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Acalanes DAR scholarships awarded to local high school seniors

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From left: Claire Sebree (Campolindo), Caroline Francois (Las Lomas), and Dara Kazmierowski (Miramonte). Photo provided

Local high school seniors earned scholarships from the Acalanes Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) on Feb. 2 at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church. School counselors chose these accomplished students for their service, leadership and patriotism. Each winner received a scholarship check, a flag that was flown in her or his honor over the capitol and a certificate signed by U.S. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier.

Recipients read their essays entitled, "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility for Preserving It. What new challenges will America face as we move forward into the future?" Independent judges chose Caroline Francois' essay as the chapter winner. Participants, their families, guests and DAR members were treated to tea and sweets. In addition to Claire Sebree (Campolindo), Caroline Francois (Las Lomas), and Dara Kazmierowski (Miramonte), other winners who were not able to attend the ceremony included: Cali Boustani (Acalanes), Ryan Park (Bentley), and Anneke Padmos (Contra Costa

Christian). The event was co-chaired by Susan McGill and Betsy Morris. Regent Nancy Boren presided over the celebration of these fine young citizens.

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