

***Life's Hardships Yield Special Scholarships
For California High School Seniors***

May 2, 2006/Washington, D.C. – **Poverty, disability, foster care, parental substance abuse, and physical abuse are among the adversities that could not prevent one hundred outstanding high school seniors from throughout California from wanting to live out their American dream and have more for themselves. Each is now the recipient of a 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholarship of two thousand five hundred dollars for their college education.** (A complete list of the 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars immediately follows this release).

The 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars provide an inspiring example of California's youth, having already demonstrated a drive to accomplish their goals, even in the face of adversity. These students have utilized initiative, perseverance and hard work to overcome the adversity they have faced in their lives.

All of the 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars have demonstrated success in academics, co-curricular activities and community service while taking on some of life's most difficult challenges. Each of these young people possess the aspirations and potential to make important contributions in California and throughout the world. The scholarship may be used to attend any college or university within the United States.

Arthur A. Ciocca is Chairman & Owner of The Wine Group, Inc. Mr. Ciocca is a Member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Inc., an organization comprised of Americans who have overcome adversity and humble beginnings to achieve success. This is the fourth year of the program that has helped over six hundred young people pay for college.

"No child should be denied access to a higher education because of financial need. This program will provide the incredible young people here in California with the opportunity to achieve their goals by making a college education attainable for them", states Arthur A. Ciocca. Since 1984 the Horatio Alger Association's need based scholarship programs have helped hundreds of deserving students across the nation pursue their dreams of a post secondary education through their unique scholarships that recognize the circumstances and hardships of students as well as their achievements. Mr. Ciocca adds, "The Horatio Alger Association's experience working with students of limited financial means who want to obtain a college education is unmatched."

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is a nonprofit educational association. Through the generosity of its members, more than \$8.5 million in need-based college scholarships are awarded annually to young people nationwide. For more information about the Association's scholarships and programs please visit www.horatioalger.org.

Applications for consideration as a 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholar are available June 1 through October 30, 2006 at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars

