

FARM BUREAU  
FOUNDATION  
of SONOMA COUNTY  
*2015 Annual Report*

## Creating Opportunities For The Next Generation Through Scholarships

As president of the Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County, it is my distinct pleasure to present the 2015 Annual Report, which shows the continued growth of the Foundation. Since it was established in 2005, the Farm Bureau Foundation has come a long way as a financial vehicle for enhancing agricultural education in Sonoma County. Over the last nine years, the total value of agricultural scholarships administered by the Foundation has increased from \$2,000 to more than \$130,000 in 2015. These scholarships assisted 36 young leaders pursue degrees from the top agricultural universities in the Nation.



In addition, the Foundation funds programs to increase agricultural literacy of elementary and high school students. A few of the programs that the Foundation contributes to are the Sonoma County Fair Awards Dinner, Tomorrow's Leaders Today and North Bay Science Challenge. These programs build awareness and a positive public perception of agriculture.

It is my dream to see the Foundation expand it's scope to provide educational programs that will go beyond awarding scholarships. The Foundation is well positioned to provide leadership and speaker training along with informational forums on the importance of agriculture all with the goal of promoting all types of agriculture; small or large, animal or crops in Sonoma County and beyond. Yes, it may be a big dream, but the potential is there to make it come true.

The Foundation is a success, in large part, because of the culture of philanthropy in Sonoma County. The Foundation relies on contributions from generous donors who agree with the mission of the organization. Numerous families fund named scholarships so the next generation of agricultural leaders can pursue their higher education goals. With your continued support the Foundation will continue to grow to provide even more funding for valuable scholarships and agricultural education activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Muelrath, president  
Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County



# 2015 FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION OF SONOMA COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Over \$130,000 in Scholarships Awarded to 36 Students in Sonoma and Marin Counties



- **Bob and Leslie Kunde Memorial Scholarship - \$10,000**

Rhett Dale  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Paul Hobbs Winery Scholarship - \$5,000**
- **Sonoma County Vineyard Technical Group Scholarship - \$1,000**

Nicolas Hernandez Ramirez  
California State University,  
Fresno



- **Flying A Scholarship - \$2,000**
- **Heck Foundation Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Patrick & Alison Emery Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Rick Taggesell  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Charles Bacigalupi/RRV Winegrowers Scholarship - \$3,000**
- **Warren Dutton Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Sonoma-Marin Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship - \$500**

Lori Bisordi  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- **North Bay Petroleum Scholarship - \$3,000**
- **End-of-the-Road Gang Scholarship - \$2,000**
- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Scholarship - \$1,000**

Suzanne Amaral  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Serres Family Agriculture Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Garton Tractor FFA - Ag Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Walter Willy Memorial Agriculture Scholarship - \$1,000**

Christopher Sharp  
California State University,  
Fresno



- **Al Nissen Sunrise Farms Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Herbert Burbank Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Emma Briggs  
California State University,  
Fresno



- **John Jordan Foundation Scholarship - \$5,000**

Emma Pierson  
Colorado State University,  
Fort Collins



- **PG&E Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Tamara Lewis Benson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500**
- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Jessie Peterson  
California State University,  
Chico



- **American AgCredit Scholarship - \$3,000**
- **Pt. Reyes Blue / Dean Giacomini Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Nationwide Ins., Jan Loewen & Sherzer Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **DeBernardi Scholarship - \$1,000**

Michelle McClure  
California State University, Chico



- **John Jordan Foundation Scholarship - \$5,000**
- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Francesca Gambonini  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$3,000**
- **American AgCredit Scholarship \$2,000**
- **ER Sawyer/Van Dyke Family Scholarship - \$1,000**

Paige Nonella  
California State University,  
Fresno





- Art Weyers Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000
- Sonoma-Marin Young Farmers & Ranchers Scholarship - \$1,500

Dalton Ruzick  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards & Winery Scholarship - \$2,500
- Sonoma Media Investments Scholarship - \$1,000

Sarah Judge  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000
- Moretti Family Dairy Scholarship - \$1,000
- Isolena Maestretti & Bernice Beretta Memorial - \$1,000

Alexandra Gambonini  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- Garton Tractor FFA Agriculture Scholarship - \$2,500

Steven Pozzi  
California State University,  
Fresno



- Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,500
- Marin County Farm Bureau Scholarship - \$500

Alyssa McClure  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- Sonoma County Vineyard Technical Group Scholarship - \$2,000
- North Coast/California Association of Pest Control Advisors Scholarship - \$500

Genevieve Patt  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- Phil Enzenauer Viticulture Scholarship - \$2,500
- Turrentine Wine Brokerage Scholarship - \$1,000

Jared Beth  
California State University,  
Fresno



- Barbieri Scholarship in Memory of Italo Barbieri - \$1,000
- Herrick Vineyard Scholarship - \$1,000
- Balletto Vineyards' Saralee McClelland Kunde Scholarship - \$1,000

