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## LOCAL WINNERS OF SOUTH32 STEM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

Three graduating seniors from high schools in Santa Cruz County were selected this month to receive a one-time academic scholarship from mining company South32. The students include Brianna Young of Patagonia High School, Roberto Guevara of Rio Rico High School, and Sabrina Romero of Nogales High School. Each of them submitted an essay application and was selected for showing a strong academic performance and plans to study science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). An independent selection committee reviewed their essays earlier this month.

“It’s inspiring to see the focus and passion expressed by all the applicants,” says Pat Risner, president of the Hermosa Project near Patagonia. “In our own workforce at Hermosa, I see all the time what happens when women and men who pursued STEM studies arrive into careers where they can channel their passion into real-world challenges, within an industry that values them. They’re innovators, problem-solvers, and changemakers, so we are happy to support these scholarship recipients in realizing their own potential. Our support of their pursuit is rooted in our purpose of improving people’s lives now and for generations to come.”

The South32 Hermosa STEM Scholarship is awarded each May to three local college-bound seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA and with an expressed desire to major in a STEM-related field.

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### About South32

South32 is a globally diversified mining and metals company. We produce bauxite, alumina, aluminium, energy and metallurgical coal, manganese, nickel, silver, lead and zinc at our operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. We are also the owner of a high-grade zinc, lead and silver development option in North America and have several partnerships with junior explorers with a focus on base metals. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people’s lives now and for generations to come, and to be trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources.

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