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NEWS RELEASE

SoCalGas Awards Scholarships to 23 Students from Los Angeles County

Utility announces scholarships totaling \$225,000 to 45 students pursuing higher education

LOS ANGELES, June 10, 2018 — [Southern California Gas Co.](#) (SoCalGas) today announced 23 students from Los Angeles County as recipients of a \$5,000 college scholarship from the utility. SoCalGas' Scholarship Program is distributing scholarships totaling \$225,000 to 45 students this year. Since its creation in 2001, the program has provided more than \$2.2 million in scholarship funding to more than 2,500 students. Recipients were evaluated on academic achievement, community involvement, and an essay on climate change. Photos of the awards luncheon for the scholars and their families are available [here](#).

"SoCalGas' Scholarship Program helps young people continue their education and build a pipeline of diverse future engineers and other professionals who are prepared for the competitive workforce," said Gillian Wright, chief human resources and administrative officer for SoCalGas. "We believe that a well-educated workforce is essential for a vital and economically healthy Southern California and are thrilled to award scholarships to this group of exceptional students."

The recipients are:

- Fianna Gin, Alhambra High School, Alhambra
- Elena Montoya, Harvard Westlake High School, Arleta
- Tristin Dodd, Azusa High School, Azusa
- Gillean Graves, College of the Canyons, Canyon Country
- Andrea Garcia, Dominguez High School, Compton
- Ezra Zeleke, Culver City High School, Culver City
- Mark Parent, Diamond Bar High School, Diamond Bar
- Steven Gov, Mountain View High School, El Monte
- Mane Malkhasyan, Burbank High School, Glendale
- Liang Fang, Troy High School, Hacienda Heights
- Fritz Legaspi, Choate Rosemary Hall, Hawthorne
- Andrew Avalos, Chatsworth High School, Los Angeles
- Lameka LeShe Dolby, San Pedro High School, Los Angeles
- Aaron Mendez, Cathedral High School, Los Angeles
- Gloria Okotieuro, David Jordan High School, Los Angeles
- Danielle Rawles, Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet High School, Los Angeles
- Thailiya Thomas, Westchester Enriched Sciences Magnet High School, Los Angeles
- Lorena Magana, Lynwood High School, Lynwood
- Madelen Flores, SOAR High School, Palmdale

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- Julio Ornelas, El Rancho High School, Pico Rivera
- Alexis Schonborn, Garey High School, Pomona
- Sierra Crane, Redondo Union High School, Redondo Beach
- Richard Aguilar, St. John Bosco High School, Santa Fe Springs

Thailiya Thomas will attend California State Polytechnic University, Pomona as an urban planning major in the fall.

"I am so grateful that SoCalGas is willing to invest in many others' and my education," said Thomas. "Financing a college education is a scary thought, but this scholarship definitely eased some of my worries."

In addition to providing academic scholarships, SoCalGas supports technology-based learning in science, technology, engineering, and math at schools across the company's service territory. Last year, the company provided nearly \$1.3 million in grants to hundreds of educational organizations in Southern California.

SoCalGas also supports clean air, energy, and water initiatives through its Environmental Champions program. This year, the company provided grants totaling more than \$500,000 to 42 nonprofit organizations to implement projects focused on clean air, energy, or water. Since its inception in 2015, the program has awarded over 120 grants totaling more than \$1.5 million.

SoCalGas is a leader in developing and investing in technologies that reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Since 1990, the company's energy efficiency and rebate programs have reduced emissions equal to taking almost 700,000 cars off the road. SoCalGas is also working to increase the production and use of renewable natural gas, which turns methane emissions into a source of clean energy, as well as heavy-duty trucks fueled by natural gas. The latest advancements in this engine technology can lower greenhouse gas emissions from trucks by 80 percent and reduce air pollution by 90 percent.

About SoCalGas

Headquartered in Los Angeles, [SoCalGas®](#) is the [largest natural gas distribution utility](#) in the United States, providing clean, safe, affordable and reliable natural gas service to 21.7 million customers in Central and Southern California. Its service territory spans [22,000 square miles](#) from Fresno to the Mexican border, reaching more than [550 communities](#) through 5.9 million meters and 101,000 miles of pipeline. More than 90 percent of Southern California single-family home residents use natural gas for home heat and hot water. In addition, natural gas plays a key role in providing electricity to Californians—about [60 percent of electric power generated](#) in the state comes from gas-fired power plants.

SoCalGas has served communities in California [for 150 years](#) and is committed to being a leader in the region's clean energy future. The company is working to accelerate the use of [renewable natural gas](#), a carbon-neutral or carbon-negative fuel created by capturing and conditioning greenhouse gas emissions from farms, landfills and wastewater treatment plants. SoCalGas is a subsidiary of [Sempra Energy](#) (NYSE: SRE), a Fortune 500 energy services holding company based in San Diego. For more information visit [socalgas.com/newsroom](#) or connect with SoCalGas on [Twitter](#) (@SoCalGas), [Instagram](#) (@SoCalGas) and [Facebook](#).

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