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Clark Center for the Performing Arts

Congratulates

Our 2019 Clark Center Scholarship Award Winners

May 2019 – Arroyo Grande, CA. – The Clark Center for the Performing Arts awarded six seniors residing in the Lucia Mar Unified School District area with performing arts scholarships to assist in pursuing higher education in the arts. The scholarships 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, the Deborah Kastner Memorial Scholarship as well as the Clark Center Scholarship Fund.

Scholarships will be presented by Clark Center Scholarship Committee members, Charles Jordan and Robyn Metchik at the 2019 Senior Awards Nights at the Clark Center. The six student finalists were awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships for further studies in the arts.

Arroyo Grande High School senior, **Juliana Keller** (attending Point Park University) received a \$1,700 scholarship from the Bernie Kautz Memorial Scholarship and Clark Center Scholarship Fund. Also from Arroyo Grande High School, **Destiny Cloud** (attending Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts at The New School) received a \$1,700 Melick and Arlene Mendel Scholarship. Nipomo High school senior, **Claire Gretlein**, received \$1,700 from the Deborah Kastner Memorial Scholarship, a new addition to our scholarship fund this year. Claire plans to attend PCPA in the fall. New Tech High School senior, **Riley Stewart** was awarded a Melick and Arlene Mendel Scholarship in the amount of \$1,700 and plans to attend Chapman University. Nipomo High senior, **Nathan Severance** (attending Cuesta College then transferring to CSU Northridge) was awarded \$1,700 from the Bill and Carol Rust and Clark Center Scholarship Fund. **Amy Sze**, who resides in Pismo Beach and attends Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences was awarded \$1,700 from the Melick and Arlene Scholarship Fund. Amy will be attending The Juilliard School.

This is the 16th 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.