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**MONTAGE HOTELS & RESORTS ANNOUNCES
WINNERS OF MONTAGE MEMORY MAKERS CONTEST**

Five young humanitarians who are making impactful changes in their communities each awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to an accredited college or university

LAGUNA BEACH, CALIF. (November XX, 2014) – [Montage Hotels & Resorts](#) today announced the winners of its second annual **Montage Memory Makers** contest rewarding five young humanitarians with \$10,000 scholarships to an accredited college or university. Reflective of Montage's creed of enriching lives, the Montage Memory Makers contest sought to award 13-17-year-old humanitarians who are making impactful changes in their communities.

Finalists were announced on Montage Hotels' website and the public was invited to select the five winners through a voting platform. The five winners chosen for their philanthropic efforts are:

- **Kylie Khuns**, Texarkana, TX – Kylie founded Kelsey's Dream, a foundation aimed at bringing comfort to young cancer patients in memory of Kylie's sister, Kelsey, who passed away from leukemia.
- **Nick Wallace**, La Jolla, CA – Nick founded Nick's Picks, a charity that provides backpacks filled with useful and entertaining gifts for children facing long-term hospital stays.
- **Katie Stagliano**, Summerville, SC – Katie started Katie's Krops a collection of student-run gardens that feed the hungry.
- **Ethan Cruikshank**, Mechanicsville, VA – Ethan created Music to My Ears, a volunteer organization where middle and high school children teach free weekly musical instrument lessons to elementary school-age children.
- **Morgan Davidson**, Los Angeles, CA – Morgan established Ambassadors of Hope Club, a foundation that promotes community involvement through fundraising events for the City of Hope Blood Donor Center.

“I am delighted by the volume of entries we received and, more importantly, inspired by the impressive efforts we saw being made by these young leaders across the country,” said Montage Founder and CEO Alan J. Fuerstman. “Our new Montage Memory Maker recipients are creative and enthusiastic, and their efforts are impactful. We are pleased to support these students who share our company’s dedication to service and philanthropy.”

Contestants were required to compose a 300-word essay detailing their efforts to inspire and provide service to their communities, and they could also submit a video, if desired. Judging was based on community service, impact of achievement on the community and beyond, creativity of achievement, and inspirational value to others. From the pool of submissions, 10 finalists were selected by a panel of judges composed of heads of national organizations including Premal Shah, President of Kiva.org; Charles Best, Founder & CEO of DonorsChoose.org; Darell Hammond, Founder & CEO of KaBoom! and Alan Fuerstman, Founder & CEO of Montage Hotels & Resorts. Finalists were announced on a social voting platform on montagehotels.com, enabling the public to determine the winners.

In addition to the \$10,000 scholarship, each of the winners will receive a trip for two to Montage Laguna Beach to meet with Montage Founder and CEO Alan Fuerstman. They will also be highlighted on the contest website and in the spring issue of Montage Magazine as the Montage Memory Maker Ambassadors for 2015.

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ABOUT MONTAGE HOTELS & RESORTS

Montage Hotels & Resorts is a hotel and resort management company founded by Alan J. Fuerstman.

Designed to serve luxury travelers and homeowners, Montage Hotels & Resorts is a diverse hotel management company that is the compilation of two hotel collections, Montage Hotels and Pendry Hotels, which cater to the broad range of travel desires and needs of the luxury consumer. Montage Hotels offers comfortable luxury hotels and residences, with a unique sense of place and spirit, impeccable hospitality and memorable culinary, spa and lifestyle experiences. Pendry Hotels will be a celebration of the best of Southern California, influenced by great taste-making destinations across the world. Offering thoughtful service and fashion-forward design, Pendry Hotels will open its first hotel in San Diego in 2016.

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