



Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation

WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS 17 SCHOLARSHIPS

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Dallas, Texas, May 7, 2014. Seventeen outstanding students from Woodrow Wilson High School were honored on Monday night as recipients of college scholarships from local individuals and organizations.

It was standing room only for the Fourth Annual Scholarship Reception sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation on May 5. The evening event held at Times Ten Too in Lakewood was packed with parents, teachers, friends and community members who came to honor the student scholars as well as the donors who made the scholarships possible.

Most of the scholarships were for one year, and ranged from \$250 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 \$27,750 in scholarships for 2014. Each of these students also received a Texas flag, courtesy of Foundation director and Texas State Representative Kenneth Sheets.

The 2014 Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation Scholarships winners are as follows:

- The Richard H. Vitale Family Scholarship – *Janelle Ferrence*
- The Amy and Jason Kulas Family Scholarship – *Maddison Salazar*
- The Sally Poe Turpin Memorial Scholarship – *Caroline Martinez*
- The Bob and Mary Jo English Scholarship – *Jose Estrada*
- The Amelia and Jesse Moreno Scholarship – *Gabriella Bogacz*
- The Veritex Community Leadership College Scholarship – *Edereida Hernandez*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1942 Scholarship – *Gabriela Cervantes*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1968 Scholarship – *Maria Janet May*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1971/Dennis Roe Memorial Scholarship – *Colette Weich*
- The Woodrow Wilson Class of 1991 Scholarship – *Elliot Page*
- The Alise and Roberto Cortez Scholarship – *Michelle Pasillas*
- The John Quinlan and Brandon Gordon Memorial Scholarship – *Andrea Ortega*
- The Col. Jay Cozby Memorial Scholarship – *Patrick Kennedy*
- The William E. “Bill” Dickenson Memorial Scholarship – *Audrey Kinast*
- The Kuesel Family Scholarship -- *James Allister Rutledge*
- Todd and Abby Williams Family Foundation Scholarship – *Jamilex Carreno*
- The Class of 1978/Hal Hammond Memorial Scholarship – *Kyle Morrissey*

In addition, recipients of two other scholarships were recognized at the reception. The Today Foundation announced that *Ivan Diaz* and *Nia Delnast* received Woodrow Community Foundation Leadership Grants to participate in the 2014-15 Texas Leadership Forum. This scholarship was made possible by a grant from the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation.

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Foundation directors Mike Morath, the Dallas Independent School District Trustee for District 2, and community volunteer Leigh Straughn co-chaired the Scholarship Committee. They were assisted by the Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Committee, which includes: Norman Alston, Cheri Colter, Gary W. Garcia, Adam Miller, Ben Riemer, Sarah Schilling, and Amber Torres. "Reviewing all the submitted applications, understanding the requirements of the various scholarships, and then making the best matches takes enormous time and concentration," explains Straughn. "We are indebted to our Scholarship Advisory Committee and their dedication to the students as well as to the donors."

Foundation president Richard H. Vitale notes, "Everything about these scholarships is deeply gratifying to us in the Foundation. We are so proud of these students and their academic excellence; we are grateful for the engagement of our scholarship committee; and we are humbled by the generosity, vision and trust of our donors."

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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PHOTO and CAPTIONS

The Woodrow Wilson High School Community Foundation awarded 17 college scholarships to Woodrow seniors at a reception May 5.



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Front row, from the left:

Andrea Ortega, Edereida Hernandez, Jamilex Carreno, Gabriella Bogacz, Colette Weich, Patrick Kennedy, Caroline Martinez, Gabriela Cervantes, Foundation director Leigh Straughn.

Back row from the left:

Allister Rutledge, Elliott Page, Michelle Pasillas, Audrey Kinast, Foundation president Richard Vitale, Kyle Morrissey, Foundation director Mike Morath.