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THREE LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AWARDED SOUTH32 STEM SCHOLARSHIP

Three Santa Cruz County high school graduating seniors were recently recognized by South32 for showing a strong academic performance and for their stated plans to study science, technology, engineering or math (STEM).

Miguel Angelo of Rico Rico High School, John Hubbell of Patagonia Union High School, and Ricardo Maytorena each received the South32 Hermosa STEM Scholarship at their respective high school's graduation-week ceremonies.

The students were chosen by an independent selection committee that reviewed their scholarship application essays during the month of May.

The South32 Hermosa STEM Scholarship is a one-time \$2,500 scholarship awarded to local college-bound seniors with a 3.0 or higher GPA and an expressed desire to major in a STEM-related field.

"STEM education is critical to a competitive workforce and serves as the backbone of the mining industry and sustainability-focused mining companies like South32," says Greg Lucero, VP of Corporate Affairs for South32's Hermosa project, a zinc, lead and silver development option in the Patagonia Mountains. "We think it's important to invest in students of these disciplines, honor them for their hard work, and help support them in pursuing their dreams."

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