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30 HANNA CENTER ALUMNI APPLY FOR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Sonoma, CA July 2023 – ‘The Sisters of St. Francis Scholarship Program’ is named in honor of the sisters who served the Center for more than 50 years. To qualify for a scholarship, alumni must successfully complete the Hanna Center program, demonstrate a desire to continue their education, complete a written application and appear before the scholarship committee for an interview.

This year, 30 Hanna Center alumni attended today’s Scholarship Day; individual awards will be announced next week. The alums had various goals for their scholarships, including plans to earn AA, BA, MA, or doctorate degrees. Students are encouraged to continue their studies after leaving the program, which could include community college, a four-year university, or a trade school.

To support the youth in this endeavor, a special fund was established in 1952 to ensure that graduates who qualified would be able to receive financial assistance as they pursued higher education. Over the years, Hanna Center has awarded scholarships to hundreds of former students.

Trish Goodwin, the Director of Transitional Programs and Alumni Relations, expresses that this is one of her favorite days at the Center. She believes it is an incredible opportunity to witness the growth of former students as they come back to share their stories and plans for their lives and academic futures.

The results of the scholarship program have been excellent. Former Hanna students have successfully graduated from dozens of higher education institutions, including St. John’s University, the University of California at Berkeley, Sonoma State University, Howard University, San Francisco State University, and more.

“I always look forward to this day, very exciting to see alumni returning to campus with already so many accomplishments,” says Cameron Safarloo, CEO of Hanna Center. “We get to see the full circle of Hanna’s impact on these young lives. The pursuit of higher education represents just one more step in their already-successful journeys.”

About Hanna Center

Hanna Center is committed to addressing traumas that impact our community. Our Community Mental Health Hub provides one-on-one clinical care to all individuals. Our Residential Program provides housing and treatment for transitional-aged youth and Hanna Institute develops innovative methodologies and trauma-informed practices to inform our own work on campus

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