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SALINAS CWA AWARDS A RECORD-BREAKING \$21,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO LOCAL WOMEN

(SALINAS, Calif.) -- California Women for Agriculture's Salinas Valley Chapter (Salinas CWA) awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to 20 scholarship recipients during an awards ceremony on June 29 at D'Arrigo Bros. Co., in Salinas for the 2011-2012 school year.

"The young women who receive our scholarships are chosen because they have demonstrated themselves to be outstanding participants in both their school and in their community. Each has great potential to become future agriculture and community leaders," said Sue Storm, co-president Salinas CWA. "Thanks to the generous donations of local businesses, including Dole, Driscoll's and Valley Pride, Salinas CWA awarded a record-breaking number and amount in scholarships this year, up from \$11,000 in scholarships to 14 scholarship recipients in 2010."

Awarded annually, Salinas CWA offers two scholarship programs *Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship* and *The Farm Workers Scholarship*. *The Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture Scholarship* is intended for female students interested in embarking on a career in an ag-related field. *The Farm Workers Scholarship* is available to women who have at least one parent or guardian employed as a farm worker.

Both scholarships go to women pursuing a bachelor's degree, an associate's degree from a junior college, a master's or doctorate degree, or a degree from an accredited trade school. Recipients are required to have a 3.0 grade point average and must be residents of or attended high school in Monterey, Santa Cruz, or San Benito counties. There is no age restriction on either scholarship, nor is either based upon financial need.

Salinas CWA, a nonprofit organization uniting women involved or interested in agriculture in Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties, serves as a voice of local agriculture for women from all sectors of the community. Its mission is to promote local agriculture and to support interest in agriculture through education and scholarship programs for women.

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The 2011-2012 scholarship recipients for *The Farm Workers Scholarship* are:

- **Michelle Lopez Arrelano:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Lopez Arrelano will start her freshman year this fall at UC Davis, where she will major in biological sciences.
- **Claudia Garcia:** A graduate of Soledad High School, Garcia will be a sophomore this fall at Santa Clara University, where she is pursuing a business degree. She is a past recipient CWA scholarship recipient (2010).



- **Elvira Paniagua:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Paniagua will start her freshman year this fall at UC Merced, where she will major in chemistry.
- **Minerva Perez:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Perez will attend Cabrillo College this fall, where she will pursue a degree in a health-related field.
- **Glorisel Rocha:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Rocha will attend Cabrillo College this fall.
- **Karina Rodriguez:** A graduate of Soledad High School, Rodriguez attends Cal State Stanislaus where she is pursuing a Master's degree in social work. She is a past recipient of CWA Scholarships (2006-2010).
- **Delsy Sanchez:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Sanchez will transfer to CSUMB this fall, where she will major in sociology.
- **Emelisa Santiago:** A graduate of Alisal High School, Santiago will attend Hartnell College this fall, where she will pursue a business and financial services degree.

The 2011-2012 scholarship recipients for ***The Women Pursuing Degrees in Agriculture***

Scholarship are:

- **Carolyn Andrus:** A graduate of Salinas High School, Andrus will be a senior this fall at Cal Poly, where she is majoring in wine and viticulture.
- **Erica Bianchi:** A graduate of San Benito High School, Bianchi will be a sophomore this fall at Modesto Junior College, where she is majoring in agricultural business. Bianchi is a past CWA Scholarship recipient (2010).
- **Kambree Borzini:** A graduate of King City High School, Borzini will be a freshman this fall at Cal Poly, where she will major in agricultural and environmental plant sciences.
- **Hailey Camillone:** A graduate of Notre Dame High School, Hailey will be a freshman this fall at Cal Poly, where she will major in agricultural business.

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- **Lily Elder:** A graduate of Santa Cruz High School, Elder will be a freshman this fall at Humboldt State, where she will major in biology.
- **Lauren Grant:** A graduate of King City High School, Grant will be starting her freshman year this fall at Fresno State, where she will major in animal sciences.
- **Daisy Loza:** A graduate of Watsonville High School, Loza will start her freshman year this fall at Cal Poly, where she will major in agricultural business.
- **Haley Markow:** A graduate of Carmel High School, Markow will be a junior this fall at Cal Poly, where she is majoring in animal sciences. Markow is a past CWA Scholarship recipient (2010).
- **Rebekkah Morris:** A graduate of Salinas High School, Morris will be a freshman this fall at Cal Poly, where she will major in animal sciences.
- **Karina Saloman:** A graduate of Gonzales High School, Saloman will start her freshman year this fall at Cal Poly, where she will major in agricultural business.



- **Kelsey Stewart:** A graduate of San Benito High School, Stewart will be transferring to Cal Poly this fall, where she will major in agricultural and environmental sciences.
- **Grace Tobias:** A graduate of San Benito High School, Tobias will be a freshman this fall at UC Davis, where she will pursue an animal sciences degree.

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About Salinas CWA:

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