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**Ag Health Benefits Alliance Announces First Scholarship Awardees**  
*Program Provides Scholarship Support to Farmworkers & Their Families*

St. Helena, Napa Valley, June 2, 2020—Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) is proud to announce the first grant recipients of its new scholarship program, the AHBA Educational Foundation, LLC. The Foundation awarded five grants in amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to the following successful applicants:

<i>Recipient</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Field of Study</i>	<i>City of Residence</i>	<i>County</i>
Wyatt Gray	UC Davis	Biochemistry/Molecular Biology	Santa Rosa	Sonoma
Leo Lara	UC Davis	Anesthesiology	Cloverdale	Sonoma
Natalie Lara	UC Davis	Psychology	Cloverdale	Sonoma
Jessica Soto	UC Davis	Neurobiology	Napa	Napa
Erik Vargas	Combine Sports Academy	Kinesiology	Napa	Napa

“We were pleased to receive a strong response from many impressive applicants,” says Executive Director Rebecca Barlow. “It is exciting to be able to make significant contribution toward the educational goals of these well-deserving recipients. Congratulations to all of the award winners!”

Made possible by the generous support of Board member Mike Wolf, the program offers scholarship grant opportunities for AHBA Member Employers’ eligible employee plan participants, their spouses, and children or grandchildren. The program’s aim is to help enable the recipients to complete an undergraduate or graduate education in the field of their choice at the college or graduate school of their choice, or to attend various education programs for vocational or other training.

**About Ag Health Benefits Alliance:** Ag Health Benefits Alliance (AHBA) has been providing affordable health insurance and other benefits to agricultural employees in Northern California since its founding as the California Winegrower Foundation in 1972. Started by a group of forward-thinking winegrape growers who shared a common goal of improving working conditions, AHBA is a non-profit member organization that supports both employers and employees. AHBA’s members were dedicated to providing health benefits for employees, including seasonal workers, long before it was required by law. Today, AHBA provides those benefits to more than 1,500 agricultural employees.

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