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## **Carbajal Named Chief Programs Officer at the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara**

**Santa Barbara, CA** — Gina Carbajal, whose lengthy career in the nonprofit sector has included leadership roles at organizations serving local children, families, and disabled individuals, has been appointed chief programs officer for the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. Her appointment will be effective December 9.

A native of Los Angeles, Mrs. Carbajal completed her undergraduate studies at UC Santa Barbara before earning a master’s degree in public administration at Cal State Northridge. She currently serves as development director for Special Olympics in Santa Barbara County, having previously been the organization’s regional director for almost five years. Prior to Special Olympics, Mrs. Carbajal served as executive director of United Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Barbara County, director of health promotion at Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, and as regional program manager for the Community Action Commission’s Head Start services in Southern Santa Barbara County. She has served on the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women and as a Board member for the Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation (MOXI) and Sarah House, among other organizations.

“Gina brings extensive experience in the local nonprofit sector and is deeply committed to making a positive impact on the lives of those in our community. I am genuinely excited that she will soon join our team,” said Scholarship Foundation President and CEO Melinda Cabrera.

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 some 62,000 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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