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## AVArts Scholarships Awarded to Aspiring Artist Graduates

Anderson Valley Arts (AVArts) awarded two *Arts Scholarships for Graduating Seniors* at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Awards Night. AVArts member Cathleen Micheaels presented the scholarship awards to two very deserving Anderson Valley Junior & Senior High School graduates:

A \$2,500 scholarship was awarded to Gabriella Isabelle Kephart to support her attendance at the University of California, Santa Cruz to pursue her studies in Human Biology while also continuing to explore the arts.

A \$4,500 scholarship was awarded to Shekina McEwen to support her attendance at the University of Southern California to pursue her studies in music.

AVArts was extremely impressed with both Shekina's and Gabriella's applications, their academic achievements and their commitments to making the arts a vital part of their futures as they head into a year of discovery, creativity and inspiration.

The scholarships were made possible by the efforts of the volunteer members of AVArts and the support of local artists, educators and supporters of the arts in Anderson Valley. AVArts is a 501(c)3 non-profit made up of volunteer members dedicated to supporting and promoting the arts in Anderson Valley since 1999. In addition to its scholarship programs, AVArts also supports bringing diverse, quality supplemental arts programs to Anderson Valley schools that would otherwise not be possible. For more information about AVArts and its programs see [www.av-arts.org](http://www.av-arts.org).

Anderson Valley Arts Members

Karen Altaras, Peggy Dart, Paula Gray, Dennis Hudson, Glynnis Jones, Lauren Keating, Cathleen Micheaels and Jody Williams

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