Brook Small  
Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa



- Saralee McClelland Kunde Farm-to-Table Culinary Scholarship - \$2,000
- Guy Fieri Cooking with Kids Foundation Scholarship - \$1,000

Ashley Corbett  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- Wyatt Irrigation Scholarship - \$1,000
- Bruce Campbell Memorial Scholarship - \$500
- Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$500

Samantha Hansen  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- NuCal Foods Scholarship - \$2,000
- Mona Chisholm/Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$1,000

Hailee Hankins  
Oklahoma State University,  
Stillwater



- Sonoma County Farm Trails Scholarship - \$1,000
- Mona Chisholm/Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$1,000

Dakota Kantala  
Colorado State University,  
Fort Collin



- **Jess Stonestreet Jackson Memorial Scholarship - \$2,000**

Justin Mahrt  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Dick Weber Sunrise Farms Scholarship - \$2,500**

Constance Jones  
Oklahoma State University,  
Stillwater



- **Jerry and Don's Yager Pump & Well Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Riebli Family Trust Scholarship - \$1,000**

Michelle Cheda  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Mark Furusho Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarship - \$500**

Gabrielle Reed  
Washington State University,  
Pullman



- **Louis Ricci Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Sunrise Farms Scholarship - \$1,000**

Emelie Roche  
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo



- **Friedman's Home Improvement Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$500**

Katie Arndt  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- **Roy King Dairymens Feed Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **North Bay Petroleum Scholarship - \$1,000**

Brittney Tamagno  
California State University,  
Chico



- **Laguna Vineyards Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$500**

Bengiamino Ielmorini  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



- **Dick Weber Sunrise Farms Scholarship - \$2,500**

Danny Moretti  
Oregon State University,  
Corvallis



- **Bruce Campbell Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Nora Jean Kallman  
Colorado State University,  
Fort Collins



- **Opperman & Son Truck Sales Scholarship - \$1,000**
- **Sonoma-Marin Cattlemen & Cattlewomen Scholarship - \$500**

Matthew Vosseler  
California State University,  
Fresno



- **Bruce Campbell Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000**

Benjamin Grismer  
Santa Rosa Junior College,  
Santa Rosa



## 2015 FOUNDATION SPONSORED EVENTS



*Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County, President, Bob Muelrath and Dairy Princess, Connie Jones present Alexandra Gambonini with the Gold Cup Award.*

In August, Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County teamed up with Sonoma County Fair to organize the Sonoma County Fair Awards Dinner. Eighty-two awards were presented to bright, young members of the 4-H and FFA, the next generation of Sonoma County's agricultural leaders. The most prestigious award of the night, the Farm Bureau Foundation's Gold Cup, was presented at the conclusion of the ceremony. The Gold Cup Award is based on leadership, citizenship, character, project work, academic achievement, speaking ability, participation and performance at the 2015 Sonoma County Fair. This year, the Gold Cup was presented to one individual with a cash prize of \$2,500 and an additional \$500 to the recipient's 4-H or FFA chapter.



*TLT students from West County Schools take a bite out of an apple that they have picked straight from the tree at Dutton Ranch in Graton. Many of the students have never had the opportunity to pick and eat an apple from a tree before.*

In October, Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County along with Farm Bureau sponsored three agriculture days for students participating in the Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) program. The first two tours hosted high school students from Santa Rosa City Schools and the third tour included students from West County Schools; each tour presented aspects of agriculture to approximately 40 students. The TLT program educates high school juniors about Sonoma County issues through hands-on learning, critical thinking and communication. The students have begun thinking about future careers and TLT allows them to meet decision-makers and discover what careers might be best for their future. The Foundation has been a sponsor of the TLT program since 2012.

## 2015 FOUNDATION DONORS

### \$15,000+

Guy Fieri's Cooking With Kids Foundation

### \$10,000+

Jackson Family Foundation

John Jordan Foundation

### \$5,000+

American AgCredit

Paul Hobbs Winery

Sunrise Farms

### \$2,500+

Jeff Kunde, Keith Kunde and Marcia Mickelson

Meredith Corporation

North Bay Petroleum

Pacific Gas & Electric

John & Judy Serres

Sonoma-Cutrer Vineyards

### \$1,000+

Pam Bacigalupi

Denise Bahnsen Brown

John & Terri Balletto

Pete & Judy Barbieri

Beretta Dairy

Brian Clements

Dairymen's Feed & Supply

Don & Bonnie DeBernardi

Dutton Ranch Corp

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Friedman's Home Improvement

Bob Giacomini

Healdsburg FFA Country Fair

Healdsburg Veterinary

Hospital

Herrick Vineyards

Jerry & Don's Yager Pump & Well

Kurt & Robin Kunde

Laguna Vineyards

Paul & Marlene Lewis

Michael Moretti

Ned Neumiller

Nu-Cal Foods

Opperman & Sons Truck

Sales

Georganne Proctor

Redwood Empire

Vineyard Mgmt

Ridgeview Builders

Joan Riebli

RiverTown Feed

Russian River Valley

Winegrowers

So Co Vineyard Tech

Group

Sonoma County Farm

Trails

Sonoma County Grange

Credit Union

Sonoma Media

Investments

Sonoma-Marin Young Farmers & Ranchers

Valley View Dairy

Wright Contracting Co.

