

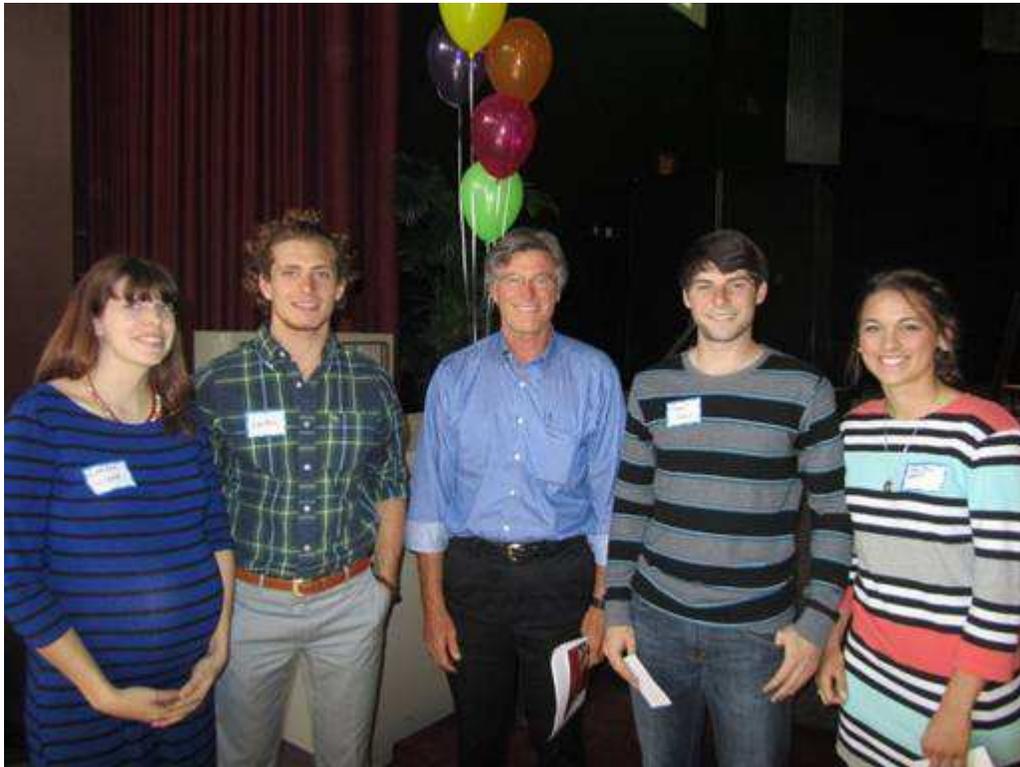


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## **Hardy Diagnostics Awards Second Annual Scholarships**

***College financial assistance granted to 22 employees and their families***



Jay Hardy (center) with 4 of the 22 scholarship recipients from 2014: Karissa Tucker, Jonathan Welch, Robert Reed and Anna Spallino.  
Photo by Kirsten Spallino.

SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, June 25 – Jay Hardy, president of Hardy Diagnostics, and his wife Anne awarded 22 scholarships to employees and their family members this spring through the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. This year, almost twice as many students as last year took advantage of

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the Hardy's generosity and are using their awarded college scholarships to further their educations. The scholarships range in value from \$1500 to \$2700.

Hardy Diagnostics is an employee-owned company. Ten of the current 22 scholarship recipients are employee-owners of the company. As award recipient and distribution clerk Matthew Jiminez put it, "The Hardy Family Scholarship is an incredible blessing to me. Not only am I earning money as an employee to put toward my education and supporting my family, I'm also given the opportunity to utilize additional funds reserved strictly for students because I am an employee-owner at Hardy Diagnostics. I don't know of any other company in the area that offers a benefit like this. I'm so excited for the chance to show my two sons the importance of a good education and pursuing your dreams, even as I work and support a family." Matt will be transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo to complete his degree in Software Engineering.

The recipients are as follows: Marie Antonette Arandia, Juan Forcado, Shayna Broadstone, Robert Reed, Anna Spallino, Kyla Del Remedio, Kelly Williams, Bradley Welch, Jonathan Welch, Annelise Welch, Mikayla Bonilla, Clayton Chavez, Michele Danley, Dylan Fitz-Gerald, Kayla Funkhouser, Matthew Jimenez, Karissa Tucker, Rhonda Suelzle-Martinez, Samuel Lees, and Kalah Needham.

Though the students awarded the Hardy Family Scholarship are studying a broad range of subjects, from Hotel and Restaurant Management to Middle Eastern Studies, half are working toward degrees in various medical or engineering fields. Another exciting demographic is working parents. Three employee-owners, each with two children, are able to further their education with the support of their scholarships at both two and four-year schools.

"Nothing makes me more proud than to have a hand in securing the futures of my fellow company owners and their families", said Jay Hardy. "With the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara assisting with administrative details, I can focus on passing on some of the rewards of my own education. Schooling today costs significantly more than it did for me in the 70s. Higher education is a noble pursuit that everyone should have the opportunity to achieve."

Hardy Diagnostics was founded in 1980 in Santa Barbara after Jay completed his Medical Technology internship at Cottage Hospital. Today the company has 240 employees and maintains its headquarters in Santa Maria, a manufacturing facility in Ohio, and seven remote distribution warehouses.



To fulfill its mission “to diagnose and prevent disease,” the company manufactures culture media and rapid identification methods for bacteria and fungi, which it supplies to hospitals, food processors, and pharmaceutical companies.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT HARDY DIAGNOSTICS** - Hardy Diagnostics is an FDA licensed and ISO 13485 certified manufacturer of medical devices for microbiological procedures in both clinical and industrial laboratories. Hardy Diagnostics was founded in 1980 in Santa Barbara by Jay Hardy and Robert Shibata after they completed their Medical Technology training in the laboratory at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

Hardy Diagnostics manufactures over 3,500 different products for the culture and identification of bacteria and fungi. Among its offerings are products used to culture and detect pathogens commonly reported in the news, such as *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Listeria*, MRSA, and Influenza. In addition, the company manufactures reagents and media for use by molecular biology researchers. Over 8,000 laboratories throughout the nation rely on Hardy Diagnostics for their supplies.

Today, Hardy Diagnostics employs over 240 workers and maintains nine distribution centers throughout the U.S. Manufacturing takes place at its headquarters in Santa Maria, California and at a recently opened facility in Springboro, Ohio. The company also exports products through over 65 foreign distributors. The company’s mission is to “partner with its laboratory customers to prevent and diagnose disease.” For more information, visit [www.HardyDiagnostics.com](http://www.HardyDiagnostics.com).

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