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Twelve Local Students Receive Scholarships

SAN FERNANDO, CA - The City of San Fernando Education Commission proudly announces 12 recipients in its sixth annual scholarship contest, awarding nearly \$5,000 this year. The City of San Fernando Education Commission supports the educational needs of families in the City and assists the City Council on youth education matters with the goal of increasing student achievement towards higher education.

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

Regina Velazquez, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center

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 (\$250/Each)

Brianna Villaseñor, Academy of Scientific Exploration (to attend University of California, Santa Barbara)

Angelina Duran, Academy of Scientific Exploration (to attend Stanford University)

Marco Joven Dominguez, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend Harvard University)

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 Mayor Sylvia Ballin, and friends and family of Gabriel Fernandez.

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Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship

(\$500)

Mahika Ahmed, Academy of Scientific Exploration (to attend Yale University)

(\$250/Each)

Darly Vasquez Rosa, Academy of Scientific Exploration (to attend University of California, San Diego)

Ariadna Rayo, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center (to attend California State University, Los Angeles)

The Elias Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship honors the memory of Elias Rodriguez, an 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.

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

Jasmine Prado, University of California, Davis

The Pahola Mascorro Memorial Scholarship is awarded to students that may not have had traditional academic success in high school. This scholarship honors San Fernando resident Pahola Mascorro who lost her battle with cancer in 2019. The scholarship is funded by Education Commissioner David Govea and community members.

Barack Obama Si Se Puede Scholarship (\$500)

Edgar Sandoval, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend University of California, San Diego)

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 Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco.

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

Braulio Garcia, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend California State University, Northridge)

The City of San Fernando Future Entrepreneurs Scholarship is awarded to young entrepreneurs who aim to encourage collaboration between city youth and civic

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leaders. This scholarship is funded by the Community Investment Fund of Councilmember Hector A. Pacheco.

Unheard Voices Scholarship (\$250)

Karen Olivares, Social Justice Humanitas Academy (to attend University of California, Irvine)

The Unheard Voices Scholarship is awarded to a student that recognizes the importance of including the perspectives of underrepresented groups. This scholarship is funded by Community Investment Fund from former Mayor Joel Fajardo.

Environmental Sustainability Scholarship (\$250)

Melanie Madrigal, University of California, Davis

The Environmental Sustainability Scholarship is awarded to a student who relates how their chosen major could address an environmental concern. This scholarship is funded by Community Investment Fund from former Mayor Joel Fajardo.

A brief drive through in-person event to honor and celebrate the recipients will be held in May 2021; details to be announced.

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

The California Latino Water Coalition Foundation donated scholarship funds to encourage students to pursue 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 contribute 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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