Wyatt Irrigation

### \$500+

John & Katrina Bidia

Friendly Feed & Supply

Max Herzog

Barbara Inde

Eeve Lewis

Terry & Misty Lindley

Marin County Farm

Bureau

Nationwide Insurance

No Co/CA Assoc of Pest

Control

Tom & Kelley Parsons

Tito & Janet Sasaki

Sonoma County Poultry

Will Soper

Bill Pay & Sue Hayes

### \$250+

Jacqueline Balletto

J & D Bucher Enterprises

Stephen Christie

Hank & Karen Corda

Jackie Crawford

Nancy Dorr

Linda Duckhorn

Trevor Frampton

Charlotte Gale

Tom Grogan

Craig & Lisa Jacobson

Melita Love

Joan Patrick

Ernie & Jill Pricco

Andrew Smith

Vineyard Industry

Products

### \$100+

Russ & Joanne Denner

Exchange Bank

David & Denna Faloni

Coop & Karen Gabelman

Bryan Hale

Patricia Hegerhorst

Diane Lafranchi

Jan Loewen

Mauritson Vineyards

Doug, Lee & Andrew Nalle

Jim & Carol O'Hara

Steven & Nancy Oliver

Steve & Kathy Reese

Sherzer Insurance Agency

### \$50+

Bill & Susan Arbios

Crabtree Land Surveying

Richard & Barbara Thomas

Allan & Rebecca Wade

## FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION OF SONOMA COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# 2015 FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION FINANCIAL REPORT

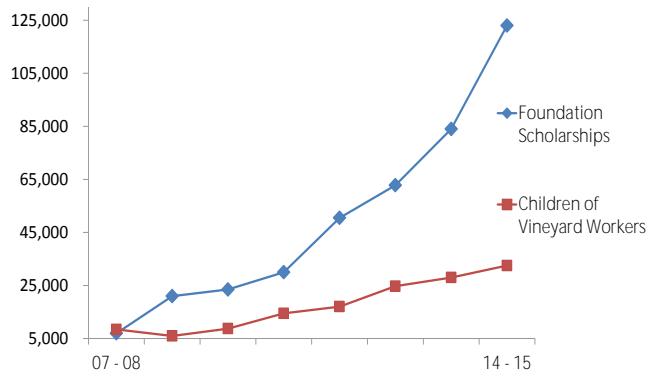
*Community donors contributed more than \$151,000 for agricultural programs and Scholarships*

**F**arm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County set a new record in 2015 the previous total of \$87,000 in scholarships awarded in 2014 by \$37,000. Overall the Foundation awarded \$123,000 in scholarships and another \$32,500 for the Children of Vineyard Workers scholarship fund, which the foundation is privileged to administer for Wilson Family of Wineries. All donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible and are used to preserve Sonoma County's rich agricultural heritage through education and outreach in the urban and rural communities. In total, contributions to the foundation equaled \$139,366 in 2015. Donations ranging from \$25 to \$15,000 were given when renewing Farm Bureau memberships, in memorial of past leaders and at events. More than \$75,000 in scholarships were pledged at the Great Sonoma Crab and Wine Fest. The largest percentage of the money donated over the last year went to agriculture scholarships. The Foundation awarded 36 scholarships to Sonoma and Marin students majoring in agricultural business, dairy science, viticulture, veterinary medicine and plant genetics. The Foundation is proud that it keeps overhead expenses to a minimum, so more money can be used to build agricultural awareness and foster a positive public perception about agriculture in Sonoma County.

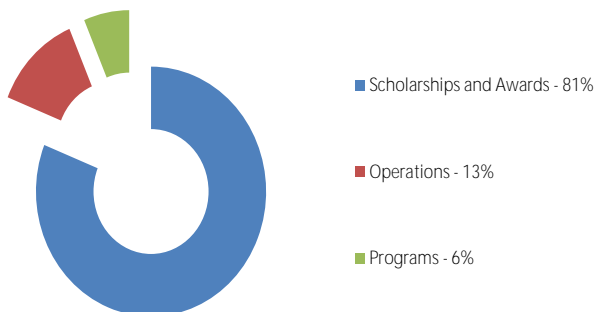
TOTAL NET ASSETS PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	October 2015	October 2014	\$ Change	% Change
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$127,133	\$145,000	-\$17,867	-14%

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED PER YEAR 2007 - 2015



FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION EXPENSES 2014



FARM BUREAU FOUNDATION INCOME 2014

