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Twelve ABCUSD Students Receive Pathways to Success Scholarships

August 12, 2024, Cerritos, CA—The ABC Education Foundation is pleased to announce this year's CTE Pathways Success Scholarship recipients who were selected at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Each year, the Foundation awards scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in one of ABCUSD's 18 CTE pathway programs and are planning to align their college and career goals with the education, training, and skills they acquired in the pathway. Twelve ABCUSD students were awarded a \$250 scholarship based on their commitment to their CTE program of study and essays regarding college and career plans.

2024 CTE Pathway Scholarship Awardees:

1. Gennalyn Torres – BioMed/BioTechnology, Cerritos High School
2. Elena Cienfuegos - BioMed/Biotechnology, Cerritos High School
3. Matthew Camiling – Sports Medicine, Cerritos High School
4. Jasmin Cannon - Pharmacy/Patient Care, Artesia High School
5. Vaishnavi Sam - Computer Science, Whitney High School
6. Julianna Alderete - Computer Science, Cerritos High School
7. Kate Kwon - Digital Arts, Cerritos High School
8. Bryn Monfore - Education, Cerritos High School
9. Yairi Lubag - Engineering, Artesia High School
10. Ananya Anand – Film & Video, Whitney High School
11. Micayla Gooding – Game Design, Gahr High School
12. Hannael Quirarte – Theater, Gahr High School

Funding for these scholarships is provided by the Giordano Family and AutoNation Toyota of Cerritos to help students have the means to fulfill their dreams - whether that be through college or a trade school.

“These students are exceptional in their pathways and we are so proud of the work they are doing,” said Heather Summers, Chair of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. “We truly appreciate the generosity of the Giordano Family and AutoNation Toyota of Cerritos for helping us make a difference in their continued education.”

About the ABC Education Foundation

The ABC Education Foundation was founded in 2011 to support all ABCUSD schools with funding for programs in education where State funding falls short. Since inception, the Foundation has funded over \$598,444 in total programs. The annual mini-grant program (started in 2013) makes up \$391,561 of the total dollars funded. The Foundation also provides backpacks for financially disadvantaged students each school year full of school supplies and has distributed over 7,500 backpacks in ABCUSD. In recent years the backpack drive evolved into a program called SEED (School Essentials for Education Drive) where teachers, administrators and mental health professionals in ABCUSD can make individual requests for a student with financial need or their classroom's social-emotional needs from the Foundation. The Foundation also helped secure \$3.5 million in additional grants for the district. Learn more about the ABC Education Foundation at abcedfoundation.org.