

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



Congratulations!

Club Honors 14

Scholarship Program for 2008

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2008.

Here are the recipients of the 14 scholarships:

- Jorge Zavala, son of Jose Zavala, Airports, \$3,500;
- Leslie Steward, daughter of Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions, \$2,000;

- Talin Gharibian, daughter of Mary Gharibian, Cultural Affairs, \$1,000;
- Vincent Frias, son of Angel Frias, Animal Services, \$1,000;
- Zulima Pelayo, daughter of Ulises Pelayo, Airports, \$1,000;
- Carlos Garcia, son of Enrique Garcia, DWP, \$1,000;
- Stefanie Mahaley, daughter of Cinda Mahaley, Transportation, \$1,000;

Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

JORGE ZAVALA

Recipient of \$3,500 award



Jorge graduated from Hesperia High School and has been accepted at the University of California, Irvine, where he hopes to play baseball. At Hesperia, he earned a 4.3 GPA, taking mostly honors and

advanced placement courses. He was the school's valedictorian at its May graduation. He has received awards for the Principal's Honor Roll and the National Honor Society. He played baseball for all four years at Hesperia, and was the team captain for his junior and senior years. He participated in several service projects as part of the National Honor Society, collected donations for his church, helped in canned food drives, and performs peer tutoring.

"The hard work has surely paid off, and I am now set to meet UC Irvine with an athlete's strength but a scholar's wit."

He's the son of Jorge Zavala, LA/Ontario.

LESLIE STEWARD

Recipient of \$2,000 award



Leslie graduated from Rowland High School in Rowland Heights. She plans to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla., this fall.

"My service involvement includes work at church, school and various organizations," she wrote. "My church involvement includes being a member of St. Stephen's McDonald's Gospel Fest award-winning Youth Choir; Acteens Mission Group; I am the editor of our new youth newsletter, the Youth for Christ Newsletter. I have been a hostess for many church events, and I have supported my mother greatly in the various ministries in which she is involved. At school I have been a member and co-founder of our African-American History Awareness Group, a member of Future Homeowners of America, and a varsity member of the Rowland Raiders track and field team for the past four years. I have also supported my community by participating in local Toys-for-Tots and Adopt-a-Family drives, and I volunteered for Meals on Wheels."

She's the daughter of Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions.

TALIN GHARIBIAN

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Talin graduated with a 3.8 GPA from the AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Canoga Park. She plans to attend UCLA this fall.

At AGBU, she was the photo editor on the school newspaper; participated in Junior Statesmen of America; was the president of the Art Club; and a representative with student government. She was in the top tier of her class and maintained high honors. She has taken part in the prestigious California State Summer School for the Arts, and her work has been showcased in several exhibitions. She's been an assistant at Main Street Canoga Park, the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center, and the Canoga Park Library Branch.

"Acceptance of my calling as an artist was impossible to overlook as I realized that my purpose was and is to stand outside the box that is modern Armenian-American culture, and step over the edges of its occupational restrictions," she wrote. "Art ... is integral to whom I am and all I can contribute."

Her mother is Mary Gharibian, Cultural Affairs.

VINCENT FRIAS

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Vincent graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita with a 3.85 GPA with an honors course load. He plans to attend UCLA this fall.

At Golden Valley, he was the vice president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Key Club, an ambassador for Safe School. He has volunteered for Animal Services, at the Ronald McDonald House, for Santa Clarita city events, and private tutoring of younger students.

"I can still remember the days when I couldn't life my arms [due to a condition from birth]," he wrote. "I matured a vast deal during those years, learning to control my emotions and accept that life throws obstacles from time to time. My strength and moral stability were pushed, but I refused to break down. I emerged a more confident, grateful young man."

He's the son of Angel Frias, Animal Services.

ZULIMA PELAYO

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Zulima graduated from Richard Gahr High School in Cerritos with a GPA of 3.42. She plans on attending UC Irvine in the fall as a biomedical engineering premed major.

