CARMEL VALLEY WOMEN'S CLUB

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> The Carmel Valley Women's Club Foundation awards \$20,000 in scholarships for local women's education

(Carmel Valley, CA May 29, 2023) – The Carmel Valley Women's Club (CVWC) announces their annual scholarship award recipients for 2023. As part of their monthly luncheon speaker series, June's program is dedicated to celebrating the outstanding young women who were selected to receive college scholarships from The Carmel Valley Women's Club Foundation (CVWCF).

These scholarships were established to provide financial assistance to female high school graduates in Carmel Valley. The criteria require each applicant to have a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and be an active participant in extracurricular activities in school or in the community. The scholarships are open to graduating seniors or female students re-entering college who are Carmel Valley residents in the 93923 or 93924 zip codes east of Highway 1.

Since the CVWCF inception 74 years ago, the group has consistently supported women pursuing an education with hundreds of annual scholarships. In 2018, The CVWCF partnered with The Community Foundation for Monterey County (CFMC) to use their infrastructure and scholarship funds options. As a result, the scholarship fund has awarded a total of 46 scholarships ranging from \$500 - \$3,000. The number of scholarships varies per year. This year, the fund awarded \$20,000 in nine scholarships. The CVWCF reviews all applications, conducts interviews, and selects the scholarship recipients.

The nine recipients of The CVWCF annual awards are: Sophia Bone, Emma Audrey Brown, Cassidy Texas Bullas, Lillian Rose Menkel Siri Isabella Panetta, ND Valentina McGuire Torres, all graduating seniors at Carmel High School; Lisseth Cabrera Rojo will graduate from Monterey High School; and Giana Sue Buraglio, who is finishing her first year at UC Davis, studying Wildlife, Fish, and Conservation Biology. Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:30 am to 1:30 pm Los Laureles Lodge 313 W Carmel Valley Road Carmel Valley Village

The luncheon fee is \$45.00. To RSVP sign up on the website or call Cynthia (831) 624-3757.

About The Luncheon Speaker Series

Guests are welcome at the monthly luncheon series. Recent speakers have included Lillian Barbieto, Artistic Director, and Founder of Ballare Carmel and the Carmel Dance Festival, Monica Abbott, an Olympic Silver Medalist, who pitches for the United States Softball Team, and Dr. Kakani Katija, Principal Engineer, Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute.

About Carmel Valley Women's Club

The Carmel Valley Women's Club is a social, civic, and educational organization celebrating Friendship, Education, and Community founded 74 years ago. https://cvwomensclub.org/

About Carmel Valley Women's Club Foundation

The Foundation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized exclusively for the purposes of providing education scholarships to women who reside in the Carmel Valley, to support organizations with tax exempt status that promote the welfare of Carmel Valley resident and families, and to respond to immediate regional community emergencies.

About The Community Foundation for Monterey County

The Community Foundation for Monterey County manages over 65 scholarship opportunities including the Carmel Valley Women's Club Foundation Scholarship. For more information about our scholarships funds please visit <u>https://www.cfmco.org/scholarships/overview/</u>.