As a Scotts Valley native, I take pride in our vibrant community, home to 12,073 residents. My philanthropy began at a young age, with my first fundraising efforts at 10. In partnership with the Scotts Valley Rotary Club, Friends of Kendra, inspired by Kendra Kenegaard, a local resident who was left paralyzed after surgery to remove a cancerous tumor from her spine. Followed by a home makeover in collaboration with Scotts Valley wrestling team.

Since then, I have created a mobile application called Safe Squad available in 165 countries. I have collaborated with the US State Department, Microsoft, earning features in Forbes, and Yahoo Finance.

I recently graduated with a degree in politics and honors. I recognize that because of my postgraduate status, I may be perceived as "evergreen," I'm no stranger to the realm of politics. The first campaign I worked on was when I was 16. The first time I got invited to attend a United Nations summit I was 18. I'm used to being the youngest person in the room, and happy to be the youngest on the ballot. I hope to earn your vote based on my experience, comprehensive policies and core values. My philanthropic work is guided by my core values of: Humanity, Equality, Common Good, and Truth.

Mercedes Molloy