At Gahr, she was the co-captain of the Color Guard Auxiliary Unit, the undersecretary general with the Model United Nations, and the director of publicity for the French Club. She was also a volunteer with Angel Tree, and at the Norwalk Social Services Center.

"It takes an individual to dream," she wrote. "Mine is a work in progress, where I would like to hold the title and knowledge of a doctor, the privilege of a student and loved daughter. However, I will be the first to admit I still have a long way to go. I know I cannot save the world, but I would like to make a difference by continuing my studies, joining small efforts in my community, and petitioning for causes I believe."

She's the daughter of Ulises Pelayo, Airports.

CARLOS GARCIA

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Carlos graduated from San Fernando High School in San Fernando with a GPA of 3.5 with an honors course load. He plans to attend UC San Diego in the fall, majoring in pre-med.

At San Fernando, he was a member of the color guard, the secretary of the drama club, the vice president of the California Scholarship Federation, and the recording secretary for the Junior Council. He volunteered at Pacoima Beautiful and as a tutor for Haddon Elementary and San Fernando High School.

"There are many aspects of life that remain a mystery, but when it comes to my beliefs and future, I know where I am headed, and I know what I want, so I know I will succeed. I love life, and all the challenges that come along with it. I am excited for my future, and I am ready to show the world what I have to offer."

He's the son of Enrique Garcia, DWP.

With Scholarships

nearly triples the awardees.

- Kathleen Fletes, daughter of Cynthia Fletes, Airports, \$1,000;
- Breealle Hollyfield, daughter of Jeffrey Hollyfield, Public Works, \$500;
- Davonda Williams, daughter of Yolanda Williams, Personnel, \$500;
- Soukeyna Moore, daughter of Jené Brown, Library, \$500;
- Gavielle Concepcion, daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports, \$500;

- Cassandra Martinez, daughter of Camelia Martinez, Public Works; \$500; and
- Jarell Grady, son of Leroy Grady, Transportation, \$500.

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.



STEFANIE MAHALEY

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Stefanie graduated from Carson High School with a 3.3 GPA. She plans to attend UC Santa Cruz this fall.

At Carson, she was the varsity captain and a first team all-league scholar athlete on the volleyball team; secretary and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and a Peer Counseling team leader. She volunteered for Dig for Kids; was a member of the rock youth group at the Mission Eben-Ezer Family Church; and volunteers at the LA Jordan Mission.

"I volunteered for a program called Dig for Kids," she wrote. "The program brings elementary students from around the area to Carson High's campus, where we volunteer by tutoring them for two hours, then teach them how to play volleyball. The program experience revealed to me how much I enjoyed working with kids, and I later realized that I could tie working with kids and my love for volleyball together by being a coach. So, with that new revelation, I have decided to work toward that in college."

She's the daughter of Cinda Mahaley, Transportation

KATHLEEN FLETES

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Kathleen is currently a student at USC, where she carries at 3.59 GPA.

At USC, she is on the Dean's list, a member of the Chamber Choir, a Seymour Memorial Scholarship recipient, and a director of special events on the USC Program Board. She has volunteered as part of the Mexican American Alumni Association, the USC REAL Project, the Vista Murrieta High School Associated Student Body, and the Interact Club.

"I am extremely blessed to attend the school of my dreams, which is why I fully take advantage of all it has to offer. My education and experiences have allowed me to gain the personality and critical thinking skills necessary to be successful in life."

She's the daughter of Cynthia Fletes, Airports.

BREEALLE HOLLYFIELD

Recipient of \$500 award



Breealle graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School with a 3.3 GPA. She plans to attend Cal State L.A. this fall and pursue a degree in forensic science.

At Long Beach, she received academic honors all four years; was a manager on the girls basketball team; won a Presidential Award for leadership; and was honored in the Safeco Civil Law competition. She volunteered at the Vanguard Learning Center and Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

"I plan on being the first person in my family to receive both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees, in the field of forensics," she wrote. "I want to accomplish this career goal due to all the crimes that happen in my community today."

