

Press release for immediate distribution

The Northern California Peace Officers Association (NCPOA) is proud to announce the Fall Semester recipients of the NCPOA Scholarships. These scholarships, in the amount of \$1,500 dollars each, are awarded to members of the junior or senior class enrolled in the Criminal Justice Degree Program at California State University, Sacramento. Each recipient also receives the Sergeant Kelley Allen - Shrine Peace Officers Scholarship Award, an additional \$200 each from the Sacramento Shrine Law Enforcement Unit. These recipients were selected from qualified applicants and attended an interview panel to determine their eligibility. This year the panel selected eight applicants for scholarships, five will be awarded at the NCPOA Luncheon on November 17, 2011 at the West Sacramento City Hall Galleria, 1110 West Capitol Ave, West Sacramento, California. The three spring recipients will receive their scholarships at the March 15th, 2012 NCPOA Luncheon at the Jose Rizal Center, 7320 Florin Mall Drive, Sacramento.

The Fall NCPOA Scholarships will be awarded to:

Sina Ghaffarpour, a junior, will be receiving the Professor Paul Weston Memorial Scholarship. She currently works for the Fairfield Police Department and wants to attend a law enforcement academy and work for a local law enforcement agency.

Phonexay Thirakoune, a junior, will be receiving the first Bruce Verhoven Foundation Memorial Scholarship. He served as an intern with the West Sacramento Police Department and would like to become a probation officer. He has served four years with the US Marine Corps Reserves and may go on active duty in the near future.

Dominic Troncale, a senior, will be receiving the Professor Leo Hertoghe Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the CSUS Criminal Justice Alumni Association. He served as a volunteer with the Redding Police Department and worked over 1,000 hours in a four year period. He would like to finish his bachelor's degree and pursue a master degree

in Criminal Justice. His goal is to join a local law enforcement department.

Charlina Poev, a senior, will be receiving the Judge William Ridgeway Memorial Scholarship. She currently is serving an internship with the Sacramento Probation Department and would like to become a probation officer after graduation.

Cameron Bal, a junior, will be receiving the Val Kobza Scholarship. He spent five years as a volunteer police cadet with the City of Roseville and now is a paid cadet with that department. He would like to become a police officer or sheriff's deputy in the local region.

Congratulations to all five worthy candidates.

The NCPOA dates back to the 1930's and was formally organized in 1952 with the election of Sacramento Chief of Police Jim Hicks as the first President. The NCPOA was incorporated in 1978 as a tax exempt non-profit association in 1978. The association is comprised of active and retired members of public safety departments at the local, state and federal level, Probation Departments, California Department of Corrections and other law enforcement personnel and associate members. Social luncheons are held ten times a year in Sacramento and the contiguous counties. These luncheons are hosted by local agencies and give the members and guests the opportunity make new friends, renew old associates and foster communications among the membership.

The principle philanthropic goal of the NCPOA is to provide scholarships to juniors and seniors enrolled in the Criminal Justice Degree Program at CSUS. The NCPOA takes applications for the scholarships in the fall and will award between four and eight scholarships each year.

Since 1980, the NCPOA has awarded \$127,250.00 in scholarships to over 190 deserving CSUS Criminal Justice students. Many of these recipients have gone on to have distinguished careers in public safety , parole, probation and corrections.

The NCPOA Scholarship Foundation is a tax exempt public charity recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) charity. All donations go to fund the scholarships. The tax ID No. is 27-4822850.

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