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Walnut Creek school notes

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The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans recently announce scholarships for 37 deserving high school students in California — two from the Walnut Creek area. Each scholar will receive \$4,000 to pay for their college educations.

The students were selected for the Horatio Alger California State Scholarship because they persevered in overcoming adversity while also demonstrating excellence in academics and admirable character and making community contributions.

Mary E. Skramstad, a student at Ygnacio Valley High School in Concord, and Alexandra N. Klepp, of Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, were the scholarship winners.

"The California scholars have overcome great obstacles and we are proud to present this award," said David L. Sokol, president and chief executive officer of the Horatio Alger Association.

"Through this scholarship program, we celebrate their accomplishments and help them reach their future goals."

The Horatio Alger State Scholarship Programs range from \$2,500 to \$10,500 and are sponsored by Horatio Alger members and friends. These scholarships are offered in 29 states.