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Monterey County Film Commission Selects Liberty Ingraham-Gonzales as \$2,000 Film Student Scholarship Winner

(Monterey, Calif. -- May 18, 2018) Liberty Ingraham-Gonzales, a Cinematic Arts and Technology major at California State University, Monterey Bay, was named the 2018 winner of a \$2,000 scholarship in the Monterey County Film Commission's Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program. She is a Monterey resident, originally from Arcata.

The Monterey County Film Commission film student scholarship program was created in 2008 to provide financial aid and incentive to students of film as well as beginning filmmakers who reside in Monterey County or those enrolled in a college or university in the county. The fund was established as a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

To avoid conflict with studies, Ingraham-Gonzales plans to shoot her capstone film project in Mexico over the summer.

"This award will allow my collaborative capstone partner and me to rent production equipment, cover transportation fees for crew, and help obtain permits for our documentary," said Ingraham-Gonzales. "I am driven by challenge and precision and I love to create stories—thus producing is my passion, melding both worlds together in harmony. I hope to showcase this film in film festivals, as well as use it as part of my reel for building a career as a producer."

Contributions to the film commission's Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program were made by the Craig and Paula Tigerman family, Dino Cocalis, Honest Engine Films, Lou Adler's Monterey International Pop Festival Foundation, and numerous local businesses and individuals.

"The Monterey County Film Commission promotes economic development through the film industry, and is also dedicated to helping identify and promote the next generation of local young filmmakers," said Gary Bolen, chairperson of the MCFC scholarship committee. "This year's competition was especially tough with only five points separating the top three finalists. Hopefully this scholarship will assist Liberty and her colleague in taking their next steps into a lifelong career in the film industry."

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