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**CAPA Announces California Ports Day
Scholarship Winners!**

Sacramento, California, May 22, 2018 – The California Association of Port Authorities (CAPA) is thrilled to announce the first California Ports Day Scholarship Contest winners! The 2018 winners are **Elizabeth Claypool** from Granada Hills Charter High School in Granada Hills, **Kellan Corrigan** from Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, and **Audrey Tachiera** from Rio Americano High School in Sacramento.



Elizabeth Claypool



Kellan Corrigan



Audrey Tachiera

Each student delivered an outstanding essay addressing the economic importance and environmental stewardship efforts of California ports. Each of our winners will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from CAPA to be used towards their college educational expenses.

California Ports Day was celebrated on February 21st, 2018, at the State Capitol in Sacramento, to bring awareness to California's eleven public ports and their numerous benefits to local communities and the economy. The event also served as an educational opportunity to learn about our Ports' accomplishments in environmental stewardship.

"Ports Day is intended to raise awareness of the immense economic benefits and environmental leadership Ports bring to the state. We hope to connect citizens and legislators to the goods inside the ships loading at our Ports. As consumers, large percentages of what we wear, eat, drive, and use to communicate come through the ports", said Kristin Decas, CAPA President.

With the help of Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell (Chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Ports and Goods Movement), and in conjunction with the exposition at the State Capitol, the Association launched the inaugural California Ports Day Scholarship contest for high school seniors to earn a \$1,000 cash scholarship to be used towards higher education costs. Each student was required to answer an essay prompt about Port operations.

As California's eleven ports stretch the entire coastline, and include inland ports as well, it was refreshing to have students from San Francisco to San Diego submit essays. Tim Schott, CAPA Executive Director elaborated, "There were several very well written essays, and it was difficult to choose just three winners. It is refreshing to see the next generation of young people engaged and interested in how our ports are leading the state's economy and environmental efforts."

Since its founding in 1940, CAPA's mission has been to educate state and federal policy makers on port operations while advocating for the maritime community. The not-for-profit association provides educational leadership and advocacy on issues relating to transportation, trade, the environment, land use, energy and other subjects affecting port operations.

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