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## **Monterey County Film Commission Selects Reyna Bautista Gonzalez the \$2,000 Film Student Scholarship Winner**

*(Monterey, Calif. – May 12, 2020)* Reyna Bautista Gonzalez, a Cinematic Arts and Technology major at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), was named the winner of the \$2,000 scholarship in the 2020 Monterey County Film Commission’s Director Emeritus Richard Tyler Film Student Scholarship Award Program. The CSUMB senior is originally from Whittier.

Another CSUMB student, Kristin Rebozzi of Morgan Hill, received a \$1,000 special award to go towards her senior thesis film to be shot later this year. She is in pre-production and plans to use Monterey County locations, as she works with a student collaborator on her narrative short film.

Gonzalez co-directed her film short—a dark comedy titled “Prism” in which a seemingly normal dinner party unravels into a sinister affair. She worked to enhance communication and have her student production team fully understand her vision, empowering them in their roles for the best results. She plans to use the funds for special effects and music rights in post-production, and to enter film festivals.

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.

“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.”

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. For more information email [info@FilmMonterey.org](mailto:info@FilmMonterey.org) or call 831-646-0910 or go to [FilmMonterey.org](http://FilmMonterey.org).

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