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Cuesta College Math Students Earn Scholarships from State Math Council

Two Cuesta College mathematics student received scholarships from the California Mathematics Council of Community Colleges (CMC3).

Sachira Udunuwarage received \$250 and Heidi Sinkovich took home \$150 from CMC3 at an awards ceremony held at Cuesta. Both women live in San Luis Obispo.

“Sachi has maintained a near-straight-A average while challenging herself in some of the toughest courses Cuesta has to offer,” said math instructor Michael Kinter. “She has also given back to Cuesta by volunteering as a tutor in the math lab for several semesters.”

Udunuwarage will transfer to Cal Poly in the fall to study aerospace engineering. Sinkovich, a volunteer math tutor who excelled in her science and math coursework, is also transferring to Poly, where she will study robotics this fall.

“Last summer, Heidi participated in a prestigious robotics internship at Cal Poly where she collaborated with faculty and students in conducting high-level research,” Kinter said. “Her investigations resulted in a well-received technical paper.”

CMC3 was founded in 1973 to provide a forum for community college mathematics faculty in Northern and Central California. The organization’s foundation awarded the scholarships.

In addition, six Cuesta math students received cash prizes and certificates for participating in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges’ Mathematics Team competition.

The winners were: Holly McNeil, first, \$150; Zachary Pierce, second, \$125; Mohammad Zohour, third, \$100; Jennifer Shatts, fourth, \$75; Cooper Stimson, fifth, \$50; and Brianna Luce, sixth, \$25.

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