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NORWALK, Calif. – May 28, 2014 - The Cerritos College Foundation awarded four student scholarships at its board meeting on May 15.

Todd Leutheuser, executive director of the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) presented Ryan Evangelista of Norwalk with the Jeannie M.T. Yang Scholarship in the amount of $500. The Jeannie M.T. Yang Automotive Scholarship awards a total of $2,000 each year to four promising students in the automotive department at Cerritos College. The scholarship was established in memory of Dr. Jeannie M.T. Yang, community college professor originally from mainland China, who had a great passion for education.

The $500 Elizabeth O'Donnell Hamman Memorial Scholarship was presented to psychology major Hadiah Fattal of Cerritos. The scholarship was established in 2011 in memory of Elizabeth O'Donnell Hamman, sister of Patrick O'Donnell, manager of information technology and daughter of Dodie O'Donnell, former faculty senate clerk at Cerritos College. The scholarship is awarded to outstanding female students who are interested in pursuing a career in math.
Biology major and the United States Air Force veteran John Kwak of Norwalk received the $500 Dennis Schechinger Memorial Scholarship. Established this year by Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Linda Waldman in memory of her father, this scholarship is awarded to a veteran pursuing a career in sciences.

The $500 Albert Ostroff Scholarship was presented to Samantha Chavez of Downey. This scholarship was established by retired Instructional Dean of Humanities/Social Sciences Francine De France, in memory of her father Albert Ostroff.

“It is a great privilege to be able to support these students expanding their horizons,” said Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. “These scholarship winners are fine examples of the caliber of students we have at Cerritos College.”

About the Cerritos College Foundation: The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College. Visit the Foundation online at www.cerritos.edu/ccf.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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