

# FOUNDATION NEWS & NOTES

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## COLISEUM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ROBERT T. NAHAS SCHOLARSHIPS

Ronald C. Nahas, president of the Board of Directors of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation, announced the recipients of the Robert T. Nahas Scholarships for 2014. He stated the \$13,000 scholarships are for four years, paid at \$3,250 per year. The four scholarships are available to graduating seniors of public and private high schools in Alameda County.

**James Dreffs** is one of the 2% of Boy Scouts to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. He demonstrates self-control, hard work, leadership ability, and courage that the highest level of scouting demands. That level of discipline is also reflected academically and on the athletic field. James is a 4.0 student having taken a full load of honors and AP courses. He is a five-time scholar athlete for both football and volleyball, and will be studying communications and marketing at UC San Diego.

**Michelle Timm** is a graduate from Tri Valley High School where she was the only female player on their ice hockey team. Michelle's teachers viewed her as a great example for future students, as well as the 2014 school year's ideal student. They also stated that she is "in a category all by herself." Michelle will be attending UC Davis where she plans to study political science.

**Sandi Kaur** graduated number one out of 423 students at Newark Memorial high school. Her family is from the Punjab in India, which inspired her to volunteer her services with the Sahaita Foundation that runs children's health clinics and vocational training camps in India. Sandi also found the time to compete throughout her high school career on the varsity basketball team and the varsity volleyball team.

**David Posner** graduated from Newark Memorial High School with intentions of becoming a doctor and joining Doctors without Borders. This could stem from the fact that David lived in Mexico until his junior year in high school. As an elementary school student he experienced firsthand the indignities visited on the poor in villages not far from his home. David is the first Coliseum scholar that will attend Siena College in upstate New York.

**Caroline Desler** graduated from the Bishop O'Dowd High School where she competed on the debate team, served as an officer of the national Charity league, and was president of the O'Dowd chapter of the National Honor Society. She spearheaded a program at O'Dowd called "bridging the gap" a personal initiative of hers to address the isolation that she noticed in the group of international students at O'Dowd. She has also been a competitive athlete in soccer, basketball, volleyball and now rugby. Caroline will attend UCLA to study molecular, cell, and developmental biology.

The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation was established to honor Coliseum President Emeritus Robert T. Nahas and to oversee charitable programs associated with the Coliseum. The Foundation also awards the George P. Scotlan and Ann & Jon Reynolds scholarships.

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