

# OUR TOWN

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## Westmont's Rocha Wins Top Award

The Santa Barbara Gay and Lesbian Business Association [GLBA] announced their 2017 student scholarship winners at the lovely home of board member and treasurer **John Chufar**. The top scholarship award of \$5,000 went to Westmont College senior **Geoffrey Rocha**, and it represents the first year a Westmont student applied and won the award. A total of \$8,000 in scholarship awards were given to the three local students: **Mimi Vorosmarthy**, freshman at SB City College; **Alejandro Gastelum**, Juris Doctor candidate UC Hasting College of Law San Francisco; and Rocha.

Chufar welcomed the guests and introduced the scholarship committee. **Gary Mosel** spoke briefly about the history of the GLBA, and **Jonathan Alburger** talked about the importance of the scholarships, which were established in 1983 and supported by a volunteer endowment fund. "Believing in our students, investing where it matters most. These GLBA grants are our way of telling our youth we are

proud of them," he said.

Rocha talked about majoring in communication studies at Westmont, "I study rhetoric – what it is to be a good person speaking well," and being on the baseball team. He had taken a break from Westmont to understand where he was heading and to sort out any conflicting incidences he experienced while being a Christian student there who also had come out. After traveling the globe and working in Los Angeles, he returned to Westmont College to finish his degree. His scholarship award is based on his decision to do so. Rocha expressed how honored he was to be recognized in this way and is looking forward to graduating in two semesters.

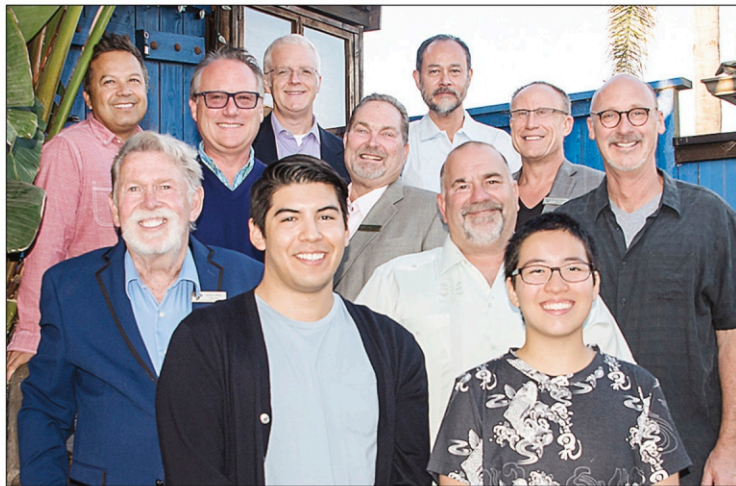
Gastelum, a third-time scholarship winner, was unable to attend the ceremony as he is working with the elderly population who need legal services while finishing his JD. He has decided to be a public defender after graduation. The GLBA scholarship committee has also donated funding for his bar exam.

Vorosmarthy, originally from California, spent time in Malaysia, and decided to attend SBCC. Starting out in music theater, he will change majors to television and film arts, "and will be ready to accept my first Oscar for best dramatic actor in 2022!"

Attendees at the soiree included **Elaine and Paula Sichel**, **Collette Schabram** executive director Pacific Pride, **Patrick Lyra Lanier** LGBTQ Programs manager Pacific Pride, **David Selberg** CEO Hospice SB, and GLBA board and scholarship committee members **Robert Johns**, **Tim Lyons**, **William George**, **Michael Brock**, and **Carlos Ojeda**.

Guests enjoyed libations, light hors d'oeuvres and a showing of the movie *Pride* based on the true story of the alliance of lesbians and gay men who formed in support of the striking British miners during the yearlong UK miner's strike of 1984-85. Sponsor and catering the event was the local chapter of the Great Outdoors Movie Night Group.

GLBA has awarded more than \$190,000 in scholarships, which are funded by the following: The Stephen Logan Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund named for the well-known Santa Barbara contractor; the Carl Joseph Adelhardt Memorial Scholarship Endowment in perpetuity named for the man who was a noted decorator and resident of Santa Barbara for over 30 years; the Claude Raffin-Jon Gathercole



The GLBA Annual Scholarship Awards. Scholarship 2017 winners [front row from left] Geoffrey Rocha Westmont College senior, Mimi Vorosmarthy SBCC freshman, and David Selberg, accepting for Alejandro Gastelum; board members John Chufar, Robert Johns, Gary Mosel, Tim Lyons, William George, Michael Brock, Jonathan Alburger, and Carlos Ojeda [not present: Gastelum and board members Marco Silva and Doug Van Pelt]

Scholarship Endowment Fund; and the Robert L. Johns Vocational Scholarship Endowment Fund named for Johns, a prominent local cosmetologist and businessperson dedicated to vocational students scholarships.

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Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible under IRS section 501(c)(3). In addition to sponsoring student scholarships, GLBA undertakes community projects and produces the annual GLBA Humanitarian Awards. GLBA has served the greater Santa Barbara community since 1983.

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