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VACAVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS OFFERED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

VACAVILLE, CA. – The Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund Scholarship Program today announced their annual granting of scholarships for college and university study to provide enhanced education for Vacaville high school students.

The program, formerly known as the Vacaville Community Foundation Scholarship Program, will this year enable up to seven students to garner \$5,000 each for four consecutive years, totaling \$20,000.

Students who have been enrolled in Will C. Wood High School, Vacaville High School or Buckingham Charter School for the entire junior and senior year, and who have resided in Vacaville during this time are eligible to apply. Other criteria include a minimum grade point average of 3.5; a record of service to school and community; acceptance for a full-time matriculation at any public or private college; and proof for a need of monetary assistance.

“This is one of the most prestigious scholarships available to local students,” said Herb Hays, member of the Vacaville Community Foundation Board of Trustees. “It’s an honor to receive this in the name of the Nelson Family.”

Applications can be found inside the counseling offices of Will C. Wood, Vacaville and Buckingham Charter High Schools and must be returned by April 18, 2008.

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Eleanor D. Nelson began her teaching career in Vacaville in 1920. After 31 years of instructing thousands of students, she retired from Vacaville High School, devoting herself to community service. Her contributions include the inauguration of a city recreational program for youth, organization of Fiesta Days, and the establishment of the Vacaville Museum. Harry Nelson, a graduate from the University of California at Davis, was an agriculturalist with landholdings in the Vacaville area.

In 1967, the Nelsons founded the Vacaville Community Foundation. Two years later, the scholarship program began as a way to benefit the Vacaville community and today remains a legacy of the Nelsons.

The primary purpose of the Harry and Eleanor D. Nelson Vacaville Endowment Fund, now part of the Solano Community Foundation and that is acting as the administrator of this scholarship program, is to promote continuing education for Vacaville high school students.

For more information on the Nelson Scholarship Program, please contact Herb Hays at 301-0010.

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