Dear PLF Members, Family, and Friends

It is with great pleasure we announce the 2015 Professional Lifeguard Foundation Scholarship Award winners!

**Top Honor – Toby Contarsy**

**Runner-up – Natalia Vecerek**

**Honorable Mention - Emily Fuller, Sebastian Garcia, Chance Pardon**

This year’s candidates were impressive making a final decision very difficult for the Selection Committee.

Our Top Honor this year is awarded to *Toby Contarsy*, a rising 4th year Central Section Guard and Junior Guard instructor who transferred to UCLA from Santa Monica City College this past fall. Toby is studying Economics and English. While at SMC Toby achieved academic excellence while competing in water polo and swimming. He achieved All-American in swimming, All-Conference in Water Polo, and was named the 2015 SMC Athlete of the Year. Toby will receive a $3000 award.

Our Runner-Up for 2015 is *Natalia Vecerek*, a first year medical student at the Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Natalia like Toby is a rising 4th year guard. She works South Bay and is also a Junior Guard instructor. Natalia’s graduated Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 2014 prior to her matriculation to the Geffen School of Medicine. She was also Captain of the women’s swim team. Natalia will receive a $2000 award.

Our Honorable Mention recipients include *Emily Fuller* who is a Senior studying Psychology at Cal State Northridge; *Sabastian Garcia*, a freshman studying Computer Science at Northwestern University, and *Chance Pardon*, a South Bay guard who is attending law school at UC Irvine. Winners of Honorable Mention will receive a $500 award.

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Sincerely,

Paul A. Silka, MD

President, The Professional Lifeguard Foundation