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016-060: 2016 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship

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2016 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship Awards \$63,000 to Graduating Seniors

Fund named for pioneer family has helped San Joaquin County Students attend college for 52 years

Twenty-one outstanding graduating seniors from San Joaquin County high schools have been awarded a total of \$63,000 in scholarships from the Friedberger Educational Fund to continue pursuing their education.

Each of the students was awarded \$3,000, paid out in installments over four years. More than \$580,000 has been awarded since 2007. Since the selection of the first recipients in 1964, 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.

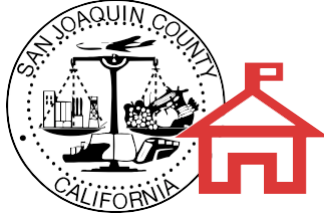
To qualify for the scholarship, nominees must meet a list of criteria. The list includes: need for financial assistance, excellent schoolwork, outstanding character, leadership, public service, and intent to enroll in an institution of higher learning in California.

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

The applications are reviewed by a three-member awards committee, which included representatives of San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James 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 2016 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship awardees. They are:

- Giacomo Abdallah, Stagg High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Brian Berber-Ramirez, Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton Unified School District
- Antonette Brito-Bersi, Lodi High School, Lodi Unified School District
- Mia DeVecchio, Escalon High School, Escalon Unified School District



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- Valeria Diaz, TLC – Millennium Charter, Tracy Unified School District
- Aakriti Dua, Manteca High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Warren Gaines, Lincoln High School, Lincoln Unified School District
- Makaila Genilla, Health Careers Academy, Stockton Unified School District
- Avneet Gill, Tokay High School, Lodi Unified School District
- Madeline Guajardo, Stockton Collegiate International Schools, Stockton Unified School District
- Carrie Hang, Cesar Chavez High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Benjamin Hoang, Lathrop High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Gavenjit Kaur, East Union High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Justin Layman, Bear Creek High School, Lodi Unified School District
- Anne Loewen, St. Mary's High School
- Deena Morrar, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District
- Jaira Navasca, Edison High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Maritza Paniagua, Linden High School, Linden Unified School District
- Esmeralda Perez-Razon, Franklin High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Jennifer Tran, Ronald E. McNair High School, Lodi Unified School District
- April Vang, Weston Ranch High School, Manteca Unified School District

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