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ALAMEDA –

Girls Inc. Scholarship Winners

Alameda High school junior Luna Cristales is the recipient of a \$5,000 Girls Inc. National college scholarship. National Scholars are outstanding young women selected for exemplifying the Girls Inc. mission of inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and boldSM. They are role models for other girls who demonstrate a commitment to achieving academically and serving their communities. In 2014, the Girls Inc. national organization awarded 28 high school girls scholarships for educational expenses at any accredited college or university. Luna is the seventh National Scholar at Girls Inc. of the Island City.

Twin sisters Jill and Joan Barcelona each won \$5,000 scholarships. Jill and Joan are Alameda High alumnae and are sophomores at U.C. Berkeley. The Girls Inc. Alumnae Collegiate Scholarship Program provides college women and former Girls Inc. participants with scholarships to continue pursuing higher education. Awardees demonstrate how they embody the Girls Inc. mission of being strong, smart, and bold, and how it inspired her college and career goals. In 2014, Girls Inc. awarded 21 scholarships to college women. Since 1993, Girls Inc. has awarded over \$4.2 million in scholarships, making higher education a reality for hundreds of high school girls across the United States and Canada.

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Girls Inc. of the Island City is an affiliate of the national organization Girls Inc. Since 1964, Girls Inc. of the Island City has provided the only program in Alameda designed specifically for girls. Our programs “fill in the gap” on issues that parents and schools do not always have the time or resources to cover. We provide more than 25,000 hours of programming each year to girls ages 6 to 18. At Girls Inc. of the Island City, girls and teens are challenged to explore science, math and computers, sports and health, friendships and conflict resolution, as well as to examine how money is earned and invested, and to ask questions about and take leadership roles in the world.

We also offer a licensed childcare service called Alameda Island Kids for both girls and boys at seven elementary schools around Alameda, including Bay Farm, Earhart, Edison, Franklin, Lum, Otis, and Paden. For more information about Alameda Island Kids, call (510) 521-1743 ext. 202 or visit our website at www.girlsincislandcity.org.

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