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MATTHEW PAVELKA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PRESENTATION

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Burbank, California – The Burbank Police Foundation is proud to announce the 2021 Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Awards Presentation. Congratulations to the selected students, who represented Burbank High School, John Burroughs High School, Providence High School, and Burbank Police Officers' Association.

Burbank Police Officer Matthew Pavelka was shot and killed during a gun battle with gang members on November 15, 2003. Officer Greg Campbell was gravely wounded. The entire community was devastated, but less than 24 hours after the incident, our community's unbelievable generosity began to pour in. The support and kindness which the Burbank Police Department received from the business owners and residents of Burbank and the surrounding communities was overwhelming. The Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Awards Program was established, which awards scholarships on an annual basis. Each recipient will receive \$1,500 upon proof of completion of 2021 First Quarter/Semester at a recognized junior college, accredited college or university, public or private, offering academic or vocational courses leading to a secondary education.

The purpose of the Matthew Pavelka Scholarship Fund is to provide an award for high school seniors who have demonstrated outstanding effort in pursuit of a vocational or educational goal, to motivate students to dedicate themselves more thoroughly and responsibly to their education or training and to encourage students to strive for excellence and distinction in whatever they undertake. In the process, we hope to give back to the community which supports us, as well as keep Matt's memory alive.

The Awards Presentation will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., at the Guardian Statue located in front of the Burbank Police Department.

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