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Chamber and Rotary Award Scholarships to Laguna College Students

The Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce and Laguna Beach Rotary Club announced the recipients of scholarships to Laguna College of Art & Design students on June 18 during the Third Thursday Forest Avenue Promenade. Two \$2,000 scholarships were presented to students who were selected based on criteria that included an essay submission, academic excellence and portfolio review. Jessica Hernandez will be a senior in the fall, and Enrique Escobedo will be a junior, both majoring in Fine Arts.

The scholarships were made possible by funds raised at the 4th Annual Grapes for Grads wine tasting event at Tivoli Too in April. The vision of the event was to focus on students who show a commitment to community service and excellence in academics, and to provide the resources necessary to afford them the very best education. The generous scholarships provide much appreciated assistance to deserving students of the college and bestow recognition to foster their creative development.

Event Chair Jeff Redeker remarked, "This year's event was just incredible. Our community really came out to support higher education in art and academics. The Rotary Club of Laguna Beach and the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce successfully brought together businesses and philanthropic leaders to co-host the 4th Annual Grapes for Grads event. This year's recipients from Laguna College of Art & Design, Jessica Hernandez and Enrique Escobedo, embody the commitment these two organizations have for the arts, community service and higher education. Congratulations to our 2009 winners." Mr. Redeker serves as President of the Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Laguna Beach Rotary Club.

Images:

- Jessica Hernandez and Enrique Escobedo receive their scholarships
- Jessica and Enrique with Laguna Beach Mayor Kelly Boyd
- Jessica Hernandez performs a painting demonstration during the Forest Avenue Promenade

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Laguna College of Art & Design is a private, not-for-profit college where outstanding artist-educators, visual arts programs, state-of-the-art facilities, and year-round exhibitions give fresh vision to Laguna's extraordinary legacy in the visual arts. Founded in 1961, the college educates artists at all stages of their creative careers, offering Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design, Illustration, and Feature Animation. Gallery Exhibition Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm and Sat 9am-3pm

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