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**Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO) Awards Six Scholarships**

WASHINGTON, DC (July 13, 2021) – The Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations (COHEAO) is pleased to announce the award of six \$1,000 scholarships to students of member institutions. Recipients of this year’s awards are:

- Brianna Warren, University of Hartford-Daniel Padovano Memorial Scholarship
- Clara Hong, Illinois College of Optometry-Harrison Wadsworth Scholarship
- Jessie Chassan Taber, University of Chicago-COHEAO Scholarship
- Marika Basagoitia, University of Hartford-COHEAO Scholarship
- Teo Lin-Bianco, UC Berkeley-COHEAO Scholarship
- Kiana Pino, Bryant University-COHEAO Scholarship

Scholarship winners were selected based on academic achievement, community service and future goals that include public service or benefit to the community.

“All of us at COHEAO are pleased to be able to provide scholarships to help these very worthy students achieve their educational goals. It is an honor to be a part of an organization that supports students while providing assistance to our member institutions,” said Lori Hartung, COHEAO President.

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She continued, “These young people all had impressive academic records, extensive community service commitments and admirable career goals that will provide a benefit to the public.”

Brianna Warren, University of Hartford, Daniel Padovano Memorial Scholarship said, “I am extremely grateful for being chosen to receive the COHEAO Scholarship in the honor of Daniel Padovano. It means so much to me to have this in the name of someone who passed away due to COVID, especially since I was able to work at the vaccine clinics in the past year. This scholarship will allow me to further my education, which hopefully involves going to physician's assistant school and obtaining my master's in public health. Thank you so much for this scholarship and thank you to all the members and donators who helped fund the scholarship program.

COHEAO’s primary fundraiser for the scholarship fund is a silent auction at its annual conference. Donations can also be made by sending a check to COHEAO Scholarship Fund to COHEAO, 777 Sixth Street NW, Suite 510, Washington, D.C. 20001-4498.

**About COHEAO:**

Since 1981, COHEAO has served as a partnership of colleges, universities and organizations dedicated to promoting student- friendly, efficiently operated campus-based loan and tuition payment programs. COHEAO leadership and staff regularly meet with higher education policymakers and provide member support through various task forces and programs, including an extensive financial literacy initiative. COHEAO offers professional development opportunities and subject matter experts to members to assist institutions and their students with successful outcomes.

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