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Fifteen Valley Students Receive Scholarships

San Fernando, CA – The Education Commission of the City of San Fernando proudly announces 15 recipients in its second annual scholarship contest.

- San Fernando Institute for Applied Media student, **Christian Carrillo**, Grade 7, has earned a \$500 scholarship for a public service announcement created to educate viewers about water conservation. The scholarship was funded by a generous donation from the California Latino Water Coalition Foundation.
- A San Fernando senior, **Cesar Alexis Ramirez**, of Sylmar Charter High School was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for an essay on recycling from Republic Services.
- Eight high school seniors and college students who submitted essays on social justice earned the Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship as follows:

\$1,000 scholarship recipients:

- **Hannah Saidiner***, senior, Campbell Hall High School
- **Cesar Alexis Ramirez***, senior, Sylmar Charter High School
- **Itzel Rodriguez*** freshman, University of California, San Diego
- **Jennifer Mendoza**, senior, San Fernando High School
- **Jocelyn Casillas**, freshman, University of California, Los Angeles

\$500 scholarship recipients:

- **Samantha Rosales**, junior, University of California, Berkeley
- **Jacqueline Amezcua**, sophomore, Dickinson College
- **Britney Johnson**, senior, Bishop Alemany High School

The Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of the eight-year-old Palmdale boy murdered in 2013. Scholarships were funded from

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donations from the California Latino Water Coalition Foundation, the Independent Cities Finance Authority (ICFA), and friends and family of Gabriel Fernandez.

- Six students from the Academy of Scientific Exploration (ASE) at Cesar Chavez Learning Academies in San Fernando became the first recipients of the Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship by writing personal essays on the meaning of success and character.

\$1,000 scholarship recipients:

- **Joseph Felix-Tapia**, Grade 11
- **Richard Hoffman**, Grade 11
- **Raphael Gutierrez**, Grade 11

\$500 scholarship recipients:

- **Jesus Munoz**, Grade 10
- **Franco Beltran**, Grade 11
- **Ana Limon***, Grade 12

The Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of ASE student, Eli Rodriguez, who died during the heavy rains of February 2017. Scholarships were funded from donations from Pahola Mascorro, Eli's mother, the Community Investment Fund of Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and the Independent Cities Finance Authority.

Recipients will be honored at an awards reception on May 23, 2017.

The City of San Fernando Education Commission supports the educational needs of families in the City of San Fernando and assists the City Council on youth education matters with the goal of increasing student achievement and safety.

The California Latino Water Coalition Foundation donated funds to facilitate the education of deserving students who are seeking higher education.

The Independent Cities Finance Authority's charitable program is known as the ICFA Community Outreach Program. This program allows ICFA Board Members the opportunity to make a contribution to a charitable program of their choice that will assist in investing in their respective communities which will produce long-term benefits, including civic pride.

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