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**Speak Up Newport Announces 2019 College Scholarship
Award Winners**



Pictured from left scholarship winners Maddie Vargas, Emily Reynoso, SUN President Edward Selich, and scholarship winner Kaveh Moaddeli. Scholarship winner Gianna Finear is not pictured.

SPEAK UP NEWPORT AWARDS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2019

On July 10, 2019, at its monthly meeting, Speak Up Newport president Edward Selich formally announced the winners of four college scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to Gianna Finear from Corona del Mar High School who will be attending Brown University, Kaveh Moaddeli also from Corona del Mar attending Monmouth University, Maddie Vargas from Newport Harbor High School attending UC Berkeley, and Emily Reynoso, also from Newport Harbor High School, attending the University of Utah.



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Gianna will be pursuing a career in International Business. She plans to represent the United States on the global stage, either as a United Nations Representative or a foreign diplomat.

Kaveh's career plan is to be a reconstructive surgeon, possibly in an emergency room. He plans to work in our nation's diverse communities in order to help underserved and under-represented groups.

Madeline enjoys helping young people in their struggles and wants to continue to do so after receiving her degree.

Emily will pursue a major in criminology. She would like to one day work as a criminologist in the justice system and give hope to those who have lost their hope.

Speak Up Newport congratulates each of these outstanding students as well as all of the other applicants. All of the applicants this year were outstanding and selecting the winners was a difficult task.

Speak Up Newport, Newport Beach's Community Forum for discussion of civic issues, awards these scholarships on an annual basis in addition to sponsoring the annual Mayor's Dinner, and monthly programs of community interest. Recent programs have included Homelessness, Intolerance In Our Community, Police Department Cold Case Investigations, Sea Level Rise and the General Aviation Improvement Plan at John Wayne Airport. Meetings are open to the public without reservations on the second Wednesday of the month in the Community Room at the Civic Center. The reception, hosted by the Bungalow Restaurant, starts at 5:15 PM with the program starting at 6:00 PM and usually ending at 7:00 PM.

The Scholarships are funded through revenue from the Mayor's Dinner, private donations to the scholarship fund and an endowed scholarship fund. Donations to this worthwhile program are accepted at any time and are tax deductible. Make checks out to the Speak Up Newport Foundation, a 501 (c)(3) corporation. For further information go to www.SpeakUpNewport.com.

About Speak Up Newport: *Speak Up Newport (SUN) is a non-profit, non-partisan citizens group organized to promote the common good and general welfare of the Newport Beach community. Founded in 1979, it meets monthly, presenting a public forum to hear topics of interest to the local community. It produces the Mayor's Dinner each February, featuring the Mayor's annual State of the City address.*

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