Ricardo Alcala
Arvin High School
Arvin

Sharon R. Atteberry
Venture Christian High School
El Cajon

Julia A. Avila
South High School
Bakersfield

Thania I. Balcorta
Leonardo da Vinci High School
Davis

Stephanie C. Barrales
Menlo School
Atherton

Unique M. Battles
Homestead High School
Cupertino

Ari B. Berlin
Saugus High School
Saugus

Nina Black
Glendale High School
Glendale

Garrett M. Bryant
Granite Hills High School
El Cajon

Dena E. Burd
Casa Roble High School
Orangevale

Jabrilla R. Carr
Florin High School
Sacramento

Miesha M. Cash
John Marshall Fundamental Sch
Pasadena

Edward K. Chan
Encinal High School
Alameda

Billie Chang
Duncan Polytechnical Hs
Fresno

Shao-An Chang
Clear Lake High School
Lakeport

Carmen Cheung
Raoul Wallenberg Traditional
High
San Francisco

Bo S. Cheung
Benjamin Franklin High School
Los Angeles

Yesica Coria
Mission Hills High School
San Marcos

Horacio Corona Lira
Lindsay High School
Lindsay

Jacquelyn T. de la Torre
John F Kennedy High School
Granada Hills

Brittany L. Diamond
Union Mine High School
El Dorado

Sarah M. Doolittle
South High School
Bakersfield

John D. Drake
Torrey Pines High School
Encinitas

Van T. Duong
Bear Creek High School
Stockton

Timothy M. Encinas
Arlington High School
Riverside

Kristine M. Engemann
Burlingame High School
Burlingame

Stephanie R. Esquibel
Reedley High School
Reedley

Jacqueline Galvez
John Glenn High School
Norwalk

Maribel Garcia
John Marshall High School
Los Angeles

Kimberly N. Gern
Santana High School
Santee

Leyla M. Gil
King Drew Medical Magnet High
School
Los Angeles

Anastassia B. Gomez
Granite Hills High School
Porterville

Jazmin Guerra
Dinuba High School
Dinuba

Yurico Y. Gutierrez
Shafter High School
Shafter

Kristina Gyadikyan
Reseda High School
Reseda

Jose L. Hernandez
Amos Alonzo Stagg High School
Stockton

Rubith Hernandez
Schurr High School
Montebello

Sandra Hernandez
Bellflower High School
Bellflower

Betty Hom
Abraham Lincoln High School
San Francisco

2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars

Hanna L. Houk
Borrego Springs High School
Borrego Springs

Erendira E. Huerta
Thomas Jefferson High School
Los Angeles

Rouchann A. Jackson
Franklin High School
Stockton

Helai Kamal
American High School
Fremont

Tracy R. Krause
South High School
Bakersfield

Felix Y. Lee
Temple City High School
Temple City

Jing Lin
Redlands East Valley High School
Redlands

Robert A. Little
Granite Hills High School
Porterville

Jessica D. Lopez
Alexander Hamilton High School
Complex
Los Angeles

Jess Rosa
Angelo Rodriguez High School
Fairfield

Benjamin J. Louwaert
James Logan High School
Union City

Christian Lozano
John H. Francis Poly High School
Sun Valley

Hugo Lujan
James A Garfield High School
Los Angeles

Ngoc M. Luong
Hollywood High School
Los Angeles

Christie M. Lynn
Santa Maria High School
Santa Maria

Michelle L. Lyons
Montgomery High School
San Diego

Jessica M. Mace
Golden Valley High School
Merced

Crystal M. Marich
The Preuss School UCSD
La Jolla

Hector H. Marquez
Lindsay High School
Lindsay

Robert B. Mascarenas III
Redlands High School
Redlands

Kathleen M. McBride
Granite Hills High School
Apple Valley

Natalie M. Minori
Tokay High School
Lodi

Emily G. Moody
South Fork High School
Miranda

Morad Mostashari
Los Osos High School
Rancho Cucamonga

Ashley S. Mowrey
Saint Helena High School
Saint Helena

Ai My N. Ngo
William C Overfelt High School
San Jose

Nga H. Nguyen
Florin High School
Sacramento

Nhien Y. Nguyen
Belmont High School
Los Angeles

Markeeta M. Parker
Leadership Preparatory High
School
Oakland

Sarah R. Paulsen
Riverside Poly High School
Riverside

Marian Pavlovich
Helix High School
La Mesa

Luis B. Perez
South High School
Bakersfield

Allie J. Peterson
Durham High School
Durham

Crystal N. Rachal
Chico High School
Chico

Rudy Ramirez
Tulare Western High School
Tulare

Sebina Redzic
Mt. Diablo High School
Concord

Patty Regalado
Grace M Davis High School
Modesto

Sierra S. Reid
Mission Bay High School
San Diego

Shannon R. Riggins
Tokay High School
Lodi

2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars

Kayla M. Romjue
Berean Christian High School
Walnut Creek

Grace K. Ryan
Livermore High School
Livermore

Maria Cecilia Sanchez
Mission Hills High School
San Marcos

Crystal A. Sebring
Lompoc High School
Lompoc

Tawni D. Serrano
Colton High School
Colton

Samaria Ship
Crossroads School
Santa Monica

Lorena J. Stewart
Porterville High School
Porterville

Amanda E. Strauss
Saint Helena High School
Saint Helena

Eric J. Suttle
Carlsbad High School
Carlsbad

Jo-an C. Thomas
Helix High School
La Mesa

Helen D. Tran
Long Beach Polytechnic High
School
Long Beach

Mimi T. Tran
Mira Mesa High School
San Diego

Thuy Tran
Mount Whitney High School
Visalia

Hoameng Ung
Long Beach Polytechnic High
School
Long Beach

Juan S. Vaca
Porterville High School
Porterville

Jill M. Wachsmuth
Trinity High School
Weaverville

Ismahan M. Warfa
Montgomery High School
San Diego

April R. White
Monte Vista High School
Spring Valley

Renisha A. Whitfield
Merced High School
Merced

Genevieve C. Wong
Palos Verdes Peninsula High
School
Rolling Hills Ests

Raymond Wu
Westmoor High School
Daly City

Christina E. Zigliotto
Burlingame High School
Burlingame