

Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation

Scholarship Update

This article is the first of a series of updates on the Foundation's scholarship program which began over 50 years ago as a Club program and was transferred to the Club Foundation in 2010. The program has grown over the years and currently includes 15 scholarships with an annual value exceeding \$40,000.

Christopher Wood Memorial Entrepreneurship Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the late Creed Wood as a memorial to his son Christopher who died in an unfortunate accident in 2007. Christopher was an entrepreneur who established two very successful businesses prior to the age of thirty. Creed, a highly regarded orthopedic surgeon, was a very active member of the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa who passed away in 2014. Creed served on both the club and foundation board and participated in a wide variety of club activities. He especially enjoyed the international aspects of Rotary, serving on the World Community Service Committee and representing the club at several Rotary International Conventions. Creed named the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation as an IRA beneficiary with instructions to establish a perpetual scholarship for a SRJC transfer student majoring in business and demonstrating "entrepreneurial spirit". The 2022-23 recipient of the "Wood Scholarship" is Bee Bee Yeap, a Business Administration/Marketing major attending Sonoma State University. Bee Bee graduated from SRJC with Highest Honors and was awarded the Wood Scholarship based on her academic achievements as well as her experience in hospitality and customer service and her career goal of establishing her own marketing firm. She is a self-taught artist with a focus on the digital arts. Since enrolling at SSU, she has been involved in the re-establishment of the Professional Sales & Marketing Club and participated in the Mentor-Mentee Program.

The goal of the Club Foundation is to maintain all scholarships at or above the \$2,500 level. The endowment fund supporting the Wood Scholarship is sufficient to award a \$2,000 scholarship. The Foundation is therefore seeking contributions from Rotarians to help fill the gap in funding. If you want to help an aspiring entrepreneur earn a baccalaureate degree, please consider a contribution to the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa Foundation Scholarship Fund.



Creed Wood

Christopher & Creed Wood.

Bee Bee Yeap & Sam McMillan

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