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\$38,500 Awarded in Scholarships to Hispanic Students from NC Hispanic College Fund to Continue their Education

March 2016 - Cary, NC. Through generous support from Duke Energy, Goodnight Educational Foundation, SAS, Juntos, La Oficina, Jóvenes Para Ayudar, Latin American Tax, individual supporters of NCSHP, and student attendees of the 2015 Summit, the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) is proud to announce its 38 scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 school year.

The recipients of the North Carolina Hispanic College Fund scholarships are students who have demonstrated outstanding academic abilities, leadership, and involvement in community service. They were recognized at NCSHP's annual Hispanic Educational Summit for middle and high school students on March 11th, before more than 650 Hispanic students. This year NCSHP was honored to award a total of \$38,500 in scholarships to high school graduates and college students of North Carolina. Recipients were awarded scholarships worth between \$500 and \$2,500 dollars. The 2016 scholarship recipients are:

Duke Energy Foundation: Christian Alvarado, Needham B. Broughton High School - \$2,000, Axel Aparicio Maza, Lexington Senior High School - \$2,000, Renewal: Pedro Becquer Ramos, North Carolina State University - \$1,000, Giovanna Brioso Bueso, Cary High School - \$1,000, Eden Robles Cabrera, Sampson Early College High School - \$1,000, Juan Carlos Chávez Casiano, North Henderson High School - \$2,500, David Delgado, Heritage High School - \$1,500, Kathleen Goss, Franklin Academy High School - \$1,000, Oscar Santoyo Anolonio, Durham Technical Community College - \$1,000, Alan Yanez Aguilar, Riverside High School - \$2,000

Goodnight Educational Foundation: Yair Alonzo Montufar, North Carolina State University - \$1,000, Marcos Cazares, Alexander Central High School - \$1,000, María Elena Cruz Martínez, Charlotte Secondary School - \$1,000, Zenaida Liz Ramos, JP Knapp Early College High School - \$1,000, Lidia Ramírez Espitia, Southern Guilford High School - \$1,000

SAS Institute: Daisy Almonte, Union High School - \$1,000, Arianna Michelle Alvarez, Lucy C. Ragsdale High School - \$1,000, Marlen Avelar Gómez, Beaufort County Early College High School - \$1,000, Delena Abigail Carcamo Melgar, Jordan-Matthews High School \$500, Jessica Yaneli Campos Gómez, East Carolina University - \$1,000, Iris Cruz Cruz, Union High School - \$1,000, Judith Hernández-Campillo, East Montgomery High School - \$1,000, Librado Mendoza Sosa, Jordan-Matthews High School - \$1,000, Rosa Isela Ponce Vargas, Mount Tabor High School - \$1,000, Melissa Quintero Segura, Robertson Early College High School \$500, Yaribet Valencia Mendoza, East Montgomery High School - \$500

Juntos: Paul Benjamin Nava, East Montgomery High School - \$1,000

La Oficina: Wendolin González, GTCC Middle College High School - \$1,000

Jóvenes Para Ayudar: Jennifer Sara Gamez, Wallace-Rose High School - \$1,000

Latin American Tax: Miguel Angel Martínez-Camposero, Jordan-Matthews High School - \$750, Maina López Antonio, East Montgomery High School - \$1,000

NCSHP Scholarship and "Students Helping Students go to College" Scholarship: Pamella Joelle González Hernández, North Henderson High School - \$500, Teodora Huertas-Colecio, Riverside High School - \$500, Jessica Lino-Perez, Knightdale High School - \$750, Renewal: Stephanie Lino-Pérez, Meredith College - \$500, Diana Stephanie López Cruz, Forest Hills High School \$500, Renewal: Roxana Lucero Ramírez Santiago, Queens University - \$500, Erica Yepiz, Beddingfield High School - \$500

Marco Zárate, president of the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals, commented: "The Society is proud to recognize these Hispanic students and to be able to support their desire to continue their education and realize their dreams and aspirations."

For more information about the NC Society of Hispanic Professionals and the NC Hispanic College Fund please visit our website at www.TheNCSHP.org or contact us at (919) 467-8424 or mailbox@TheNCSHP.org

Application packets for the NC Hispanic College Fund are available all year. Applications for the school year 2014-2015 must be received by January 15, 2014. For more information or to download an application form for the North Carolina Hispanic College Fund, please visit our website at <http://www.TheNCSHP.org>. We encourage all eligible Hispanic students to apply!

Since 1999, the **NCSHP** has provided educational services such as scholarships, mentors and tutors, educational conferences and other programs to help keep Latino youth in school and guide them on to a pathway to college. The NCSHP is a statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose only mission is to *promote education among Hispanic youth*. www.thencshp.org. ###

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