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AAUW-Orinda, Moraga, Lafayette Branch awards Community Engagement Scholarships

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From left: AAUW-OML 2022 scholarship awardees Caroline Hoskins, Angela Garcia, Maristella Heo and Emma Bonardi. Photo provided

She co-wrote a book "Jett the Spy: The Secret to Finding True Friends" and donated the book to the children in the program. As captain of Miramonte's water polo team, Hoskins encouraged team members to participate in volunteer programs such as Grateful Gatherings and Adopt a Family. Hoskins and her teammates helped families transitioning from homelessness or abuse programs by furnishing their apartment to create a welcoming place to call home. Garcia returned to her former high school Ygnacio Valley to assist the softball coach with the idea of enriching the program and serving as a role model to

student athletes. She tutors students through the Oakland Public Education Fund to help build the children's reading confidence.

In addition to these scholarships, middle school students who will be attending AAUW's Tech Trek program were introduced. The speaker for the event was Dr. Rosalie McGurk, a staff astronomer at the Keck Observatory, Hawaii.

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