Candace Winkler was appointed CEO of The Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara in April 2015. She is a seasoned nonprofit professional with more than 13 years of experience leading a statewide community foundation and a regional nonprofit organization where she managed staff and directed development, programming, marketing and daily operations. She manages 17 employees located in two offices, overseeing a $9.8 million budget and works with the nearly 40-member board of directors. Previously, Winkler was president and CEO of the Anchorage-based Alaska Community Foundation.

Winkler holds a master’s degree in public administration and social work from Columbia University.

Terri Wolfe joined Help of Ojai as executive director in 2009. With an annual budget of $1.5 million and 15 staff members, the nonprofit serves more than 5,000 clients per year. Prior to her work with Help, Wolfe was a partner in the organizational development consulting firm WolfCreek Partners, specializing in education and health care. From 1988 to 2000, she led international human resources and administration at Patagonia in Ventura and has been chair of the board of directors at Vermont-based King Arthur Flour since 2004.

She received a bachelor’s degree from CSU Chico and a master’s degree in organizational development from Fielding Graduate University in Santa Barbara.

Sigrid Wright is Community Environmental Council’s first female CEO in its 45-year history. She has served with CEC since 1995, most recently as its assistant director. In 2007, she co-authored “A New Energy Direction: A Blueprint for Santa Barbara County” – one of the first regional energy plans in the U.S. to outline a path for moving away from fossil fuel.

Wright helped grow Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival to a profitable two-day event that attracts about 30,000 visitors a year and serves as program facilitator for the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership. She has a bachelor’s degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and a master’s degree in communications design from the Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts at the University of Baltimore.

Margie Yahyavi has expanded the scope of operations for the Santa Barbara Education Foundation. She helped launch a summer school program for high school students who want to get ahead during the summer, provided campaign leadership for a major bond and raised funds to support a range of programs including music, early childhood education, parent education and outreach to at-risk students.

Now in its 30th year, the Santa Barbara Education Foundation is a leader in non-profit funding support for all of the children in Santa Barbara Unified School District’s 22 schools. Marketing and personnel supervision to the youth sports organization.

Prior to assuming leadership of the PYC, Yost served as vice president of Santa Barbara Bank & Trust and general manager of the Santa Barbara Civic Light Opera. Under Yost’s leadership the center has expanded its activities while increasing the number and diversity of...