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CHAMBER PRESENTS $186,000 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
TO 125 L.A. AREA STUDENTS

Chamber, elected officials partner with Education Financing Foundation of California to reward participants in Cash for College project at Paramount Studios reception

WHAT: Cash for College Scholarship Reception

WHEN: Tuesday, June 20, 6 - 8 p.m.

WHERE: Paramount Studios, 5555 Melrose Ave., Hollywood
All media must RSVP by 3 p.m. Monday for security clearance and parking.

WHO: 125 L.A. area high school students and their families (names & schools follow)
Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Vice Chair David Fleming
California Student Aid Commissioner David Roth
Chamber V.P. of Education and Workforce Development David Rattray

WHY: In partnership with the Education Financing Foundation of California, the L.A. Area Chamber will award $186,000 in college scholarships to 125 L.A. area high school students at the first-ever Cash for College Scholarship Awards Reception, sponsored by Paramount Studios and Wells Fargo. The scholarships are awarded to students who participated in the project’s College and Career Convention last fall and the more than 60 Cash for College workshops held throughout the L.A. area this spring. In the program’s four years, the workshops have helped over 65,000 L.A. students and families get free expert help on college and career opportunities and completing college financial aid forms. For more info on the project, visit http://www.lacashforcollege.org

Most new jobs require a college education, and college graduates earn a million dollars more over a lifetime, on average, than those with only a high school diploma. College costs are rising, but many families don’t know about financial aid that’s available to them or how to access it. This project lets families know that when it comes to financial aid, there’s something for everyone, regardless of age, income, grades or immigration status. Students who are taking that first step towards entering college will be honored Tuesday.

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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce represents the interests of business in L.A. County. Founded in 1888, the Chamber promotes a prosperous economy and quality of life in the Los Angeles region. For more information visit www.lachamber.org.
Congratulations to the 2005-06 Cash for College Scholarship Recipients!

$2,500 Gold Scholarship Winners randomly selected from participants who attended Convention & workshop & completed financial aid forms.

Jasmin Abdul, Westchester High School
Jeremy Aldana, Belmont High School
Jessica Alvarado, John Marshall H.S.
Sharla Berry, Westchester High School
Latonya Blake, Wilson High School
Christina Chang, Arroyo High School
Ismael Cruz, Lincoln High School
Brenda Escobar, Lincoln High School
Jasmyn F., Westchester High School
Ylim Fuentes, Carson High School
Alejandra Garcia, John Marshall H.S.
Ashley Glaspie, Westchester High School
Kourtini Harris, Pasadena City College
Caselyn Iglesias, Carson High School
Nancy Kem, Carson High School
Olivia Kung, Arroyo High School
Brenda Le Brane, Reseda High School
Jessica Lee, Marshall High School
Michelle Lopez, Garfield High School
Anne Luu, Arroyo High School
Yessenia Martinez, Bell Gardens H.S.
Mario Mendez, Wilson High School
Claudia Munguia, Alhambra High School
Cassandra Orozco, Alhambra H.S.
Galo Orquera, Gardena High School
Cecilia Ortiz, John Marshall High School
Josue Ortiz, Lincoln High School
Jeanette Padilla, Lincoln High School
Gustavo Perez, Wilson High School
Gladys Ramirez, Lincoln High School
Diron Rivers, Westchester High School
Domini Rolette, Alhambra High School
Monica Ruiz, Manual Arts High School
Roxana Ruvalcaba, Inglewood H.S.
Wendy Salguero, Hollywood High School
Nidia Sanguino, Downtown Magnet H.S.
Deanna Thi, Arroyo High School
Jenny Tong, Lincoln High School
Jasmine V. Williams, Westchester H.S.
Jiehong Xu, Sylmar High School

$1,000 Silver Scholarship Winners randomly selected from participants who attended a Cash for College workshop and completed financial aid forms.

