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SAHA's EDUCATION INVESTMENT FOUNDATION AWARDS 32 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO AT-RISK YOUTH

SAN ANTONIO – Thirty-two San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) youth, whose families participate in SAHA's low-income housing programs, will be rewarded for their educational achievements with \$1,500 scholarships tonight at the 10th annual Rising Stars event.

The scholarship program was established by SAHA's Education Investment Foundation (EIF) to encourage youth in grades K-12 to set their sights on college. This year's recipients are receiving a total of \$48,000 in renewable scholarships. Eighty percent of the students are or will attend local colleges.

The renewable scholarships, funded by donations from local businesses, individuals and organizations, are given to students who have shown strong academic, social and extracurricular success.

"Education is the foundation to a better future," says SAHA President and CEO Lourdes Castro Ramirez. "That's why we do everything we can to encourage youth to continue their education."

The event is tonight from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (program begins at 8 p.m.) at San Fernando Cathedral, 231 W. Commerce St. The featured speaker is State Representative Joaquin Castro with San Antonio Express News Reporter Edmund Tijerina as emcee.

"Together, with our generous partners who fund these scholarships, we are excited about the futures these young people are building for themselves and their families," Castro Ramirez says.

Including this year's scholarship recipients, the EIF has awarded 346 high school seniors and returning college students with \$519,000 to help offset college costs since 1998.

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