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Sierra Grant supports Garces Memorial High School

Porterville, CA —Bank of the Sierra is pleased to announce a Sierra Grant in the amount of \$2,300 has been awarded to the Garces Memorial High School. The grant funds will go towards the purchase of musical instruments for the Garces Memorial High School- Our Lady of Guadalupe School Music Program. This program introduces underserved elementary students to music and encourages them to further their musical interest throughout high school and beyond. Students perform twice a year during their Christmas and Spring concerts.

The Sierra Grant Program is designed to improve the quality of life for the families, especially the children, who reflect the 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, or visit the bank web site at www.bankofthesierra.com.

About Bank of the Sierra

With over \$1.3 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 17 different communities with 25 branches, two Ag Centers and one SBA Center. For more information visit the web site at www.bankofthesierra.com or call (888) 454-BANK.

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