Francisco Acevedo, Mary Star High School
Allonté Barakat, Happy Valley Boarding School
Michael Barbee, Carson High School
Jessica Barreto, Burbank High School
Raul Bermudez, Elizabeth Learning Center
Deborah A. Berrios, University High School
Jason Brown, Monrovia High School
Michele Castillo, Banning High School
Angie Celis, Canoga Park High School
Anai M. Chaidez, San Fernando High School
Bryan Crosby, Inglewood High School
Victoria Espinoza, Leuzinger High School
Benjamin Flores, Paramount High School
Jennifer Gallardo, Chatsworth High School
Angelica G. Gameros, Sylmar High School
Ana Garcia, Allan Daily Continuation H.S.
Angelo Garcia, Belmont High School
Kathy Garcia, Lincoln High School
Mayra Garcia, Mt. View H.S., El Monte
Bravo Griselda, Downtown Magnet H.S.
Francisco Isidoro, Los Angeles High School
Gabrielle Jones-Butcher, Westchester H.S.
Alma Juarez, Bell High School
Azin Keyvani, Santa Monica High School
George E. Knight, King Drew Medical Magnet
Joseph Kumiyama, Carson High School
Jaimie Li, Wilson High School
Brandi Loper, King Drew Magnet H.S.
Humberto Lopez, Lynwood High School
Susana Lopez, Garfield High School
Jazmine B. Madrigal, Bassett High School
Juliana Martin
Brenda Martinez, Lynwood High School
Juanita Martinez, Montebello High School
Flower Munguia, Downey High School
Ankita Naik, Hollywood High School
Steven Nguyen, Birmingham High School
Atsuko Okatsuka, Venice High School
Marcim Ongyaco, Carson High School
Yaniv Ovadia, Taft High School
Errin Perkins, West High School, Torrance
Daisy Ramirez, Polytechnic H.S., Sun Valley
Azael Rodriguez, Jefferson High School
Julissa Rodriguez, Santa Fe High School
Tatiana Sanchez, Mark Keppel High School
Arusyak Sargsyan, Los Angeles City College
Jeanette Solis, Canoga Park High School
Joshua Solis, Southgate High School
David Tiscareño, Garfield High School
Benjamin Kellen Tom, Palisades Charter H.S.
Jeanette Trejo, South Gate High School
Judy Tuggerson
Cesar Velasco, Huntington Park High School
Pam Venegas, San Pedro High School
Grace Wang, Alhambra High School
Brittney Whitmore, Lynwood High School
Ann Yang, John Marshall High School

$1,000 Bronze Scholarship Winners randomly selected from participants who attended CFC Convention and completed financial aid forms.

Leo Alvarado, Verdugo Hills High School
Vanessa Alzamora, Kennedy High School
Jessica Arevalo, John F. Kennedy H.S.
Roshanak Basharad, Granada Hills Charter
Angelica Casapa - Leon, John Marshall H.S.
Jose Castillo, Jefferson High School
Daniel Chae, Granada Hills Charter H.S.
Leslie Chautla, Fremont High School
Carmen Chavez, Dorsey High School
Anna Cordova, Manual Arts High School
Brenda Cuevas, Gardena High School
Ashlee Garrett, Inglewood High School
Andrea Gonzalez, Jordan High School
Dawson Hooks, Locke High School
Alexandra Jackson, Westchester H.S.
Ashley Jones, L.A. Adventist Academy
Jhania Lantan, Sherman Oaks CES
David Lee, Harbor Teacher Prep High
Mireya Lopez, Hollywood High School
Sentia Marutian, Glendale High School
Diana Mendez, John F. Kennedy H.S.
Nhien Nguyen, Belmont High School
Brenda Rodriguez, Van Nuys High School
Luis Zambrano, Loyola High School

Cash for College TV Show - $1,500 Scholarship Winners selected from Convention participants and included in project TV show

Christopher M. Chrenko, Cleveland High School
Jessica Santiago, Cleveland High School

(more info on TV show at www.cashforcollege.tv)