

## **N E W S / Monterey County Film Commission**

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### **MONTEREY COUNTY FILM COMMISSION SELECTS DOMINIC PARISI AS \$1,000 FILM STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FOR 2011**

(Monterey, CA – June 1, 2011) -- Dominic Parisi, a student at California State University, Monterey Bay, was named the 2011 winner of a \$1,000 scholarship in the Monterey County Film Commission's Film Student Scholarship & Awards Program. Parisi, who is from Glendora, is a Marina resident who will be a senior this fall in the CSUMB Teledramatic Arts and Technology Department.



The Monterey County Film Commission scholarship program was created to provide financial aid and incentive to students of film and beginning filmmakers who reside in Monterey County or are enrolled in a college or university in the county. The fund was established as a permanent endowment with the Community Foundation for Monterey County.

The scholarship is funded through individual donations, and by this year's business sponsor Alan Vasquez, the owner of Alternative Visual Artists Group (AVAG, Inc.), a Monterey area multi-media production company dedicated to keeping the arts alive.

Parisi plans to use the award to help cover costs anticipated for his "capstone" film production, a creative project the university requires of seniors to demonstrate what they have learned.

“Winning this scholarship will really take a big load off my shoulders, covering certain production costs and allowing me to purchase a specialized camera that will enable more creative shots and insights for my film,” Parisi said. “I strive to inspire social progression



through my filmmaking, and in the future I would like to have a career in editing.”

Contributions to next year’s Film Student Scholarship & Awards Program are welcomed, according to Jeff Clark, the film commission’s scholarship committee chairperson and a board member. For more information call 831-646-0910 or email [info@filmmonterey.org](mailto:info@filmmonterey.org). Details on previous film student award winners can be found online, at [www.FilmMonterey.org](http://www.FilmMonterey.org).

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*The Monterey County Film Commission was created by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors in 1987. It is a nonprofit organization proactively marketing Monterey County as a destination for the motion picture, television and related industries, for the purpose of stimulating economic development, creating jobs, providing and supporting educational opportunities in those areas.*