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SCOE Announces 2016-2017 Leadership Academy Scholarships

Stanislaus County Office of Education’s Prevention Programs Department recently announced that 30 students from throughout the county received \$500 scholarships as they graduated from its **2016-17 Leadership Academy on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.**

Designed to develop the leadership potential of high school juniors and seniors, the Leadership Academy was first implemented during the 2003-04 school year by SCOE’s Prevention Programs Department. Approximately 420 students from throughout the county have participated in Leadership Academy since its inception. “This program is the first of its kind in Stanislaus County to bring youth, public, and private organizations together to discuss and explore leadership in unique and innovative ways,” said Vicki Bauman, SCOE’s Director of Prevention Programs. “The program receives tremendous support from business and industry throughout the county.”

Students meet one day each month throughout the school year. In a hands-on learning environment, they learn about emerging community issues, are provided an opportunity to expand their knowledge of academics and work ethics, and gain an awareness of local career availability. “One of the goals of the program is to raise awareness of careers available locally to students after they graduate from college or trade schools,” said Bauman.

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2016-2017 Graduates:

Jaisen Albor, *Riverbank*

Emma Baily, *Gregori*

Annika Blom, *Modesto*

Hailey Brown, *Oakdale*

Sydney Chiesa, *Turlock*

Yulianna Cisneros, *Enochs*

Hollie Collins, *Denair*

Brandon Cologgi, *Gregori*

Rachel Day, *Turlock*

Alexa Duarte, *Waterford*

Lexi Fontes, *Central Catholic*

Timea Friesen, *Waterford*

Joseph Gardella, *Enochs*

Amy Holliday, *Ceres*

Surajeep Jhutti, *Pitman*

Molly Layman, *Big Valley Christian*

Sarah Mak, *Gregori*

Nicholas Mendez, *Downey*

Nick O'Brien, *Central Catholic*

Ignacio Ochoa, *Ceres*

Emily Reynoso, *Valley Charter*

Grace Roseman, *Beyer*

Alyssa Sawyer, *Hughson*

Mandi Soria, *Johansen*

Emily Stubbert, *Big Valley Christian*

Tyler Tam, *Enochs*

Sarah Truxton, *Central Catholic*

Baely Urban, *Big Valley Christian*

Alexa Valladolid, *Waterford*

Maya Villanueva, *Modesto Christian*

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