



CAIA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

The California Agricultural Irrigation Association would like to congratulate Dylan Soares and Gregory Borba for receiving a CAIA Scholarship for the 2015-16 academic year.

Dylan Soares is a senior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and is a graduate of Los Banos High School in Los Banos, California. He is a BioResource and Agricultural Engineering major with a 3.8 GPA. He served an internship at Central California Irrigation District, where he was an Engineering Assistant. After graduating from Cal Poly in the spring, Dylan plans to attend law school to study water law.



Statement from Gregory Borba: There have always been two life-lessons that have guided me through my travels: one is that you must work hard for what you want, and not take for granted what you have. Growing up in the country has helped me learn the significance of these life lessons. Working on my family's cattle ranch, whether it be fixing fences, feeding hay, changing irrigation sets, or doctoring cattle, I learned the value of a hard day's work. I realized that a task was better done right, regardless of the challenges it may present. In high school as the Oakdale FFA Treasurer I began to value the importance of leadership. Being a dual-athlete in school installed discipline into my character. With these qualities forming a core of my character, I took joy in the challenge of academics, as my GPA has remained above 3.75 for my academic career. This helped me through the tireless semesters at Columbia Junior College and Modesto Junior College as I gained acceptance to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as an Agricultural Systems Management major. One year after high school I received an Internship with Oakdale Irrigation District, where I have gained many real life experiences. Here at Cal Poly I have had many opportunities. I am now the Secretary of the Agricultural Engineering Society, a member of the Tractor Pull Team, a member of the Young

Cattlemen's Committee, and a Certified Agricultural Irrigation Specialist. I plan to receive my Bachelor's Degree from Cal Poly, as well as a Master's in Irrigation. Now I continue my work, with the same passion and lessons that propelled me to where I am today. Life is what you make of it, and I've learned to make the best of it. Ever since I have gotten to Cal Poly, I have put every effort forward to get involved and draw every bit of experience from this school that I can. I have two more years at Cal Poly, and I plan to leave this wonderful school with no regrets.

The CAIA Scholarship was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural irrigation industry. Information on the CAIA scholarship, as well as a scholarship application is available on our website:
www.calirrigation.com