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## **WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS For Immediate Release**

**Dallas, Texas, May 19, 2015.** Fourteen outstanding students from Woodrow Wilson High School were honored on May 13 as recipients of college scholarships from local individuals and organizations.

The reception was held in the brand-new White Rock YMCA, a welcoming venue for the students and their families as well as school personnel, donors, and Woodrow Foundation board members. The highlight of the evening was the opportunity to listen to each recipient tell about their academic goals and their reasons for seeking a college scholarship.

Most of the scholarships were for one year, and ranged from \$500 to \$1,500. Two others, The Todd and Abby Williams Family Scholarship and the Jason and Amy Kulas Family Scholarship, are both four-year scholarships. Altogether, the Foundation awarded \$25,750 in scholarships for 2015. Each of these students also received a Texas flag, courtesy of Foundation director and Texas State Representative Kenneth Sheets.

The 2015 Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation Scholarships winners are as follows:

- The Richard H. Vitale Family Scholarship – *Meaghan O'Connor*
- The Amy and Jason Kulas Family Scholarship – *Addama Tucker*
- The Bob and Mary Jo English Scholarship – *Devvyn Rhodes*
- The Veritex Community Leadership College Scholarship – *Sandra Vazquez*
- The Marca Lee Bircher Vocal/Music Theater Scholarship – *Erin Choi*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1942 Scholarship – *Leslie Mojica*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1968 Scholarship – *Katherine Pound*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1971/Dennis Roe Memorial Scholarship – *Leslie Scherger*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1991 Scholarship – *Mario Ramirez*
- The Alise and Roberto Cortez Scholarship – *Nia Delmast*
- The Col. Jay Cozby Memorial Scholarship – *Corley Lovett*
- The Kuesel Family Scholarship -- *Shelby Patterson*
- Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation Scholarship – *Hope Boring*
- The Class of 1978/Hal Hammond Memorial Scholarship – *Taylor Murray*

In addition, recipients of two other scholarships were recognized at the reception. The Today Foundation announced that **John Gonzalez, Benjamin Levy and Lela Saenzpardo** received Woodrow Community Foundation Leadership Grants to participate in the 2015-16 Texas Leadership Forum. This scholarship was made possible by a grant from the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation.

Also, Mark Mills presented the Model United Nations College Scholarship to **Shelby Patterson**. This new scholarship recognizes a student's outstanding participation in the Model UN program as well as excellence in academics and community service.

Students apply for the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation scholarships in the spring of their senior year. The applications are evaluated by the Scholarship Advisory Committee, which includes community members: Norman Alston, Jeff Kitner, Loren Koziol, Adam Miller, Ben Riemer, Sarah Schilling, Amber Torres, and James Waters. Leigh Straughn chairman, and Amy Jones, vice chairman, along with Mike Morath facilitated the committee's efforts.

More information about the scholarships and recent recipients is available on the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation website:

<http://www.woodrowfoundation.org/scholarships.php>

The Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation was created in 2009 and serves as a central point for fundraising, grants, scholarships, and other programs and projects that benefit Woodrow as well as the public middle and elementary schools in its feeder pattern. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is completely independent of the Dallas Independent School District.

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CAPTION for Attached Photo:

Recipients of the 2015 Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation College Scholarships.

Front, left to right: Sandra Vazquez, Katherine Pound, Shelby Patterson, Hope Boring, Devvyn Rhodes, Leslie Mojica.

Back, left to right: Mario Ramirez, Nia Delmast, Leslie Scherger, Meaghan O'Connor, Corley Lovett, Addama Tucker, Erin Choi. Not Pictured: Taylor Murray.

