the 2015 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship awardees.



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They are:

- Allison Beteta-Escobar, Tracy High School
- Valeria Cervantes, Venture Academy Family of Schools
- Ian Collis, Linden High School
- Kai Dillingham, Humphreys College ABLE
- Teresa Duong, Weston Ranch High School
- Nayely Esparza-Flores, Stockton Early College Academy
- Patricia Estrada, Cesar Chavez High School
- Gena Farley, Lincoln High School
- Marissa Gutierrez, Sierra High School
- Jessi Heffington, Lodi High School
- Asianya Jones, Lathrop High School
- Adriana Juarez, St. Mary's High School
- Jasveen Kaur, Stockton Collegiate International Schools
- Javier Mexicano, Edison High School
- Margarito Meza, Franklin High School
- Kathy Nguyen, Ronald E. McNair High School
- Mahir Pepic, Manteca High School
- Jessica Sierra Ornelas, Millennium High School
- May Simpson, Bear Creek High School
- Julianne Victorino, Escalon High School

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