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New Scholarship Opportunities for Cabrillo College Students Pursuing Healthcare Professions

The Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust Board of Directors and staff are pleased to announce that The Health Trust has been named administrator of the **Dr. Ehler H. Eiskamp Endowed Scholarship Fund**, which will provide \$50,000 in local healthcare scholarships.

A Stanford graduate and the Monterey Bay area's first professionally trained surgeon, Dr. Ehler H. Eiskamp practiced medicine in Watsonville for nearly 60 years before retiring in his 80's to tend his ranch. Before his death in 2000, Dr. Eiskamp created a Trust to support charitable and educational efforts locally. The Trust's assets have grown to more than \$1 million under the stewardship of his son John G. Eiskamp.

"My father dedicated his life to caring for residents of the Pajaro Valley," says Eiskamp. "He wanted to leave a legacy that would support young people in the community do the same."

DeAndre James, Health Trust Executive Director, says, "These funds will help to develop new generations of healthcare professionals in our community, which is a major priority for the Health Trust. We are honored that the Eiskamp family has entrusted us with this opportunity."

In partnership with the Cabrillo College Foundation, funds generated from this Endowment, approximately \$50,000 annually, will be distributed as scholarships to Cabrillo students pursuing healthcare professions, with the first application process anticipated to open in March 2020.

For more information about when and how to apply for the **Dr. Ehler H. Eiskamp Endowed Scholarship Fund** or more information about the Pajaro Valley Community Health

Trust, please visit our website at <https://pvhealthtrust.org>. or call Health Trust at (831) 761-5639.

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ABOUT THE PAJARO VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST

The Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit health foundation whose mission is to ***improve health and quality of life for all residents of the Pajaro Valley.*** The Health Trust provides grants to local nonprofit organizations that address health and wellness needs in Pajaro Valley, as well as scholarships to support students pursuing careers in health professions. The Trust also operates the Diabetes Health Center, a diabetes self-management education and prevention program. In addition, the organization collaborates with other groups to maximize efforts to improve quality of life in the Pajaro Valley, engages in awareness-raising and advocacy to promote health equity, and administers conference space for the public's use.