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CoastHills announces High School “Gold Standard” Award Winners

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### **CoastHills Foundation sets the Gold Standard in High School Scholarships.**

Santa Maria – CoastHills Federal Credit Union’s Community Foundation awarded high school Seniors from 16 central coast schools with their “Gold Standard Award “ Scholarship Wednesday, May 10 at the Radisson Hotel in Santa Maria. The awards night recognized high school seniors who are hoping to pursue an education and career in finance or business.

In addition to awarding one winner from each school, the Foundation also designated two students as Students of the County from the group of Gold Standard Award winners. They were Alice Jun of Righetti High for northern Santa Barbara County, and Alexa Attala of San Luis Obispo High for San Luis Obispo County.

Other “Gold Standard award” winners included:

**Northern Santa Barbara County:** Lupita Estrada (Lompoc), Jessica Rookhuyzen (Cabrillo), Colton Aho (Santa Ynez), Alexandra Villa (El Puente), Alexa Galloway (St. Joseph), Lauren Kaver-Gomes (Santa Maria), Jovanny Felix (Pioneer Valley).

**San Luis Obispo County:** Tessa Underwood (Nipomo); Matthew Neie (Arroyo Grande); Brett Buckingham (Atascadero); Lauren Harrington (Paso Robles); Simon Roth (Templeton).

**About CoastHills:** CoastHills currently serves more than 61,000 members in Northern Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County with 11 branches and a full service call center. With assets of more than 615 Million, CoastHills is one of the largest independently owned financial institutions on the central coast. For information, go to [www.bankamongfriends.com](http://www.bankamongfriends.com)

**About the Foundation:** Established as a non-profit organization in 2005, CoastHills Community Foundation’s mission is to serve the underserved. To date, the foundation

has raised more than \$100,000 for local area food banks, and raised more than \$45,000 for the Santa Barbara Cottage Children's Hospital in 2010.