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## **Novato Film Student Awarded Four-Year Presidential Scholarship to Academy of Art University**

Novato, CA...High school senior Duncan Frost, a cinematic arts student with Marin School of the Arts at Novato High School, has been awarded the Academy of Art University's (AAU) Presidential Scholarship, which includes four years of tuition valued at \$100,000. Rebecca Delgado Rottman, AAU Vice President for Community Relations & Governmental Affairs, presented Frost with the award at the 5th Annual Divine Wine and Food Extravaganza held May 9 at Unity in Marin in Novato.

The event, presented by AAU and produced by Harbor Point Charitable Foundation, is a benefit for and celebration of MSA programs that is attended by local philanthropists, MSA supporters and the community. Held at Unity in Marin in Novato, the evening included wine and food tastings from top wineries and restaurants, along with performances by MSA students and a spirited live auction. The event raised close to \$50,000 to support the public arts education program available to all students at Novato High School.

In accepting the award, Frost was joined on stage by his parents, Randall and Karen Frost, MSA Office Manager Annie Hartje and event organizers Ray and Carla Kaliski. He thanked MSA and Cinematic Arts teacher Peter Ornstein, citing his time at MSA as pivotal to developing his skills as a filmmaker.

"This scholarship is going to give me the opportunity to go to a school that will let me focus on nothing but that dream of becoming a filmmaker," Frost said.

In its' support of MSA programs, AAU also awards admission for up to 10 students to its summer training program each year. Beginning next year, AAU will award two students with Presidential Scholarships to cover tuition for four years of instruction at the private art school known for its quality visual arts, film and fashion programs. For more information about the scholarship to the summer training program or for information about next year's presidential scholarship application process, please contact MSA Office Manager Annie Hartje at (415) 892-7915.

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PHOTO CAPTIONS:

AAU Awards MSA student(1): From left to right, Rebecca Delgado Rottman, Duncan Frost, Randall Frost, Karen Frost, MSA Office Manager Annie Hartje, Divine Wine producers Ray and Carla Kaliski

AAU Awards MSA student (2): Rebecca Delgado Rottman presents Duncan Frost with AAU Presidential Scholarship certificate.

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