More than $350,000 Awarded to San Diego City College Students

San Diego, CA - For the 2011-12 academic year, San Diego City College students received more than $350,000 in scholarship awards, including national and international honors.

At the 21st Annual City College Scholarship Banquet on Saturday, April 30 in Balboa Park, the San Diego City College Foundation awarded 415 scholarships totaling $226,000 to 243 students. Sixty-seven students earned multiple awards.

“Investing in our students by providing scholarship funds is one of the greatest returns possible for our community," said City College President Dr. Terry Burgess.

In addition to the annual Foundation Scholarship awards, several City College students were named as national and international scholarship honorees.

Michael Cash, City College Associated Student President and a combat veteran, is one of 60 Scholars in the nation selected this year to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Michael is graduating from City College on May 18 with Associate degrees in Social/Behavioral Sciences and Language Arts and Humanities. Michael plans to transfer to San Diego State University to study International Business with an emphasis in Spanish and Latin America. His future plans include pursuing an MBA and law degree so that he can specialize in international trade and immigration.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation’s top community college students to complete their bachelor’s degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to $30,000 per year to the students selected annually, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student’s educational expenses — including tuition, living expenses, books and required fees — for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor’s degree.

Additionally, two City College students received full scholarships valued at $8000 each to participate in the summer 2012 World Capitals Program, sponsored by the Global Institute of Comparative Studies at Chancellor University. City College students Iris Mendoza and Enrique Zapata will embark on an 8-week trip through Berlin, Paris, and Strasbourg while completing a demanding global studies curriculum.
Mendoza and Zapata will compare cultures, economies and political institutions while taking courses relating to global issues, attending lectures at the European Union, visiting international organizations and receiving lectures from high level executives at multinational corporations.

Also, City College students Lee Francis Ryan, Kailin Ryann McKinzie, Angela R.J. Dance, and Jesus E. Uribe and faculty advisor, History Professor Sofia Laurein received Salzburg Study Abroad Scholarships. The Salzburg Global Seminar offers a week-long International Study Programs for American undergraduates and faculty at its Salzburg, Austria facility, the 18th century Schloss Leopoldskron palace (the original filming location for Sound of Music). The intent of the program is to make students more aware of global issues and what it means to be a ‘global citizen’, including how to better assess information pertaining to world affairs, and to understand America’s place in the world.

For more information on these programs, please visit:
Jack Kent Cooke Foundation: www.jkcf.org
GICS study abroad programs: www.gicsstudyabroad.com; KHerrnstein@chancelloru.edu.
Salzburg Global Seminar: http://www.salzburgseminar.org
San Diego City College Foundation: www.sdcity.edu/foundation

About the San Diego City College Foundation
Established in 1972, the San Diego City Foundation provides direct financial support for students to pursue academic advancement and to expand the culturally-diverse program opportunities for the college campus. A nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization, contributions are tax deductible.
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Founded in 1914, San Diego City College serves as the educational cornerstone of downtown San Diego. With more than 18,000 students, City College offers 200+Associate Degrees and Certificates and 1,500 day, evening and weekend classes, including programs in business, computer technology, and communications. Home to KSDS Jazz 88.3 and the award-winning Knights, City College is part of the San Diego Community College District, comprised of City College, Mesa College, Miramar College, and Continuing Education. For more information, visit: www.sdcity.edu