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SAHA SCHOLARSHIPS HELP STUDENTS OFFSET COLLEGE COSTS

SAN ANTONIO – Twenty-two San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) youth residents will be rewarded with \$1,500 scholarships tonight for their educational achievements and desire to attend college at the 8th annual Rising Stars banquet.

The scholarship program was established in 1993 by the SAHA Education Investment Foundation (EIF) to encourage youth in grades K-12 to set their sights on college. This year's recipients are receiving more than \$31,000 in renewable scholarships and are majoring in fields such as nursing, engineering, accounting, and environmental science at schools including University of Texas at Austin, University of Texas at San Antonio and Texas State.

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.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a silent auction followed by dinner and the awards program at 7 p.m. at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. The featured speaker is State Representative Jose Menendez with WOAI-TV Co-anchor Randy Beamer serving as emcee and Fr. Tony Vilano, San Fernando Cathedral, providing the invocation.

First-time scholarships will be awarded to:

Sarah Brothers
Abigail Carreon
Jessica Jimenez
Samantha Luna

Dexter Smith
Mattie Thomas
Edward Trevino
Stefon Williams

Scholarship renewals will be given to:

Siobhan Blot
Delilah Castillo
Alina Flores
Kellie Gonzales
Jenney Hernandez
Toribio Martinez
Destiny McMorris

Isidro Obregon
Regis Price
Sara Rodriguez
Carlos Torres
Christopher Vasquez
Nicole Wolf
Roxanne Zavala

Including this year's scholarship recipients, EIF has awarded nearly \$300,000 in scholarships to 190 graduating high school seniors and returning college students to help offset college costs. Scholarship recipients have graduated from programs at schools such as Stanford, Duke and Boston Universities as well as other major colleges throughout the nation.

For more information about the EIF scholarships, visit www.eif-sa.com or call Felicia McCollum, SAHA foundation coordinator, at (210) 477-6031.

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