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Women in California Leadership Announces a Nearly Quarter of a Million Dollars to be Distributed for the 2021 Minerva Scholarship Winners

Sacramento- The Women in California Leadership (WICL), in collaboration with the California Legislative Women's Caucus, announced today 88 female students from across California have been selected to receive a 2021 Minerva Scholarship. In its second year of operation, WICL received over a thousand scholarship applications and will be distributing almost a quarter of a million dollars to help advance female students with their higher educational goals. WICL will distribute one \$10,000 Golden Minerva scholarship and 87 \$2,500 scholarships this year.

"For many women, a scholarship is what will determine whether they enroll or continue their college degrees. The COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the financial burdens families are facing, leaving students to make the tough decision to continue their education or drop out to work in order to help their families pay the bills. I am honored to be a part of this scholarship opportunity which will help pave a path for female students across California to pursue a higher education." - Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Chair

"For many, education is the ticket to economic advancement. I'm proud of the women members of the California Legislature for supporting the Minerva Scholarship Program to help women across our state achieve their education goals." - Senator Nancy Skinner, Vice Chair

WICL Minerva Scholarship aids eligible female students admitted to or currently enrolled at an accredited college or university. The winners were selected from a highly competitive pool based off their intellectual energy, scholastic achievement, community involvement and work history. It comes with great pleasure to announce the second class of WICL scholars. To learn more about the recipients go to www.wicl.us for additional details.