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Laguna College Honors Academic Achievement and Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations go out to the 72 members of the President's Honor Roll at Laguna College of Art & Design. To achieve this distinction, students must earn a grade point average of 3.75 or better. A reception was held in the college gallery on September 23 to acknowledge their hard work and to present 16 scholarships to deserving students that were generously provided by individuals and community organizations.

Scholarships totaled \$70,000 and were provided by individual donors as well as prominent community organizations that included the Larry Clarence Memorial Scholarship Fund, Rotary Club of Laguna Beach, Dana Pantuso, Festival of Arts Foundation, Ebell Club of Laguna Beach, LaDorna Eichenberg, American Association of University Women, Jeffrey Pan Memorial Scholarship Fund, Louis Longi and First Thursday's Art Walk. The scholarships were awarded to students in each field of study and based on a variety of criteria to recognize artistic and academic acumen.

The Weingart Foundation, through a three year grant to the college, is helping to keep students in college and graduate. LCAD has taken on an initiative to address the growing need for student financial aid, and the Weingart Foundation scholarship program will allow for students to accomplish their dream of earning a degree from an accredited institution. This year five students received assistance from the Weingart Foundation.

"Personal relationships between the students and donors are created by these generous scholarships. For 49 years, LCAD has been providing talented, aspiring visual artists with the best possible education. The return on this extraordinary investment has been a world made better, and has brought an education within the grasp of these hardworking students," said Vice President of Development Patsee Ober. "Our heartfelt thanks go out to these individuals and groups."

Images:

- Trustee Barbara Clarence and Wes Potter, recipient of the Larry Clarence Memorial Scholarship.
- Sculptor Louis Longi and scholarship recipient Aubriana Zurilgen.
- Ebell Club of Laguna Beach representatives Cristina Calderone and Amy Altieri with scholarship recipient Eun-jung Lee.

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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, Game Art and Animation, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in painting.

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