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### **Long Beach Area Students Receive STEM Scholarships**

*Long Beach Community Foundation Partners to Help Students Achieve Academic Goals*

**Long Beach, CA** – The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) recently partnered with Edison International to provide college scholarships to deserving students. A \$50,000 grant from Edison International to LBCF provided two Long Beach City College students and nine California State University, Long Beach students with an opportunity to further their education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) related fields.

Edison International philanthropy focuses on ways to address important issues like education, the environment, public safety & emergency preparedness, and civic engagement. LBCF’s mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship and strategic grantmaking.

“The alignment of these two organizations has resulted in a tangible benefit to the community,” said Marcelle Epley, LBCF President and CEO. “LBCF is uniquely positioned to extend Edison’s reach in Long Beach through our relationships with local nonprofits and educational institutions, as well as our focus on philanthropy.”

Community Foundations across the country convene community stakeholders and facilitate charitable giving to improve their communities. LBCF has served Long

Beach for more than 20 years and during 2016 granted approximately \$2 million. Last year, Edison International gave \$20 million including \$1.2 million in STEM scholarships through its Edison Scholars Program to help students achieve their academic goals and contribute to future innovation.

**About Long Beach Community Foundation:**

*The Long Beach Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization with over \$25 million in assets and 125 charitable funds. It was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits, and assist individual donors with their philanthropic goals today and through planned giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation are invested directly back into the community in the form of discretionary grants. LBCF's mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grantmaking with a vision of being the preeminent steward of endowments serving the needs of Long Beach in perpetuity.*

*LBCF operations are led by President & CEO Marcelle Epley and oversight is provided by Board Chair Jane Netherton, Vice Chair Gary DeLong, and members Blake Christian, Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Randal Hernandez, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Frank Newell, Judy Ross, Robert Stemler, and Judy Vander Lans.*

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