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## Orinda student awarded pre-med scholarship

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Sienna Marley Photo provided

member and a Women in STEM club member.

Last year, she studied abroad for seven weeks in Xi'an, China, on a National Security Language Initiative for Youth scholarship sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

She will be attending University of California, Berkeley.

Sienna Marley, a recent graduate of Miramonte High School in Orinda, has earned a \$12,000 scholarship to help her with the costs of undergraduate studies and medical school. The scholarship was awarded by the physicians at Palo Alto Medical Foundation (PAMF) who give out a few scholarships every year to deserving local students committed to becoming doctors. The scholarships help meet the need for future physicians.

Marley is this year's Dr. Brian Paaso Scholar, a special Pre-Medical Scholarship awarded every four years in the memory of Dr. Paaso, a gastroenterologist who practiced his whole career at PAMF. Marley is an accomplished student, as well as a school and community leader who volunteered at John Muir Hospital and the Casa De Gracia senior facility while also being a varsity cheerleader, president and founder of her local Filipino American Club, a peer mentor/tutor, a drama club

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