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**Clark Center for the Performing Arts
Congratulates**

Our 2018 Clark Center Scholarship Award Winners

May 2018 – Arroyo Grande, CA. – The Clark Center for the Performing Arts awarded eight Arroyo Grande and two 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, Carol & Bill Rust, as well as the Clark Center Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships will be presented by Clark Center Scholarship Committee members, Charles Jordan and Nan Fowler at the 2018 Senior Awards Nights at the Clark

Center. The ten student finalists were awarded over \$11,000 in scholarships for further studies in the arts.

Arroyo Grande High School seniors, **Issy Gillette** (attending UCLA) , **Dylan Krebs** (attending PCPA) and **Trevor Quezada** (attending Allan Hancock College) each received a \$1,500 Clark Center Performing Arts Scholarship . Nipomo High school senior, **Nick Houchin**, received a \$1,500 scholarship from Carol & Bill Rust, a new addition to our scholarship fund this year. Nick plans to attend UCSB in the fall. Arroyo Grande High School senior, **Kiyenna Ellison** was awarded the Bernie Kautz Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and plans to attend UC San Diego. Nipomo High senior, **Chloe Wasil** (attending UC Davis), and Arroyo Grande High school senior, **Yumin Park** (attending Cal Poly) each received a \$1,000 Melik & Arlene Mendel Scholarship, and Arroyo Grande High School seniors, **Jude Walker** (attending PCPA) and **Daniel Gomez** (attending Cuesta College) each received a \$1,000 Clark Center Performing Arts Scholarship. **Nicholas Lee**, also a senior at Arroyo Grande High School who plans to attend Cuesta College, also received a Clark Center Performing Arts Scholarship in the amount of \$500.

This is the 15th 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 Business Office (805) 489-4196.