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Twelve Valley Students Receive Scholarships

San Fernando, CA (May 5, 2016) – The Education Commission of the City of San Fernando is pleased to announce twelve recipients of three recent scholarship contests.

Two San Fernando middle schoolers have each earned a \$500 scholarship for their public service announcements created to educate viewers on water conservation. The scholarships were funded by a generous donation from the California Latino Water Coalition (CLWC) Foundation. The winners are:

Oscar Garay, Mirman School
Perla Contreras, SFiAM Middle School

The Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship was awarded eight scholarships to high school seniors and college students who submitted essays as follows:

\$1,000 scholarship recipients:
Cristina Medina, Bishop Alemany
Dongni Zhao, San Fernando High School

\$500 scholarship recipients:
Valerie Amezquita, Vaughn Next Century Learning Center
Jocelyn Casillas, San Fernando High School Science/Technology/Math Magnet

\$250 scholarship recipients:
Samantha Rosales, University of California, Berkeley
Helen Avila, Sylmar High School
Monica Gonzalez, Vaughn International Studies
Marcell Acosta, Van Nuys High School

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In addition, two additional San Fernando seniors were awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for their essays from Republic Services.

Nury Hidalgo, Cesar Chavez Learning Academy - Social Justice Humanitas
Antonio Gallardo Jr., San Fernando High School Science/Technology/Math Magnet

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Recipients will be honored at an awards reception on May 24, 2016.

The City of San Fernando Education Commission supports the educational needs of families in the City of San Fernando.

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

The Gabriel Fernandez Memorial Scholarship was created to honor the memory of the eight-year-old Palmdale boy murdered in 2013. Scholarships were funded from donations from the CLWC, friends and family of Gabriel Fernandez, and the Community Investment Fund from Councilmember Sylvia Ballin.

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