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Hilltop High School student wins \$2,500 PLCU scholarship

CHULA VISTA, CA — Amy Eppert loves San Diego. So after earning her college degree, she plans to stay local by becoming a science educator in the San Diego area, sharing her passion for science and math with future generations. PLCU is proud to help her reach her goal by naming her a winner in our 19th Annual Scholarship Program.

“I want to inspire young people, especially girls, to excel in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields,” says Amy. “I definitely want to give back to my community by encouraging students to explore all their possibilities.”

Amy will start by earning a Bachelor of Science in Biology at



PLCU President/CEO David R. Brooke and scholarship recipient Amy Eppert.

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Point Loma Nazarene University. And because she knows it is essential to reach out to the Hispanic community, she will enhance her bilingual skills by minoring in Spanish and spending a Study Abroad semester in Central America.

“At PLCU, we think of these scholarships as investments in a student’s future,” says David R. Brooke, Point Loma Credit Union President/CEO. “But often, as in Amy’s case, they also become investments in the community.”

Amy was her class Valedictorian and earned a weighted 4.44 GPA. She has already started honing her teaching skills by tutoring biology, math and chemistry, and developing curricula for programs at local schools and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center’s Spotlight on San Diego Science teacher workshop series. When she’s not teaching, she plays the Celtic harp for church and community groups, and is involved in local ecology projects.

The scholarship also provides Amy with an incentive to complete her education; if she maintains a full course load with at least a 2.75 GPA, she is eligible for additional awards of \$1,000 each for her sophomore, junior and senior years, for a possible total award of \$5,500. Since 1998, PLCU has awarded a total of \$230,000 in scholarships to exceptional students.

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