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### **Students Receive Health Care Scholarships**

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla and the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Foundation awarded 2013/2014 scholarships to ten North County students interested in pursuing careers in the health care field. This joint scholarship program is now in its tenth year providing assistance for needy and deserving young people. The awards were presented at a luncheon July 8th at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla. Scholarship recipients are:

- Alexis Munnely, a 2011 graduate of Carlsbad High School, received a renewal of her scholarship. She will be attending her third year at UC Davis as a biology major seeking a medical career in nursing.
- Rebekah Chung, a 2012 graduate of Carlsbad High School, also received a renewal of her scholarship. She will be attending her second year at San Diego State University and will soon be applying to SDSU's nursing school.
- Sergio Hernandez is a graduate of La Costa Canyon High School and will be attending Palomar pursuing a career in the nursing field.
- Brenda Blanco is a Sunset High School graduate who will be attending Mira Costa College in the Fall and also plans to become a nurse.
- Jagayra Balderas is a graduate of La Costa Canyon High School. She will be attending Mira Costa College majoring in biology pursuing a career in the medical field.
- David Beltran is also a graduate of La Costa Canyon. He plans to attend Mira Costa, transfer to a four-year university and become an EMT.

Not able to attend the luncheon were scholarship recipients Susan Bennington, Oceanside High School; Maria Quintana and Diana Ramirez, El Camino High School; and Cindy Quiroz, who is in her second year at Point Loma Nazarene University.

The scholarship program was the brainchild of Leonard Polster, an ardent supporter of both Scripps La Jolla and the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito as well as a long-time member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Mr. Polster brought both organizations together to form the scholarship program in hopes of encouraging students to pursue careers in the medical field to help offset the shortage of health care workers.

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla is a part of Scripps Health, a not-for-profit, community-based health care system that includes four hospitals on five campuses, dozens of outpatient clinics, thousands of affiliated physicians, home health and hospice care. Scripps employs 13,500 people in San Diego County and treats a half-million patients annually.



Pictured (l-r) are: Scholarship recipients Alexis Munnely, Rebekah Chung, Sergio Hernandez, Brenda Blanco, David Beltran, and Jagayra Balderas; and Scholarship Chairman Randi Hatch and Scholarship Co-Chair Signe Osteen.