

Contact: Jill Faucher Phone: (619) 318-0318

Email: jfaucher@wheelhousecu.com

## PRESS RELEASE

## Wheelhouse Credit Union Awards Sustainability Scholarships To Five San Diego County High School Seniors

San Diego, CA – August 2, 2021 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) is helping the next generation of environmental trail blazers by awarding five scholarships of \$1,000 each to college-bound students through its annual Sustainability College Scholarship Program.

A leader in eco-friendly lending and community sustainability initiatives, Wheelhouse recognized five graduating high school seniors in San Diego County who demonstrated leadership, public service, and a desire to make a sustainable difference in their schools and communities.

The 2021 Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarship recipients are:

Scholarship Recipient	School	City	College Attending
Olivia Barman	University City High School	San Diego	UC, Berkeley
Sara Cortes	Granite Hills High School	El Cajon	UCLA
Bennett Hochner	Sage Creek High School	Carlsbad	USC
Angelica Kamahi	Granite Hills High School	El Cajon	San Diego State University
Andrea Orozco	Caste Park High School	Chula Vista	USC

"Our core commitment to sustainability extends to ensuring we are supporting our next generation of environmental champions who share our passion to protect our natural resources and help our beautiful city thrive," said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. "We are honored to support these local trailblazers who are leading the way in their mission to promote sustainability in their communities. We congratulate each of these scholarship recipients, and look forward to seeing the results of their great work in the years ahead." More information about the Wheelhouse Commitment to Sustainability is available <a href="here">here</a>.

Wheelhouse's Sustainability College Scholarship Program was created in 2005 to recognize conscientious high school leaders in San Diego County who share the credit union's passion to positively impact the community through eco-friendly initiatives, helping sustain the environment and resources for generations to come. Since the creation of the program, Wheelhouse has awarded \$96,000 in scholarships.

Founded in 1934, Wheelhouse is one of the oldest credit unions in San Diego. A central aspect of its community commitment is supporting San Diego's move to 100% clean energy by 2035. The Credit Union's

award-winning Solar and Energy Efficiency Loans have made Wheelhouse the #1 solar loan provider in San Diego, working with over 100 installers to help homeowners significantly reduce their electric bill, increase the value of their home, and help the environment.

## About Wheelhouse Credit Union

Wheelhouse Credit Union (formerly San Diego Metropolitan Credit Union) is a federally insured, state chartered credit union founded in 1934 serving more than 29,000 community members in the greater San Diego area. Wheelhouse is "San Diego Made and Proud," providing a full suite of consumer banking services and a comprehensive set of Energy-Efficient and Solar Loan products for the conscientious San Diegan. The Credit Union is committed to helping its Members succeed while supporting initiatives that help San Diego thrive. Please visit <a href="wheelhousecu.com">wheelhousecu.com</a> for more information, or follow the Credit Union on Instagram®, Facebook® and Twitter®.