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PORAC Awards More Than \$28,000 in College Scholarships to California Students

Largest Statewide Association Representing Public Safety in the Nation Awards High School Students Throughout California for Their Outstanding Achievements

Sacramento, CA – The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC), representing more than 62,000 rank-and-file peace officers and 890 local public safety associations, is pleased to award \$28,000 in scholarships to two dozen California teenagers. Students were selected throughout the state of California because of their community involvement and school achievements.

“Public safety members are involved in their communities and we believe it is important to invest in our young people,” said PORAC President Ron Cottingham. “The selected scholarship winners have bettered their communities as well as managing great achievements in the classroom. During California’s current fiscal crisis, PORAC is honored to help California’s students.”

The PORAC Scholarship process begins in January and the pool consists of more than 125 applicants. Scholarship winners must be the child of an active, retired or line of duty member of PORAC. Applicants must provide a one- page essay on why they should win the award, as well as information on community activities, school activities and current transcripts.

2010 Scholarship Winners:

- **Jessica Andrecht** - San Diego
- **Christina Arguelles** - Modesto
- **Cary Batty** - Beverly Hills
- **Russell Bettencourt** - Placer County
- **Zoey Gilbert** - Ventura
- **McKenzie Goldman** - Santa Barbara
- **Daria Gossett** - Sonoma County
- **Patricia Lynn Hansen** - Redding
- **Phillip Haynes** - Richmond
- **Brett Hernandez-Henderson** - Ontario
- **Marisa Hintergardt** – Riverside
- **Nathan Honeycutt** - Santa Barbara
- **Megan Huff** - Stockton
- **Courtney Jespersen** - San Joaquin County
- **Leigh Lawrence** - San Diego
- **Michelle Lopez** - Pinole
- **Stephanie Nelson** - Contra Costa County
- **Dane Oliver** - Fresno
- **Jessica Pence** - San Joaquin County
- **Ashley Pulido** - Ventura County
- **Tiffany Riser** – Los Angeles
- **Katherine Sharp** - Ventura County
- **Alexander Varnau** - San Diego
- **Allison West** - Butte County

The Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC) was incorporated in 1953 as a professional federation of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. Today, PORAC represents over 62,000 public safety members and over 890 associations, making it the largest law enforcement organization in California and the largest statewide association in the nation. PORAC’s core belief is that working together with other agencies throughout California will allow our public safety members to successfully protect the citizens of our state and ensure a safe and welcoming environment in which our future generations can thrive. For more information, please visit www.PORAC.org.

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