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Clark Center for the Performing Arts

Congratulates

Our 2017 Clark Center Scholarship Award Winners

June, 2017 – Arroyo Grande, CA. – The Clark Center for the Performing Arts awarded four Arroyo Grande and one Nipomo High School performing arts students scholarships pursuing higher education in the arts. The scholarship were funded through an endowment conceived to recognize young performers, which was made possible through the generous bequests of the Melick and Arlene Mendel estate, the Bernie Kautz Memorial Scholarship Fund as well as the Clark Center Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships were presented by Clark Center Scholarship Committee members, Ron Kautz and Charles Jordan, at the 2017 Senior Awards Nights at the Clark Center. The five student finalists were awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships for further studies in the arts.

Nipomo High School senior, **Paige Deeds**, received the Bernie Kautz Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Arroyo Grande High senior, **Amanda Skillman**, received a \$2,500 Melick & Arlene Mendel Scholarship. Both students will attend Southern Oregon University in the fall; Paige as a technical theatre major and Amanda as a musical theatre major. Arroyo Grande High seniors, **Michaela Ferrogiaro** and **Ashur Gharavi**, both received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Clark Center Scholarship fund and their classmate, **Robert Kiner**, received a \$2,000 Melick & Arlene Mendel Scholarship as well as a \$1,000 scholarship from the Clark Center Scholarship Fund. All three students will attend PCPA's Actor Training Program in the fall. All of our scholarship winners have expressed their plans to pursue a career in the theatrical arts.

This is the 14th year the Clark Center has held its performing arts scholarship competition. Through increased endowments and gifts, the program is able to make substantial contributions to the education of talented Lucia Mar Unified School District graduating seniors. For more information on the Scholarship Endowment Fund, contact our Development Director, Wendy-Marie Martin, at (805) 489-4196 x207 or via email at wendy@clarkcenter.org.