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Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association announces 2013 Scholarship Recipients

NIPOMO, CA – The Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association (CCGGA) is proud to announce that they will award fourteen scholarships to college and high school students this year. CCGGA member nurseries throughout Nipomo and Arroyo Grande opened their doors on April 13th to the general public to develop relationships with community members and to raise money for their scholarship fund. Each participating nursery proudly donated a portion of that day's sales to the CCGGA Scholarship Fund, which is open to all students that are currently enrolled in college for the following year. The Scholarship program is also available to students of employees who work at CCGGA member nurseries.

One of the organizations goals is to continue encouraging future generations to enter the horticulture field and to promote higher education within the families that work in the local nursery business. Next year's Open House event will be held on April 5, 2014.

2013 CCGGA scholarship recipients are:

- Ana Marquez Currently attending San Jose State University
- Critine Vana Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Daniel Hertel Currently attending UC Berkley
- Erica Guido Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Forrester Fringer Currently attending Arroyo Grande High School
- Israel Barajas Currently attending UC Santa Barbara
- Joel Fischbein Currently attending UC Davis
- Katrina Moldenhauer Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Kirk Wilenius Currently attending Loyola Marymount University
- Lauren Moss Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Mason Duarte Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Rachel Mairoino Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Tyler Poole Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- William Rose Currently attending Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

Two of the scholarships are named with the local sponsors for the event – Mason Duarte, Environmental Plant Science major at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, was named the winner of the Rabobank/CCGGA Scholarship and Kirk Wilenius, a Loyola Marymount University Freshman, was named the winner of the Nipomo Rotary/CCGGA Scholarship.

For more information, please call (800) 961-8901 or visit www.ccgga.com

Central Coast Greenhouse Growers Association (CCGGA) was founded to provide a cohesive organization that acts as a good neighbor within the local and regional community, providing information and education to neighbors; other community groups or businesses; and county, state, or federal agencies. The CCGGA acts on behalf of its members in resolving issues that may arise with the neighboring communities, as we work to coexist and enjoy the numerous benefits the Central Coast provides for both living and growing high-quality plants.