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MEDICAL SOCIETY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2014 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

SAN DIEGO, May 30, 2014---- Maryam Soltani has been named San Diego County Medical Society Foundation's 2014 Resident Scholarship winner. With a background in psychology and neuroscience, Solani has devoted herself to working at the UC San Diego Student-run Free Clinic in Pacific Beach and the St. Vincent DePaul Mobile Health Clinic during her time in medical school. During her time at the free clinics, Soltani developed and implemented a universal depression screening tool to help practitioners diagnose depression in their patients. The screening tool proved to be very successful in helping providers identify depression in low-income and underserved patients.

"I found working with the medically underserved population incredibly rewarding and want to continue to do as much as I can," said Soltani.

Each year, SDCMS Foundation scholarships are awarded to University of California San Diego Medical School students whose personal beliefs, actions and community service align with their mission. Scholarships are also awarded to first-year residents hoping to serve the medically underserved in our community. Soltani was one of four finalists and will receive \$1,000 per year for each year of her residency. Soltani will also have her expense paid for the San Diego County Medical Society's annual trip to Sacramento where medical students and residents participate in legislative meetings and events.

About the San Diego County Medical Society Foundation

Founded by the San Diego County Medical Society (SDCMS) in 2005 as a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, the San Diego County Medical Society Foundation (SDCMSF) addresses the unmet healthcare needs of low-income uninsured or underinsured San Diego County residents. The Foundation focuses on increasing healthcare access, improving health education and prevention, and supporting physicians and medical students in improving the quality of care in the community. Through its flagship program, [Project Access San Diego](#), SDCMSF has assisted nearly 2,500 patients with access to specialty healthcare services. Healthcare partners, including nearly 625 specialty medical physicians, 25 hospitals and surgery centers, and numerous imaging, laboratory and ancillary providers, have provided patients with more than \$8 million in donated healthcare services. For more information about SDCMSF please visit <http://www.sdcmf.org>.

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