

Athletics - Louise Lowry Davis Award

Selected Student: Lea Bueker

Submitted by: Rocco Constantino

Lea Bueker is a sophomore from Kreidach, Germany and is the recipient of the Louise Lowry Davis Inspirational Leadership Award. She has been a part of the Women's Beach Volleyball program at Santa Barbara City College for the last two seasons. Lea is always one of the hardest workers on the sand and goes above and beyond to better herself as a player every day. She is the kind of student-athlete every coach wants on their team. Lea is an outstanding member of not only the Vaquero community but the city of Santa Barbara as well. She gave up her minimal free time to help tutor, work at the Food Pantry and volunteer in the community. For the past two years Lea was a tutor in the Astronomy department and was even the astronomy Club Officer for the past two years. Lea also helped work at the Foodpantry for one year. This semester (in season) Lea was a tutor for the Oceanography Department. Needless to say, one of Lea's passions is donating her time to help others further their knowledge in academia. Outside of the SBCC community Lea has volunteered her time at the Hearts Therapeutic Center. The Santa Barbara Hearts Therapeutic Equestrian Center offers life-changing experiences to people of all ages with disabilities who can benefit from therapeutic horseback riding. They house 18 horses and serve 95 participants per week. Lea has been doing this since last October and immensely enjoyed her time giving back and the Hearts Center. Lea will graduate with a 3.6 GPA.

Lea Bueker's Response:

I'd like to thank everybody, who made this achievement possible for me. It is such an incredible honor to receive the Louise Lowry Davis Inspirational Leadership Award. I would not have been able to get so far without the amazing people within SBCC's community. I would like to thank my coach

Ariana Garner, for her unconditional support and inspiration to never stop working towards your goals. I'd also like to thank my professor and mentor Geordie Armstrong, who taught me that no dream is too big and that you can achieve anything you want as long as you put in the work and effort. In the end, I'd like to dedicate this award to my team as well as all student athletes, who had great goals for this semester, but were prevented from achieving them by the Covid-19 outbreak.