## Cal Poly BRAE Department Awards Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship

SAN LUIS OBISPO — At the 2023 Agricultural Engineering Society's End of the Year Virtual Banquet, 34 current and four incoming Cal Poly San Luis Obispo students from the BioResource & Agricultural Engineering (BRAE) department were awarded the Daisy J. Hudson Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship for the current (2022-23) academic year. The scholarship is awarded annually to those studying in the BRAE Department with great overall GPAs who either renewed the scholarship from previous years or are receiving the scholarship for the first time this year. A total of \$76,000 was awarded in May 2023.



Incoming Daisy Hudson Scholarship Freshmen from Tulare and Kings County: L-R. Alizea Martinez, Joseph Ross, Kasper Gailey, Bradley Hilarides, Caleb Callison, Joshua Rodgers, Jorge Martin, Nicholas Simon (missing Evelyn Delap)

**Daisy J. Hudson** was a life-long resident of Porterville in Tulare County, who served as General Manager of the Sausalito Irrigation District and had exceptional career experience in the agricultural and water industry. Daisy believed whole-heartedly that agriculture's two most important assets are water and people. Her appreciation for women in the industry and Cal Poly attendees from a rural background led her to establish the Agricultural Irrigation Career Scholarship at Cal Poly, called the Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship. Initially, the scholarship was intended to be given to only those who grew up in the Tulare and Kings Counties area but has since expanded to other deserving students within the department. The endowment will fund an annual scholarship to a Tulare or Kings county student enrolling in undergraduate studies in the areas of irrigation, water science or water engineering programs at Cal Poly.



The scholarship provides needs-based financial assistance to hard-working students who intend to pursue active careers related to water after their undergraduate studies in the areas of irrigation, water science, or water engineering at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Below is a list of all of the recipients.

## Daisy J. Hudson Scholarship 2023-2024

Landon Dodd	Wyatt Ward	Jorge Martin	Bradley Hagglund
Cami Lowrey	Noe Mercado	Evelyn Delap	Brandon Meyer
Javier <u>Monje</u>	Frank Fernandes	Joshua Rogers	Matthew Ortiz
Gabriella Monreal	Gavin Barnes	Nicholas Simon	Chad Lincoln
Brandon Munoz-	Emily Sarantopulos	Alizea Martinez	Daniel Bartel
Gutierrez	Maggie Usher	Fiona Chamberlin	
Anna <u>Rioux</u>	Caleb Callison	Jack Fitzgerald	
Garrin Schaap	Joseph Ross	<u>Annali</u> Flores	
Tristen Schieferle	Kasper Gailey	Sarah Marks	
Clayton Van Groningen	Bradley <u>Hilarides</u>	Aldo Saldana	

Saucelito Irrigation District is now managed by a BRAE department alumni – <u>Sean Geivet</u>. Sean serves as the General Manager at Porterville, Saucelito, & Terra Bella Irrigation Districts

Saucelito Irrigation District has a contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for 21,500 acre-feet of Class 1 water and 32,800 Acre-Feet Class 2. Friant-Kern Canal carries water from Millerton Lake to the Tulare and Kern counties in the south.

The canal is 152 miles long and terminates in the Kern River about four miles west of Bakersfield.



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