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Marin Builders Association awards \$24,500 to 11 graduating seniors

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Eleven graduating Marin high school seniors will share \$24,500 from the Marin Builders Association as part of its annual scholarship awards distribution.

The scholarships, which will be presented at a June 9 reception, are awarded based on scholastic achievement, potential for success and financial need.

"The applicants this year had tremendous qualifications and inspiring stories," said Rick Wells, CEO of the Marin Builders Association.

"We're pleased we can help the recipients take the next step forward in education and show our confidence in them."

The winners were selected from an initial pool of 32 applicants. The scholarships:

- \$5,000: Dante Felciano, Tomales High School.

- \$4,000: Tonatiuh Beltran, Chelsea Supawit, Sir Francis Drake High School. Supawit's award includes \$2,000 from the Mario Ghilotti Family Foundation.

- \$2,500: Maddie Quirk-Shattuck, Branson School;

Elaina Walker, San Rafael High School.

- \$1,500: Nicholas Bornstein, Branson School, Bank of Marin Scholarship Award.

- \$1,000: Krish Chinai, Branson School; Jacqueline Cooney, Marin Catholic High School; Sara Evans, Terra Linda High School; Franklin Ratto, Casa Grande High School, Petaluma, California Bank & Trust Scholarship; and Emily Wearing, Sir Francis Drake High School, Dutra Scholarship.

The 2015 awards were

determined after an initial screening of applicants and interviews by a panel of judges: Ken Lippi, assistant superintendent, Marin County Office of Education; Cynthia Murray, president and CEO of the North Bay Leadership Council; and Robert Sterling, editor of the Marin Independent Journal.

Since 1978, the Marin Builders Association Scholarship Fund has awarded nearly \$1 million in scholarships to local high school students who are pursuing higher education.