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Wheelhouse Credit Union Awards 2025 Sustainability Scholarships To Five San Diego County Students

***** Annual Scholarships Given to Local Environmental Student Trail Blazers *****

San Diego, CA – August 21, 2025 – Wheelhouse Credit Union (Wheelhouse) is supporting the next generation of environmental trail blazers by awarding five scholarships of \$1,000 each to local college-bound students through its annual Sustainability College Scholarship Program.

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

“Our commitment to sustainability includes empowering the next generation of leaders who are dedicated to preserving our beautiful San Diego environment,” said Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill. “We’re proud to recognize these remarkable young changemakers for their dedication to advancing sustainable practices in their communities. We celebrate their achievements and are excited to see the positive impact they will make in the years to come.”

The 2025 Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarship recipients are:

Scholarship Recipient	School	City	College Attending
Lorelei Abboud	Santana High School	Santee	University of California, Los Angeles
Abigail Deckert	Santana High School	Santee	University of California, Berkeley
Leonardo Garcia	Kearny School of Engineering, Innovation, and Design	San Diego	San Diego State University (Weber Honors College)
Michelle Ramirez	Hilltop High School	Chula Vista	Southwestern College
Sophia Tang	Del Norte High School	San Diego	Columbia University



(L-R) San Diego Police Department Chief and former Wheelhouse Supervisory Committee Member Scott Wahl, Wheelhouse Sustainability Scholarship Recipients Lorelei Abboud and Leonardo Garcia, and Wheelhouse President/CEO Lisa Paul-Hill during a scholarship presentation at Wheelhouse Credit Union.

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 \$137,000 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. More information about the Wheelhouse Commitment to Sustainability is available [here](#).

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 32,000 community members in the greater San Diego area and beyond. The full-service

financial institution is dedicated to excellence in personalized banking services which extends to solar and energy-efficient loans, the best checking account features in the industry, and expert guidance and support. The Credit Union is committed to creating a community where financial and environmental well-being go hand in hand. Please visit [wheelhousecu.com](https://www.wheelhousecu.com) for more information, or follow Wheelhouse on Instagram[®], Facebook[®] and X[®].

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