



California Agricultural Irrigation Association Scholars 2019-20

CAIA/RDO Scholarship. Matt Caviglia is a fourth year BioResource and Agricultural Engineering student at Cal Poly maintaining a 3.95 major GPA. Growing up with an agricultural family in the San Joaquin Valley, he learned just how vital water is for both the San Joaquin Valley and the entire state. Matt wants to be a part of the effort to help farmers throughout the state use water both more efficiently and sustainably. In the past two summers, he has worked for the Irrigation Training and Research Center at Cal Poly and the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District. He has worked extensively with concepts such as distribution uniformity and irrigation scheduling. In his free time, Matt enjoys restoring old muscle cars as well as fishing and wakeboarding in Montana. After graduation in Spring 2020, Matt wants to work for a company that focuses on irrigation engineering and design.



CAIA/Agri-Valley Irrigation Scholarship. Garon Gostanian is currently entering his second year at Cal Poly under the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering major. Garon is involved in several clubs on campus like the Agricultural Engineering Society club and the Cal Poly Men's Water Polo club team. Being from the Central Valley and growing up in a household with a father who is heavily involved in irrigation, Garon is currently testing the waters in the irrigation field. He just started working for the Irrigation Training and Research Center this summer and will continue to do so throughout the school year.

CAIA/Western Ag & Turf Scholarship. Lizbeth Cordova is a Senior Plant Science- Plant Health Option major at Fresno State. She is actively involved with various collegiate extracurricular activities. Lizbeth currently serves as the Irrigation Club President and Plant Science Club Treasurer. In addition to carrying 20 units this semester, she is also an active member of the Central Valley Chapter of California Women for Agriculture (CWA) which will be assisting Ag One Foundation with their annual Ag Booster BBQ event to raise scholarships for students majoring in agriculture in partnership Lizbeth has a very diverse background in agriculture and has experience working with winegrapes, food safety, irrigation and soils. This past summer she interned for the USDA-NRCS MLRA Soil Survey Office in Hanford, CA and worked with different types of soils in the area. Currently, she is interning for the University of California Cooperative Extension-Fresno County as a Viticulture Intern. Lizbeth was selected as a Greenfield Scholar and will be representing Fresno State at the Annual 2019 American Society of Agronomy Conference in San Antonio, Texas in November. Lizbeth will graduate in May 2020 and plans to go back to her home town in the Salinas Valley to start her career as an Agronomist and also inspire her local community to attend college.



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CAIA/Fresno Valves & Castings. Kent Norman is entering his last year at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo majoring in BioResource and Agricultural Engineering with a minor in Agribusiness. He is currently maintaining a 3.67 cumulative GPA, and is involved in several clubs on campus including the Agricultural Engineering Society and the Agribusiness Management Club. During the school year, Kent works for the Irrigation Training and Research Center as an engineering technician. This summer Kent worked for Banta Carbona Irrigation District in Tracy, where he worked on several projects around the district.



CAIA/Buckner Superior Irrigation Scholarship. Mary Hambly is a senior in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering major at Cal Poly. Due to the generosity of scholarships like the CAIA opportunity, she will graduate debt-free in June of 2020. She has also been an intern for the Irrigation Research and Training Center at Cal Poly this past summer, working on canal surveying, SCADA programming, and research involving acoustic dopplers. Mary is involved with the Association of Agricultural and Biological Engineers, serving as the president for the upcoming school year, and the Cal Poly Tractor Pull Club. After graduating she would like to stay on the Central Coast, where she was born and raised. She hopes to gain employment in the irrigation field after completing her master's degree in water engineering.

CAIA/IDC Scholarship. Emily Kuzmicky is a senior BioResource and Agricultural Engineering student at Cal Poly, where she is currently maintaining a 3.90 GPA. She is involved in several clubs on campus such as the Society of Women Engineers, and is currently employed as an engineering technician at the Irrigation Training and Research Center. Along with working at the ITRC this summer, she also participated in her college's Summer Undergraduate Research Program, where she modified the design of the BRAE department's aquaponics system. In her free time, Emily enjoys hiking and reading. She is looking forward to use her education as a starting point for a career in irrigation design.



The CAIA Scholarship was organized to give aid to students with a desire to pursue a career in the agricultural irrigation industry. CAIA member companies sponsor the scholarships which total \$1000 each for the academic year. The sponsoring company selects their scholarship recipient. Information on the CAIA Scholarship is available online: www.calirrigation.com