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Monterey, CA Running Club Give Scholarships to Local High School Seniors

\$12,500 distributed to 10 scholar distance runners from throughout Monterey County

The Monterey Bay Wednesday Night Laundry Runners (WNLR) running club provided \$12,500 in college scholarship funding to ten selected Monterey County High School senior runners. The scholarship is based on the student competing in both cross country and distance track events (1 mile/2mile), running times and accomplishments, scholastic achievement, leadership, extracurricular activities, family monetary need, and an interview process. Scholarships ranged from \$500 to \$2,000.

Monterey Bay's running club scholarship program started in 2001 and is among the largest private running club scholarship programs in the country. Funds are donated by club members and there is a large annual donation from the Big Sur International Marathon as well.

Diego Estrada, from Alisal High School in Salinas, and a WNLR scholarship winner in 2008, recently was named to the Mexican Olympic Team in the 10,000 meter run.

The 2012 recipients include:

Nina Anderson - Notre Dame High School - Salinas
Anna Welsh - Monterey High School - Monterey
Sam Hales - King City High School - King City
Francisco Salvador - Alisal High School - Salinas
Robert Valencia - Alisal High School - Salinas
Jonathon Nolasco - North Monterey High School - Castroville
Felix Cervantes - Alvarez High School - Salinas
Conrad Hain - Carmel High School - Carmel
Tom Kochevar - Carmel High School - Carmel
Jesus Pereya - Monterey High School - Monterey
Andres Guerrero - North Monterey High School - Castroville