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Russian River Valley Winegrowers & Bacigalupi Vineyards Award Scholarship in Honor of Charles Bacigalupi

Santa Rosa, CA (July 2015) - The [Russian River Valley Winegrowers](#) (RRVW) and [Bacigalupi Vineyards](#) announced the recipient of the 2015 Russian River Valley Winegrowers & Charles Bacigalupi Scholarship as Lori Bisordi, of Santa Rosa, CA.

Ms. Bisordi is a fifth generation Sonoma County family farmer and a 2012 graduate of Santa Rosa High School. She currently attends the Santa Rosa Junior College with plans to transfer to CSU, Fresno to continue her viticulture education. She plans a career in vineyard management as well as taking an active role in farming her family's Russian River Valley vineyards.

The RRVW/Bacigalupi scholarship was founded in 2014 in honor of Charles Bacigalupi and will be offered annually to a student concentrating in the field of viticulture or viticulture business. The recipient of the scholarship will demonstrate the qualities that made Charles Bacigalupi an influential part of the grape growing and wine industry: a dedication to agriculture, a passion for grape growing and a commitment to community.

The scholarship will provide a one-time award of at least \$1,000 to pay for tuition, books, fees or other expenses to support the student's career advancement and educational accomplishment. The Bacigalupi family and RRVW will contribute \$500 each for the \$1000 scholarship. Additionally, members of RRVW may also contribute, and did so this year bringing the total scholarship award for 2015 to \$3000.

"We are thrilled to be able to continue to do our part in supporting our local students and help future generations achieve their dreams of carrying on family businesses," said RRVW Manager, Shannon Wesley. "Viticulture, and agriculture in general, is such an integral part of our County, and we need to support future generations to ensure the wine and grape growing industry continues to be strong and sustainable."

The RRVW/Bacigalupi Scholarship is administered by the Farm Bureau Foundation of Sonoma County, which awarded a total of \$130,000 in scholarships to top agriculture students in Sonoma & Marin counties. For more information on the RRVW/Bacigalupi Scholarship, or the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Foundation, visit sonomafb.org.

About RRVW

The Russian River Valley Winegrowers (RRVW) is a non-profit marketing and educational organization whose mission is to promote the exceptional quality of wine grapes and wines from the Russian River Valley of Sonoma County in order to enhance our status as a pre-eminent growing region; Attract visitors to the region so that they may enjoy our wines, food, agricultural diversity, scenic beauty, and community; Ensure the long term health of our industry through careful stewardship of our human and natural resources, and sustainable winegrowing practices; Uphold the integrity of the Russian River Valley Viticultural Area boundary in order to ensure consumer confidence that the wines of the region reflect the true character of the appellation. For more information on the Russian River Valley or becoming a member, please email info@rrvw.org or visit www.rrvw.org.