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2017 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship Awards \$61,000 to Graduating Seniors

Fund named for pioneer family has helped San Joaquin County students attend college for 53 years

Twenty-two outstanding graduating seniors from San Joaquin County high schools have been awarded a total of \$61,000 in scholarships from the Friedberger Educational Fund to continue pursuing their education.

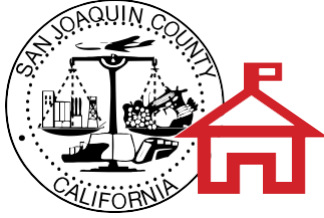
Each of the students was awarded approximately \$2,750, paid out in installments over four years. More than \$640,000 has been awarded since 2007. Since the selection of the first recipients in 1964, the Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship has awarded more than \$2.7 million to local students.

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 the scholarship 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 were reviewed by a three-member awards committee, which included representatives of San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools James Mousalimas and Stockton Unified School District Superintendent Eliseo Dávalos. San Joaquin County Board of Education Area 3 Trustee Peter Ottesen was the third committee member.

The total scholarship award for each student is \$2,755.25, to be paid in three installments of approximately \$689.



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The San Joaquin County Office of Education would like to congratulate the 2017 Friedberger Educational Fund Scholarship awardees. They are:

- Israr Ali, Tokay High School, Lodi Unified School District
- Andrea Anaya, Sierra High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Mariela Andrade Sanchez, Venture Academy Family of Schools, SJCOE
- Jamie Castellanos, Pacific Law Academy, Stockton Unified School District
- Kayla Davis, Stockton Collegiate International Secondary School, Stockton Unified School District
- Kevin Gines, St. Mary's High School
- Gia Harris, Edison High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Rania Ibrahim, John C. Kimball High School, Tracy Unified School District
- Asia Jamosmos, Lincoln High School, Lincoln Unified School District
- Sabah Khan, Stockton Early College Academy, Stockton Unified School District
- Colby Leiske, Tracy High School, Tracy Unified School District
- Megan McDonald, Lodi High School, Lodi Unified School District
- Amairani Morales Silva, Merrill F. West High School, Tracy Unified School District
- Adia Munoz, Health Careers Academy High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Lejla Pepic, Manteca High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Natasha Prasad, Lathrop High School, Lathrop Unified School District
- Emely Rodriguez, East Union High School, Manteca Unified School District
- Christian Rodriguez Ochoa, Escalon High School, Escalon Unified School District
- Marcos Romero Oropeza, Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy, Lodi Unified School District
- Ana Saechao, Cesar Chavez High School, Stockton Unified School District
- Kaylee Scholten, Ripon Christian High School
- Mary Vang, Weston Ranch High School, Manteca Unified School District

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