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Soroptimists honor two students

Soroptimist International of Capitola-By-The-Sea has selected Anissa Banuelos, of Watsonville and a student at Cabrillo College, as a winner of a “Live Your Dream” award given to a woman who is the primary financial support of her family and is pursuing education.

Banuelos, who began working as a teen to provide for herself, became a single mother as a teen yet wanted to financially and positively support her daughter. She works 30 hours a week while maintaining straight A’s in all her human services classes at Cabrillo College and volunteering as part of her internship. Her goal is to be a family counselor and start a nonprofit for first-time moms, or mothers who are having a tough pregnancy.

She and Jessica Starkes of Watsonville each will receive $2,000, which can be used for any costs associated with higher education, in March.

This is the first year Soroptimist International of Capitola has presented two awards in the “Live Your Dream” program. Details: www.brunswick.org.