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## **Cal Expo Announces Winners of the 2023 Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program; Pays Tribute to Long-Time Board Member Rex Hime**

**SACRAMENTO** — Cal Expo is delighted to announce the winners of the 2023 Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program. The scholarship program, created as a collaborative effort between Friends of the California State Fair and the California Agricultural Advisory Council, awarded \$41,500 to twenty outstanding students from across fifteen California counties. The scholarships will support these students in the upcoming 2023-24 academic year. The complete list of all the winners can be found on Cal Expo's [website](#).

One notable award is the Ironstone Concours Foundation/Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship, which recognizes a single standout candidate with \$5,000. The 2023 recipient of this prestigious award is Molly Terpstra. Molly will begin her freshman year at Modesto Junior College this Fall, pursuing a major in Agricultural Business and Management. In addition to her academic pursuits, Molly is deeply involved in her community, participating in various service projects, including coordinating Thanksgiving meals for those in need.



“Every year, the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program helps the best and brightest of California's students to reach their full potential,” said Tom Martinez, CEO of Cal Expo. “Molly and our other scholarship recipients exemplify the type of leadership, academic excellence, and community involvement that our program seeks to reward and foster. We are thrilled to support these students in their academic endeavors, and we look forward to seeing their accomplishments in the future.”

Since 1993, the Friends of the California State Fair Student Scholarships have been helping California's most promising students achieve their goals. These scholarships recognize academic excellence, leadership potential, and a strong commitment to continuing education.

In light of the recent passing of long-time Cal Expo Board of Directors member, Rex Hime, in lieu of flowers, the organization encourages donations to the Friends of the California State Fair Scholarship Program. Rex, known for his dedication to the community and love of the State Fair, served the Board for nearly 28 years.

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