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THE CLASS OF 2022 KRISTIN SMART SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

STOCKTON, Calif. (May 9, 2022) – The recipients of the Kristin Smart Scholarship Fund for 2021-2022 have been announced. Each year, four exceptional young female students from both San Joaquin and San Luis Obispo Counties are selected to receive monetary awards to financially assist their quest for a college education. To qualify for consideration, recipients ideally possess an interest in international relations; architecture; or are pursuing a degree in law enforcement or forensic science.

Kristin Smart was a young, enthusiastic 19-year-old from Stockton who was a freshman at Cal-Poly, San Luis Obispo studying architecture, when she disappeared in 1996 during Memorial Day weekend. She possessed a great love for travel and exploring new cultures. The scholarship was created to honor her life. The class of 2022 recipients are:

For San Joaquin County:

Avery Redula – Ripon High School, Ripon, California. Career Goal – Criminal Prosecutor. With a 4.5 GPA, Avery is active in ASB in a variety of leadership roles, played on the tennis team for 4 years and is an extensive community service leader. She is also a Youth Leadership Member for the San Joaquin County District Attorney’s office and a member of the speech and debate team. Avery created a mentorship program to help build peer connections and relationships at her school. “Avery is a born leader; she is a kind and giving person who uses her intelligence and compassion to help others.”

Taylor Willis – Tokay High School, Lodi, California. Career Goal – Forensic Scientist. With a 3.33 GPA, Taylor is a 4-year All League volleyball player and team captain. She was the ASB president, Girls State representative and has received numerous community service awards. “Taylor has an amazing work ethic and is unflinchingly honest and reliable. She is compassionate, motivated, innovative and truly an exceptional leader.”



For San Luis Obispo County:

Isabella Edwards – Coast Union High School, Cambria, California. Career Goal – Forensic Scientist. Isabella has a 4.14 GPA and is a San Luis Obispo County Mock Trial winner, as well as president and team captain. She was a member of the Drama Club, Interact, and regularly participates in community service. Isabella is also part of the SLO Sheriff’s Department Search and Rescue program. “Isabella is the real deal, a compassionate and exceptional student in every way, always striving to do her best and always there to help and support her peers.”

Sabrina Garcia – San Luis Obispo High School, San Luis Obispo, California. Career Goal – International Law with a focus on local and global issues related to refugee migration. She has a 4.5 GPA. Sabrina is a San Luis Obispo Mock Trial winner, a lifeguard and has received multiple awards for her academic excellence. She is also a community activist and an interpreter. “Sabrina demonstrates both strength of character, leadership skills, compassion and has a keen understanding of procedural law and procedures.”

Imelda Walsh – Trivium Charter School, Arroyo Grande, California. Career Goal – Forensic Scientist. Imelda has earned a 3.95 GPA while attending multiple high schools due to family moves. She has helped establish the first female BSA club in Arroyo Grande and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has regularly worked part time jobs throughout her high school career and received multiple academic achievement awards. “Imelda has a fantastic work ethic, is self-sufficient, organized and always open to new experiences. Her academics, however, pale in comparison to her kindness.”

To learn more about the Kristin Smart Scholarship, visit www.kristinsmart.org.