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LULAC Council 10 awards \$15,000 in scholarships to high school graduates

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DAVENPORT, IOWA – Council 10 of the League of United Latin American Citizens awarded 22 high school graduates with \$15,000 in scholarships at its annual scholarship banquet.

“This single annual event epitomizes more than any other the value Council 10 places on education,” said Mike Reyes, deputy state director for LULAC of Iowa and president of Council 10.

Money for the scholarships was raised through local fundraising efforts combined with an almost 60 percent match from the LULAC National Educational Service Center. This year, five colleges where the recipient is attending also agreed to match LULAC scholarships. Augustana College, St. Ambrose University, Eastern Iowa Community College, Western Illinois University of the Quad Cities and Black Hawk Community College gave an additional \$4,000 in scholarships to seven of the 22 students.

This year’s scholarship recipients were Aaliyah Clinton, Alejandro Raya, Alexandria Avila, Alora Esparza, Andre Scales, Brandon Sanchez, Chelsea Mentado, Gabriela Armetta, Jennifer Vyncke, Jesus Rasgado Lopez, Kiara Moton, Kyle Bramman, Lauren Randleman, Madison Miller, Madison White, Makhala Swift, Marisa Moreno, Mattlyn Lopez, Morgan Weaver, Raymond Miller, Taylor Vanhyfte and Thomas Corchado.

The guest speaker at this year’s annual banquet was Dr. Ann M. Garcia Santos, a clinical assistant professor and practicum coordinator at the University of Iowa. Darryl Morin, LULAC National Vice President of the Midwest, Iowa LULAC State Director Joe Enriquez Henry and Mary Campos, deputy state director for the elderly, also attended the annual banquet.

Founded in 1929, the League of United Latin American Citizens is the largest and oldest Latino civil rights organization in the United States. There are more than 900 LULAC councils in the United States and Puerto Rico. Those councils work to meet the needs of Latinos by holding voter registration drives, providing awareness to residents about language and immigration issues, sponsoring programs and advocating on behalf of Latinos.

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