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## **California Travel Association Awards Emerging Leaders Under 30**

*California's tourism advocacy association announces nearly two dozen recipients for its 30 & Under Emerging Leader Awards for 2024, marking the largest group to date*

SACRAMENTO (August 1, 2024) – The California Travel Association (CalTravel) is recognizing 22 young tourism professionals this year with its 30 & Under Emerging Leader Awards at its annual [CalTravel Summit](#), which will be held September 9-11, 2024 at the Seabird Ocean Resort and Spa in Oceanside, CA.

*The 30 & Under Emerging Leader Award recognizes multiple member individuals, 30 years old or under, who have contributed through their individual efforts, to the promotion of travel, tourism, and hospitality in California. These exceptional individuals have demonstrated the skills, talents, attitudes and initiative that are the hallmarks of emerging leaders.*

The 2024 CalTravel 30 & Under Emerging Leader Award recipients are:

- Emily Adams, Integrated Marketing Manager, LEGOLAND California Resort
- Kate Allan, Activities Specialist, Visit Modesto
- Joshua Barre, Sports & Promotions Marketing Manager, San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance
- Jessica Bohon, Director of Tourism & Marketing, Stay Healdsburg & Healdsburg Chamber
- Daniel Cabrera, Digital & Multicultural Marketing Manager, Visit Oxnard
- Cameo Calderon, Community Relations Coordinator, Explore Butte County
- Caroline Coykendall, Marketing Communications Coordinator, Anaheim Transportation Network
- Adam Crew, Head of Operations Planning & Continuous Improvement, LEGOLAND California Resort
- Alexis Faust, Client Services Coordinator, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism
- Georgia Flynn, Marketing Associate, Visit Carlsbad
- Dani Hannah, Senior Account Manager, The Abbi Agency
- Mayla Lohnes, PR & Communications Manager, Visit SLO CAL
- Megan McGeary, Business Development Associate, Visit Carlsbad
- Caroline Morales, Content Marketing Manager, Visit Sacramento
- Lisa Naudi, Communications Coordinator, LEGOLAND California Resort
- Mariah Ponce, Brand Manager, Visit Newport Beach

- Rebekah Reynolds, Legal Coordinator, Civitas
- Patricia Riester, Sales Representative, Universal Studios Hollywood
- Jacky Saquic, Assistant Manager, Accounting, Santa Monica Travel & Tourism
- Mackenzie Shields, Social Media Manager, JNS Next
- Arturo Villasenor, Lead Event Manager, City Cruises
- Brooke Weisbecker, Social Media & Digital Content Manager, Visit SLO CAL

“We are thrilled to be able to recognize these outstanding young people, who represent the future leaders of California’s travel and tourism industry. They inspire all of us,” said CalTravel President and CEO Barbara Newton. “My heartfelt congratulations to each of them for their accomplishment.”

The full list of CalTravel Summit Award winners can be found [here](#).

#### About California Travel Association

California Travel Association (CalTravel) is the influential, unified advocacy voice for the travel and tourism industry in California. It protects and advances the interests and investments of California’s travel industry through advocacy, collaboration, and education.

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