



## **Port Awards \$27,000 in Scholarships to Local Students**

Grants to help prepare a new generation of maritime industry leaders

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The Port of Long Beach has awarded \$27,000 in scholarships to 13 local college students preparing for careers in international trade or port-related industries. The Port sponsors the scholarships each year in May to help launch a new generation of leaders in international business and the maritime industry.

The scholarships were presented Friday, May 18, to an outstanding group of students, six of them from Long Beach City College and seven from California State University, Long Beach.

Since 1993, the Port has given \$177,500 to 161 students to assist with educational expenses.

This year, four scholarships were awarded to students in LBCC's School of Trade and Industrial Technologies, each with a certain specialty. The recipients are Prince Barrom, alternative fuels; Veasna Lim, welding; Eduardo Mendez, sheet metal; and Scott Schenk, HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning).

William Chua and Richard Contreras were awarded the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Scholarships, which are presented each year to two outstanding LBCC international business students.

Four students concentrating on international business at Cal State Long Beach's College of Business Administration were awarded scholarships: Karim Nalbandy, Thanh Chi Pham, Ricardo Gonzales Rugamas and Iris Souza.

The Port also awards scholarships for graduate students in CSULB's Master of Arts in Global Logistics program. This year there were three recipients: Hui Liu, Cara Royds and Paul Merritt. The Master's program trains professionals to handle the complexities of the worldwide goods movement industry.

"The Port is proud to support these outstanding scholars," said Heather Morris, the Port's Director of Communications. "They represent the future of international business and the maritime industry."

The Port of Long Beach, the nation's second busiest seaport, gives the awards to recognize outstanding students and encourage their interest in the maritime industry.

"Through our Port scholarships, we support students pursuing careers in the maritime industry and encourage other students to consider joining this fast-growing sector of our economy," Morris said.

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