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Sacramento County Awards 40 College Scholarships Totaling \$40,000 to Area High School Seniors

Funds raised by employees are matched by Supervisor Phil Serna and his band

Sacramento, CA – With friends and relatives looking on, 54 college-bound high school seniors will each receive a \$1000 cash award during the 17th annual Department of Human Assistance Scholarship Awards ceremony.

**Friday, May 13th, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
700 H Street, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 1st floor, Sacramento**

Since the scholarship program's inception, more than 518 students from area high schools have received scholarships to help finance their continuing education at an accredited college, university, technical or trade school of their choice. The program is supported by the generosity of Sacramento County employees who hold various fundraisers throughout the year – no public dollars are used.

Supervisor Phil Serna's band, "UnSupervised," performed a benefit fundraiser in March to match monies contributed by employees.

"In the course of administering their work, County employees meet many young people who excel in high school but whose families have little or no money to help them pay for college," said Serna. "I admire the commitment of our staff to this program and wanted to help this year by "matching" the amount they raised in order to assist more deserving students. The Supervisor added, "I'm hopeful that after college some of these same bright minds will return to our community and pursue public service."

The annual college scholarship program is co-sponsored by the nonprofit People and Resources Together (PART), the Departments of Human Assistance and Health and Human Services, and several employee advisory groups. Student eligibility is based on earned income tax credit limits and the 200 percent federal poverty guidelines without regard to race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or political affiliation. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.5.

More information about the DHA Scholarship Program is available at
www.dha.saccounty.net/Pages/Scholarship-Program.

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