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Reagan Foundation Awards \$50,000 in College Scholarships to Ventura County Students

Reagan Foundation's Longest-Standing Education Program Has Provided Nearly \$850,000 to More Than 230 Students Attending 30 Local High Schools

(SIMI VALLEY, Calif.) – On Tuesday, May 17, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute awarded \$50,000 in college scholarships to deserving high school seniors in Ventura County. The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program honors President Reagan's lasting legacy of leadership each year by rewarding high school seniors who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and strong character at school and in their community. This year's recipients include:

- Dylan Jin-Ngo, \$7,000, of The Thacher School; attending Harvard University
- Catherine Xu, \$7,000, of Westlake High School; attending the University of Southern California
- Saivee Ahuja, \$5,000, of Westlake High School; attending Washington University in St. Louis
- Jaqueline Emanuel, \$5,000, of La Reina High School; attending Fordham University
- Anna Li, \$5,000, of Newbury Park High School; attending the University of Pennsylvania
- Hans Bach-Nguyen, \$2,500, of Adolfo Camarillo High School; attending Harvard University
- Anshul Bajaj, \$2,500, of El Camino High School; attending the University of California, Berkeley
- Chaarvi Goel, \$2,500, of Westlake High School; attending the University of California, Berkeley
- Nicholas Kim, \$2,500, of Santa Susana High School; attending the University of Southern California
- Abheerava Koka, \$2,500, of Oak Park High School; attending the University of California, Los Angeles
- Keira Pender, \$2,500, of Westlake High School; attending the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Charles Qin, \$2,500, of Westlake High School; attending the University of Southern California
- Shay Rivera-Bremner, \$2,500, of Foothill Technology High School; attending the University of California, Los Angeles

The top two recipients also received a \$500 grant for the teacher of their choice. In addition, the program recognized its first Alumnus of the Year, Justin Kawaguchi, a 2017 Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholar from Newbury Park High School. Justin graduated from the University of Southern California in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science degree in global health. He was recently recognized as one of 30 Changemakers Under 30 by the Japanese American National Museum for his leadership building inclusive spaces within the Japanese American community

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program recognizes local high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, character, communication skills, academic achievement and commitment to Ventura County. The Foundation's longest-standing education program, it has awarded

nearly \$850,000 in funding to more than 230 students attending 30 local high schools since 2000. The application for the 2023 Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation Scholars Program will open in winter 2022. Eligibility requirements and a link to the application in English and Spanish are available at www.reaganfoundation.org/scholarships.

“This year’s awardees reflect the great leadership and optimism of our nation’s 40th President,” said Anthony Pennay, chief learning officer at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute. “The impact they have already made on their schools and their communities is extensive, and we look forward to watching them lead and serve in college and beyond. It is our privilege to be a part of their journey.”

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