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**Local High School Students Benefit From Sierra Grant<sup>SM</sup>**

**Porterville, CA** — Bank of the Sierra is pleased to award \$2,000 to the California Central Hugh O’Brian Youth through the Sierra Grant<sup>SM</sup> Program. These funds will allow a group of high school sophomores to attend the Hugh O’Brian Youth (HOBY) Leadership Conference. This seminar will challenge and inspire the students to be effective, capable leaders in their communities. HOBY and Bank of the Sierra hope the group will return to their cities and begin to change the world for the better.

“At Bank of the Sierra, we are happy to help enrich the futures of the youth in our communities. Hugh O’Brian Youth program, we are able to do this,” stated James C. Holly, President and CEO of Bank of the Sierra.

**About The Sierra Grant Program**

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect diversity within Bank of the Sierra branch communities. The Sierra Grant Program is focused on three areas: community services, park preservation, and education. Anyone involved in a non-profit program that is interested in a Sierra Grant can pick up an instructional brochure at any Bank of the Sierra branch.

**About Bank of the Sierra**

With over \$1.2 billion in assets and strong performance ratios, Bank of the Sierra is the largest independently owned community bank headquartered in Southern San Joaquin Valley’s Heartland. The bank serves 15 different communities with 21 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at [www.bankofthesierra.com](http://www.bankofthesierra.com) or call (888) 454-BANK.

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