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Ten Valley Students Receive Scholarships

San Fernando, CA – The Education Commission of the City of San Fernando proudly announces 10 recipients from its fifth annual scholarship program, awarding \$5,000 this year. 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.

In an effort to limit the potential exposure and spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the award reception will not be held this year.

Republic Services Cesar Chavez Scholarship (\$1,000)

Perla Barajas, Van Nuys High School (to attend University of Redlands)

Republic Services provides waste disposal services in San Fernando and offers an annual scholarship to seniors who live in the City of San Fernando.

Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Karen Rosales, University of California, Riverside

Daisy Alvarado, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend California State University, Northridge)

The Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of the eight-year-old Palmdale boy whose life was taken tragically in 2013. Scholarships are funded with donations from the California Latino Water Coalition Foundation, the Community Investment Fund of Councilmember Sylvia Ballin, and friends and family of Gabriel Fernandez.

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Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Jayleen Mercado, University of California, Berkeley

Naydelin Escobedo, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend California State University, Northridge)

Alexandra Mejia Rosales, Vaughn International Studies Academy (to attend California State University, Channel Islands)

The Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of, Elias Rodriguez Academy for Scientific Exploration student, who lost his life during the heavy rains of February 2017. Scholarships are funded with donations from the California Latino Water Coalition Foundation, Elias' mother Pahola Mascorro, and community members.

Pahola Mascorro Memorial - Why Not You? Scholarship (\$250)

Jhonathan Posadas, Vaughn International Studies Academy (to attend Los Angeles Mission College)

Eric Rodriguez, Vaughn International Studies Academy (to attend Los Angeles Mission College)

The Pahola Mascorro Memorial Scholarships are awarded to students that may not have had traditional academic success in high school. The scholarships are funded by the Community Investment Fund of Councilmember Sylvia Ballin, donation from Education Commissioner David Govea, and community members. This scholarship honors San Fernando resident Pahola Mascorro who lost her battle with cancer last year.

Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship (\$500)

Mike Garcia, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend San Francisco State University)

The Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship is awarded to first-generation college-bound students to aspire toward STEM-related fields. This scholarship is funded by the Community Investment Fund of Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco.

City of San Fernando Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship (\$500)

Zoe Rodriguez, University of Southern California

The City of San Fernando Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship is awarded to young entrepreneurs who aim to encourage collaboration between city youth and civic leaders. This scholarship is funded by the Community Investment Fund of Vice Mayor Hector A. Pacheco.

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