



CI Announces Math and Science Teacher Initiative Scholarships

Camarillo, CA., Aug. 12, 2010 - CSU Channel Islands (CI) is proud to announce recipients of the Math and Science Teacher (MaST) Scholarships, funded by the system-wide effort of the CSU Chancellor's Office Math and Science Teacher Initiative. These scholarships are awarded to students who have committed to become math or science teachers in grades K-12. With these funds, and those of another donor, CI will have funded \$100,000 in scholarships to more than 45 math and science credential students from 2006 to the end of 2010-2011.

Students eligible to apply for a scholarship are post-baccalaureate students in the pre-credential program or single subject program, who are seeking a secondary math or science credential, or multiple subjects students and practicing teachers who have subject matter competency in math or science and wish to add-on a single subject credential.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Excellence is a campus initiative and these scholarships further support that emphasis. It is CI's commitment to support math and science credential students on their career path to teaching so the community will have a sufficient pool of qualified teachers in both subject areas.

The range of teaching experience ranges among the scholarship recipients. A number of students in the program are career changers, looking to make a difference in the lives of our local students. Dr. Jeanne Grier, Associate Professor of Secondary Education and Director of the Math and Science Teacher Initiative at CI, stated, "I've heard some terrific stories from our students who make those meaningful connections with kids that they never thought would be possible, even after a few weeks in the classroom. Those moments make the journey worth it."

After a review of all the applications, 13 students were named as winners, receiving a total of \$31,000 in scholarships from MaST at CI. Scholarship amounts vary based upon applications and place in the credentialing process. Winners of Math Scholarships are: Allison Fredrick, Danielle Hartley, Robert Humphrey, Heather Jacobs, Rana Kalaj, Rosa Monoy, Rachel Neumann, Kevin Prendergast and Jenee Wilcox. Winners of Science Scholarships are: Elizabeth Harrell, Heather Martin, Alice Overton and Kelly Vergeer.

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