"The thing that keeps me going and moving toward my goals is a promise I made to myself to receive both by Master's and Bachelor's degrees and to become the leader in my community."

She's the daughter of Jeffrey Hollyfield, Public Works.

DAVONDA WILLIAMS

Recipient of \$500 award



Davonda graduated from Paramount High School with high honors and a GPA of 3.81. She plans to attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall.

At Paramount High, she was a rep and secretary for Student Government; a member with honors of the California Scholarship Federation; and a member of the Friday Night Live Club. She was a volunteer for the Cal State Long Beach Foundation, and Wirtz Elementary School.

"I find the involvement in my school has also made me a better person because of the knowledge of myself and about others that I gained throughout it," she wrote. "I have paved the way for myself later on and also for my bystanders to follow in my direction."

She's the daughter of Yolanda Williams, Personnel.

SOUKEYNA MOORE

Recipient of \$500 award



Soukeyna graduated from St. Bernard Catholic High School in Playa del Rey with a 3.22 GPA. She plans to attend Humboldt State University in Arcata this fall.

At St. Bernard, she was in the musicals all four years; won the varsity athletic award as part of the soccer team; was on the Dean's Honor Roll for two years; and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She volunteered as a teacher's aide at the Children's Enrichment Center.

"I must work very hard while keeping my eyes on the prize," she wrote. "Starting my journey with the necessary tools, one of which is college, is the key to my success. To reach my goals I am willing to work to the best of my capabilities in everything that I do. If selected, you invest in my dreams. I will take my education very seriously because my career in wildlife management and conservation is very important to me."

She's the daughter of Jené Brown, Library.

GAVRIELLE CONCEPCION

Recipient of \$500 award



Gavielle graduated from Alta Loma High School with a 4.3 GPA. She plans to attend UC Riverside in the fall.

At Alta Loma, she was the player of the year two consecutive years on the varsity tennis team; was on the Honor Roll for six semesters; and she was a member of the Advanced Women's Choir. She volunteered at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton; is a lector and Eucharistic minister at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; and a volunteer at the Grand Terrace Public Library in Grand Terrace.

"By being a pharmacist, I can give back to the community by assisting physicians and others in the medical field to prescribe and even research the best and most effective medicines for their patients," she wrote. "I believe that saving a patient's life is not only a physician's responsibility but also for everybody that made their commitments to help human lives. I hope for a bright future, one that includes not only a great career, but also a loving and caring family."

She's the daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports.

CASSANDRA MARTINEZ

Recipient of \$500 award



Cassandra graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in El Sereno with a 4.14 GPA, with an honors course load. She plans to attend UC Berkeley this fall.

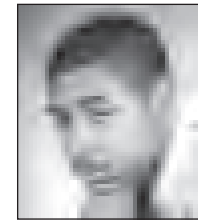
At Wilson, she received an academic achievement award, was on the Principal's Honor Roll, was the student board president, was the captain of the volleyball team, of which she was a member all four years. She volunteered as an altar server and at the annual church picnic, and she assisted with the church's Sunday preschool.

"As not many people from this small East Los Angeles town [El Sereno] graduate from high school, let alone attend a university, I am encouraged and challenged every day to succeed," she wrote. "I will be my own motivator, benefit from the excellent resources available and dedicate myself to performing my best in any course I take."

She's the daughter of Camelia Martinez, Public Works.

JARELL GRADY

Recipient of \$500 award



Jarell attends Morehouse College in Atlanta. At Morehouse, he's the team leader for the NHL Diversity Marketing Challenge, a student coordinator of the Morehouse Marketing Symposium, a participant in the MBA Spring Symposium, and a member of the Morehouse Business Association. He volunteers at the Frederick Douglass Tutorial Institute and at Veranda House, a senior citizen community.

"The significant event in my life that has caused me to become so ambitious and so conscious of society's ills was the day I stepped on the Morehouse College campus. The environment and the people pushed me to become a better person, a better student, and to become a leader."

He's the son of Leroy Grady, Transportation.

