



OAKLAND-ALAMEDA COUNTY COLISEUM

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2009 GEORGE P. SCOTLAN SCHOLARSHIPS NAMED**

The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation announced the recipients of the George P. Scotlan Scholarships. They are awarded to honor Scotlan, a former member of the Coliseum Board of Directors. He also served as Special Assistant for Urban Affairs to the UC Berkeley Chancellor at the time of his death..

Ronald C. Nahas, President of the Board of Directors, noted the scholarships are for \$11,000, payable at \$2,750 per year. The scholarships have both academic and community service requirements to qualify.

The awardees are Saloni Shah of Fremont, Ariela Koehler of Fremont and Nathaniel Williams of Alameda.

Saloni Shah graduated from Washington High School in Fremont with a 3.976 grade point average and a 2180 SAT. Her community activities included the Rotary Interact Club; as an officer in the Kiwanis Key Club; American Red Cross Club; Kaiser Hospital information desk; Park Central (Senior) Care Facility; Alameda County Reading Program and Book Organizer and a Bollywood Dancer for the Federation of Indo-Americans Cultural Program. At school she was a tournament judge for the Varsity Lincoln Douglass Debates and tutored high school students in honor and college prep math classes. She will major in biochemistry and Cell Biology at UC San Diego.

Ariela Koehler attended Irvington High School, graduated with a 3.88 grade point average and a combined SAT score of 2230. She is active in the community, especially with senior citizen projects. She is a member of the city's advisory Senior Citizens Commission and a leader in its "Senior Movie Outing" in which teenagers and seniors join together for the event. She also helped with the Celebrate Fremont organization for its 50th year celebration. Activities with her church included teaching and tutoring children at Temple Beth Torah. She plans on attending UC Berkeley and majoring in Molecular and cellular biology.

Nathaniel Williams graduated from Alameda High School with a 4.5 grade point average and had a 2030 SAT score. His community activities involved efforts with the Alameda County Public Health Department including organizing materials about free/low cost perinatal resources, creating a community forum on same and distributing outreach materials. He also prepared children's books for distribution to low income families and assembled packages of reproductive health supplies for distribution. He was the youth representative on a Five Year Strategic Planning Committee for the Alameda Free Library. Williams will attend Stanford University and major in English.

The Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Foundation was established to honor Coliseum President Emeritus Robert T. Nahas and to oversee charitable programs associated with the Coliseum. The foundation also awards the Robert T. Nahas and Ann and Jon Reynolds scholarships.

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