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### **Monterey County Film Commission Selects Erin Mansel as \$2,000 Film Student Scholarship Winner**

(Monterey, Calif. -- May 23, 2019) Erin Mansel, a Cinematic Arts and Technology major at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), was named the 2019 winner of the \$2,000 scholarship in the Monterey County Film Commission's Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program. Her framed award certificate and check were presented at an event at the Club at Pasadera on May 15. Mansel is originally from Los Angeles, and has worked as the producer of eight student films.

The Monterey County Film Commission's 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 here. The fund was established as a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

Mansel's film, "Screaming in Silence," deals with the differences between the deaf and hearing communities, the acceptance of being deaf, and makes a strong statement about creating one's own voice. She plans to use her scholarship award to pay for film festival fees and outreach for the production, hoping to spread awareness about the issue of deafness and knocking down barriers. "This project relates to who I want to be as a filmmaker in my future, which is someone who strives to create content that represents all people," Mansel said.

Two other worthy film student scholarship applicants from CSUMB were recognized as well and awarded \$500 each. They were Toni Erebia, originally from Fresno, who plans to use the funds for studying abroad in a British film class or for funding her Capstone project, and Nicolas Oliva, from Apple Valley, who has his film already in post-production and will use the funds to go on the film festival circuit.

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. Additional donations are welcomed.

"The Monterey County Film Commission is dedicated to helping identify and promote the next generation of local young filmmakers," said Gary Bolen, chairperson of the MCFC scholarship committee. "Hopefully this scholarship will assist these students as they take their next steps into a lifelong career in the film industry."

For more information, contact the Monterey County Film Commission at [info@FilmMonterey.org](mailto:info@FilmMonterey.org) or call 831-646-0910. The Monterey County Film Commission thanks the County of Monterey for its support of the film commission's mission to inspire and facilitate film and media production throughout Monterey County, creating positive economic impact.

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