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**Las Lomas Student Receives  
Michael W. De Sa Memorial Scholarship**

**(Walnut Creek, Calif., June 10, 2016)** - - The 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Michael W. De Sa Memorial Scholarship*, administered by the Walnut Creek Education Foundation, was awarded to Las Lomas High school senior Jack Kane. The \$2,000 scholarship was presented to Mr. Kane during the Las Lomas High School Senior Awards Night held on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The De Sa Family selected Kane from a large pool of Las Lomas seniors who applied for the scholarship. His achievements exemplify the scholarship criteria, which seek a well-rounded graduate of the Walnut Creek schools (attending K-12) who has “nurtured life’s passions both in school and outside the confines of academia, through service in the community and other pursuits.”

An award-winning athlete throughout his freshman and sophomore years at Las Lomas, Kane suffered a severe injury during his junior year and was forced to redirect the leadership skills he developed through football and track. He more than rose to the occasion, using his free time to mentor new players both on and off the field, demonstrably improving their performance. “I have developed an appreciation,” says Kane, “of those who put forward the most effort regardless of natural ability and are guided by a purpose beyond self-satisfaction.” At the end of his final football season, Kane was recognized as a First Team All-League Running Back and honored with the player-nominated Team Award.

After graduation from Las Lomas High School, Kane will major in Construction Management at Colorado State University.

**About the De Sa Scholarship**

When Walnut Creek Superintendent Mike De Sa passed away in 2006, his family asked that donations be made in his name to the Walnut Creek Education Foundation (WCEF). De Sa’s

family proposed using a portion of the funds to start a memorial scholarship fund to be administered by WCEF and awarded to seniors at Las Lomas High School.

For more information about the Michael W. De Sa Memorial Scholarship or to make a donation, please contact WCEF Executive Director Morgan Hansen at [morganhansenwcef@gmail.com](mailto:morganhansenwcef@gmail.com).

### **About the Walnut Creek Education Foundation**

The Walnut Creek Education Foundation K-12 is a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), non-profit tax I.D. # 94-2915151 organization founded in 2005 to maintain academic programs that would otherwise be eliminated or severely reduced due to the California state education budget shortfall. WCEF receives support through financial and in-kind donations from business and corporate partners, parents, alumni, volunteers, grants and the community-at-large. WCEF is managed by a volunteer executive committee, board of trustees, and a paid executive director, all of whom who share a deep commitment to maintaining excellence in the schools.

For more information, contact WCEF at **925-933-WCEF (9233)**, or [www.wcefK12.org](http://www.wcefK12.org). On-line donations can also be securely submitted through the WCEF website or mailed to WCEF, P.O. Box 186, Walnut Creek, CA 94597.