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Women in California Leadership Announces a Nearly Quarter of a Million Dollars to be Distributed for the 2022 Minerva Scholarship Winners

SACRAMENTO - The Women in California Leadership (WiCL), in collaboration with the California Legislative Women's Caucus, announced today 91 female students from across California have been selected to receive a 2022 Minerva Scholarship. In its third 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 90 \$2,500 scholarships this year.

"For many students, a scholarship is what will determine whether they enroll or continue pursuing higher education. The rise in costs of everything – from food to gas, has placed additional financial burdens on families, leaving students to make the tough decision to pursue a higher education or drop out to work in order to pay bills. I am honored to be a part of this scholarship opportunity which will help alleviate some of the financial burden and pave a path for female students across California to pursue a higher education," said Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus.

"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," said Senator Nancy Skinner, Vice Chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus.

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 third class of WiCL scholars. For additional information and to learn more about the recipients go to www.wicl.us.