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## The Beckman Coulter Foundation Continues to Make a Difference for Future Scientists



"We are committed to maintaining our role as an educational innovator." These are words from **Maria Klawe**, President of Harvey Mudd College, a leading liberal arts college of engineering, science and mathematics located in Southern California.

A young institution by comparison, Harvey Mudd College (HMC) is known for attracting some of the brightest science and technology students with its rigorous and challenging educational experiences. The Western Association of Schools and Colleges reports, "Harvey Mudd is characterized by excellence and success, and is widely regarded as among the best undergraduate science and engineering colleges" in the United States.

The Beckman Coulter Foundation has been a proud supporter of the [President's Scholars Program](#) at Harvey Mudd College since 2008. We're excited to share that the Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant to the program this year!

The program creates opportunities for exceptional students from traditionally underrepresented groups in the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields, including women, ethnic minorities, students from low income backgrounds, students with disabilities and students who will be the first in their family to attend college. Each President's Scholar receives a full-tuition scholarship which is renewable for four years. Through this program, HMC strives to inspire change seekers and continue building a more diverse STEM workforce.

Class of 2017 Scholar **Veronica Rivera** expressed: "I was drawn to Mudd's rigorous academics because I knew that by challenging myself I could gain the knowledge I need to make a lasting impact. I hope to joint major in computer science and mathematics and go into software engineering to develop innovative products that will make a difference in people's lives."

The Beckman Coulter Foundation's investment in the future of remarkable students like Veronica is a true reflection of its commitment to advancing healthcare, scientific education and discovery. Find more inspirational quotes in the program's 2016 scholarship report.

[President Scholars Program – report 2016](#)