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## Foundation Scholarship Awards to Proceed

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**Carlsbad, NM, April 8, 2020** – The Carlsbad Community Foundation is pressing ahead with plans to support local students by awarding \$144,000 in scholarships, as planned. Seniors at local public high schools applied for scholarships in early February, well before Covid-19 upended the daily lives of all, and the Foundation is committed to moving forward with the awards.

“The Coronavirus Pandemic may have changed the senior year experience for our students, but it has not changed our rock-solid support of their academic and vocational goals,” said Executive Director Mike Antiporda.

Selection committees comprised of various Foundation board members, staff, donors, educators and community representatives met throughout a two-week period in early March. The results of those meetings will be the award of more than 120 scholarships, the highest number ever awarded by the Foundation to high school graduates in a single year.

“Backing away was not an option,” said Foundation Board President Deborah Beard. “These students got to where they are with hard work and determination and these awards are an investment in their dreams and in their future.”

The application and selection processes were completed prior to the Stay at Home Order throughout the state of New Mexico and the dramatic downturn of global stock markets. The Foundation has worked to structure cash and emergency reserves, allowing it to continue its short- and long-term charitable mission, while the world’s economic recovery takes place. The Foundation’s other scholarship program for continuing and returning college students is also expected to proceed as planned in June 2020.

Scholarship recipients will be announced via a video on the Scholarship Page of the Foundation’s Web site ([www.carlsbadfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.carlsbadfoundation.org/scholarships)) according to the following schedule:

- Monday, April 20, 2020 at 7 p.m. – Awards for Carlsbad High School, Carlsbad Early College High School and Jefferson Montessori Academy



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- Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 6 p.m. – Awards for Loving High School

Applicants should watch their e-mail Inbox for an invitation to tune in. Afterward, a full listing of recipients will be posted on the Foundation's Web site.

#### **About the Carlsbad Community Foundation**

The Carlsbad Community Foundation is a charitable, 501(c)(3) organization that exists to improve the quality of life for the people of our community and South Eddy County. The work of the Foundation is achieved by building endowment funds for long-term support of nonprofit organizations and other charitable purposes.

#### **How to Help**

The Carlsbad Community Foundation's Emergency Disaster Relief Funds were established in 2005. Since the start of the Coronavirus crisis, the Foundation has used these funds to support immediate needs of local nonprofit organizations.

Online donations to this fund to continue support of local nonprofits during this time or future emergencies can be made at the following link:

[Emergency Disaster Relief Fund](#)

Thank you for your support!

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