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FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

ESCONDIDO, CA – The San Diego County Farm Bureau has awarded \$26,000 of scholarships to 10 college and college-bound students who are residents of San Diego County and pursuing a degree in agriculture or a closely related field. Farm Bureau believes in the need to invest in and encourage our youth to pursue an education and career in agriculture.

Since introducing the scholarship program in 1999, the San Diego County Farm Bureau has distributed over \$315,000 to 287 students. The primary source of scholarship funds come from private donations and named scholarship awards.

The following students are this years' scholarship award winners: Sabrina Hon, UC Davis; Kelsey Swayze, Cal Poly Pomona; Joseph Schaner, UC Davis; Emily Franko, Texas Tech University; Christina Denbrave, UC Davis; Tierra Matthews, Colorado State University; Sarah Drown, Oklahoma State; Tori Pederson, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; Alyssa Van Tol, Reedly College; Juan Villegas, Cal Poly Pomona.

The San Diego County Farm Bureau is a non-profit organization supporting the more than 5,700 farms within the county, as the voice of local farmers. Ranking 19th in the nation, San Diego is a leader in nursery, avocado, tomato, citrus, poultry, mushroom, and strawberry production. The majority of San Diego County farms are 1-9 acres and nearly 20 percent are operated by women. San Diego County has more certified organic growers than any other county in the nation. The mission of the Farm Bureau is to foster San Diego agriculture through education, public relations, and public policy advocacy in order to promote the economic viability, sustainability, and community building of agriculture. For more information, visit www.sdfarmbureau.org.

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