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## **Danna McGrew Elected Board Chair for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara**

**Santa Barbara, CA** — Danna McGrew, a partner in the advisory and audit departments at local accounting and consulting firm Bartlett, Pringle, & Wolf LLP, has been elected chair of the Board of Directors for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. Her two-year term will begin July 1.

A native of Santa Barbara, Ms. McGrew earned a bachelor’s degree in business economics at UC Santa Barbara before joining Bartlett, Pringle, & Wolf in 1992. A member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of CPAs (CalCPA), she was named Accountant of the Year by the California Special District Association in 2007 and has been featured in *Pacific Coast Business Times’* “Top 50 Women in Business” and “Who’s Who in Professional Services” compilations. In 2017, she was recognized as a CalCPA “Woman to Watch” in the Experienced Leaders Category. Ms. McGrew also serves on boards for the Santa Barbara Foundation and Storyteller Children’s Center, and is a member of the South Coast Business & Technology Awards Committee.

“I am honored to accept this leadership role and look forward to building on this organization’s extraordinary efforts in our community,” Ms. McGrew said. “The Scholarship Foundation’s work is personal for me. My four children attended public schools in Santa Barbara, so I understand well the pressure both students and parents face during the college transition process. I have also had the honor of introducing other high school students to the Foundation over the years, and continue to see the impact of its scholarships. Several first-generation recipients I know personally have gone on to earn advanced degrees. There is no better gift than the gift of education.”

Ms. McGrew will succeed Matt Rowe, who will remain on the Scholarship Foundation Board. Mr. Rowe also will join the Scholarship Foundation's Past Presidents Council.

"Danna joined our Board in 2015, but her involvement with our organization as a volunteer goes back decades. Given her longstanding commitment to the Scholarship Foundation and its mission, I have no doubt that she will successfully capitalize on our growing operational momentum. I look forward to working with her in her new capacity as Board chair," said Interim Scholarship Foundation President and CEO Mary Dwyer.

The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara is the nation's largest community-based provider of college scholarships, having cumulatively awarded in excess of \$150 million to more than 60,000 county students since its founding in 1962. A nonprofit organization, the Scholarship Foundation also provides free financial aid advising services. For additional information, visit [www.sbscholarship.org](http://www.sbscholarship.org).

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