Dear PLF Members,

It is with great pleasure we announce the 2014 Professional Lifeguard Foundation Scholarship Award winners!  This year’s candidates were impressive making a final decision very difficult for the Selection Committee.

Our Top Honor this year is awarded to Ms. Kelsey O'Donnell. Kelsey is from Southern Section. Her rookie year was 2008 and she is currently completing her Masters in Nursing at University of San Francisco. She has competed internationally as a member on the US Surf Lifesaving Team. Eventually she will pursue Nurse Practitioners training. Kelsey will receive a $2500 scholarship award.

Our Runners-Up include Derek Linsley, Charles (Charlie) Welsey Manclark, and Adam Moine.

Derek, whose rookie year was 2006 and works in Southern Section, is a graduate student at University of Hawaii in Ocean and Resources Engineering. He is planning on pursuing a Professional Engineering (PE) license, and practice in the field with aspirations of executive leadership in the long-term future.

Charlie, a Southern Section guard whose rookie year was 2013, is a senior at Boston College majoring in History with co-minors in Computer Science, and Film Studies. He has been active in Men’s Club Water Polo.

Adam lifeguards in Central Section and was a rookie in 2103. He is a sophomore at the California Maritime Academy studying Marine Transportation. His accomplishments include a channel crossing swim from Catalina and his long term goal is reaching the rank of Commander as a merchant sailor.

Finally, our Honorable Mention awards go to Kailey Makuta and Savannah Fletcher. Kailey is a senior at California State University, Long Beach majoring in Kinesiology. Savannah is a senior communications major at Loyola Marymount University.

Thank you to all who contributed and made this year’s awards possible.  Special thanks to Holthouse, Carlin, and Van Trit, LLP who have provided accounting services for PLF since our inception.  We also welcome the support of Marina Del Rey Hospital, who is committed to the health of our community.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Silka, MD

President, The Professional Lifeguard Foundation