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**Long Beach Community Foundation  
Awards Over \$100,000 in Scholarships**

**LONG BEACH, CA** – The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) awarded over \$100,000 in scholarships this spring, helping students achieve their educational dreams.

“Our scholarship awards continue to grow in size and in impact,” said Marcelle Epley LBCF President & CEO. “It’s inspiring to see applications from such promising young adults and LBCF is happy to support them on their journey to higher education.”

Twelve graduating seniors from Long Beach Polytechnic High School, Garden Grove High School, Woodrow Wilson High School, Lakewood High School, Bishop Alemany High School, Salinas High School, Santa Cruz High School, and Saint Monica Catholic High School were awarded scholarships from funds managed by LBCF.

“Today students are faced with many challenges in pursuing higher education,” said Gary DeLong, LBCF Board Chair. “I’m proud of the assistance LBCF is providing to students and their families.”

The *Ensemble Scholarship Fund* was created to support the academic goals and career dreams of Ensemble employees. This year scholarships were awarded to students who will continue their education at California State University Long Beach, California State Northridge, University California Davis, University of California Berkeley, San Diego State University, Stanford University, and Montana State University.

*Don Knabe Safe Surrender Scholarship* awards scholarships to college-bound students who were safely surrendered at birth and this year was awarded to a student attending Moorpark College who has a dream of becoming a veterinarian. The Safe Surrender Program, pioneered by former LA County Supervisor Don Knabe, was successfully adopted in Los Angeles in 2001, making the first cohort of 10 children old enough to attend college beginning in 2020. This is the second year LBCF has offered this scholarship.

Larry Acterman Public Education Award provides scholarships to future public-school teachers and this year awarded to a student attending California State Long Beach who will one day become a special education teacher. This fund was created by Steve Acterman and Amy (Acterman) Tenderich in 2001 to ensure their father's lifelong commitment to public education. "My father received great joy from his 33 years as a public-school teacher," said Steve Acterman. "He would be proud and excited to support students on their path to becoming public school teachers."

The Patricia K. Buck Scholarship Fund awards to graduating seniors of Wilson High School in Long Beach. Scholarships are selected by Wilson High counselors and can be used for tuition, room and board or expenses relating to college or university enrollment

Since 1996 LBCF has been managing charitable funds that have been established by individuals, families, businesses, and nonprofits. To learn more about creating a scholarship fund with LBCF contact Issis Vargas at (562) 435-9033 or [issis@longbeachcf.org](mailto:issis@longbeachcf.org), or visit [longbeachcf.org/scholarships](http://longbeachcf.org/scholarships). To learn more about creating a charitable fund or establishing a planned gift with LBCF, contact Marcelle Epley at (562) 435-9033 or [marcelle@longbeachcf.org](mailto:marcelle@longbeachcf.org).

### **About the Long Beach Community Foundation**

*The Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, public organization. A local team manage 178 charitable funds totaling over \$63 million, which are pooled with \$3 billion in charitable funds through a national team in Greater Kansas City. LBCF was established in 1996 to make strategic grants to nonprofits and assist individuals with their philanthropic goals today and through planned giving. Fees charged to manage funds at the Foundation support local programs through strategic grantmaking, convening and other community support. LBCF's mission is to initiate positive change for Long Beach through charitable giving, stewardship, and strategic grant making 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 Gary DeLong, Vice Chair Frank Newell, and Board members Michele Dobson, Bob Foster, Tony Gales, Mark Guillen, Donita Joseph, Annette Kashiwabara, Steve Keesal, Suzanne Nosworthy, Kevin Peterson, Judy Ross, and Robert Stemler.*

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