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ALEXIS NGUYEN NAMED COCA-COLA ACADEMIC TEAM SILVER SCHOLAR

Irvine, CA—Tuesday, March 23, 2021— Irvine Valley College student Alexis Nguyen has been named a 2021 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Coca-Cola Academic Team members will be recognized in both local and statewide ceremonies and internationally during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention, PTK Catalyst, to be held virtually April 8-10. Selection of honorees is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

"This is a well-deserved honor for Lexi," says IVC President John C. Hernandez. "She is one of the most actively engaged students at IVC and in the community as a member of the Collegiate Student Advisory Council for the City of Irvine. We're very proud to see her recognized for her hard work."

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation. "We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals."

Alexis, an aspiring physician majoring in art history, is currently in her second year at IVC. She came to the college at the age of 14 and began attending full-time at age 16. Alexis holds eight leadership positions including President of the Honors Program Student Council, Vice President of External Affairs for student government, and Vice President of Fellowship for Phi Theta Kappa. She also serves as one of 116 delegates at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges and was selected by City of Irvine Vice-Mayor Tammy Kim to advocate for student issues on the Collegiate Student Advisory Council.

Of her desire to incorporate her studies in art history into her future profession in medicine Alexis says, "I'm empowered to bring back what makes us human: empathy. In my determination to use art to transform people's darkest pains into beauty, I strive to cultivate a growing movement of empathy where everyone can understand each other as masterpieces that bear far more than what we see at face value."

About Irvine Valley College:

Irvine Valley College (IVC), located 3 miles northwest of Orange County Great Park, draws more than 14,000 students a year. The college ranks No. 1 in Orange County and the state of California for its four-year institution transfer rate. In addition to transfer coursework, IVC offers over 80 associate degrees and over 60 career and technical certificate programs. The college's co-curricular opportunities include an Honors Program, 13 athletic teams and over 30 student clubs.

About Phi Theta Kappa:

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of students at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them to grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges. Learn more at ptk.org.

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