



## **News Release**

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## **First Luminary Award reception held Wednesday**

May 4, 2017 – The Pflugerville Education Foundation hosted its first-ever Luminary Award for Educational Excellence reception Wednesday, May 3 at the Rock Gym.

Six Pflugerville ISD high school seniors were recognized for their demonstrated leadership, community involvement and academic achievement as affirmed by campus staff members. Students also recognized educators who have provided significant contributions to their academic and personal success.

Honorees were:

- Luminary: Khala Hanson, Pflugerville High School
- Mentoring Educator: April Hundl
  
- Luminary: Deisy Hernandez, Connally High School
- Mentoring Educator: Elizabeth Harrelson
  
- Luminary: Mitchell McDonald, Pflugerville High School
- Mentoring Educator: Mary Pennington
  
- Luminary: Breanna Portillo, Hendrickson High School
- Mentoring Educator: Tonya Allen

- Luminary: Lauren Yamthe, Connally High School
- Mentoring Educator: Michelle Melton
  
- Luminary: Madysen Zamora, Hendrickson High School
- Mentoring Educator: Amy Wiesenhutter

Each Luminary received a \$500 Foundation scholarship. PfISD Acting Superintendent Gary Patterson and his wife, Susie, matched each Luminary scholarship that evening.

The Foundation at the ceremony also honored Trista Gerner, the recipient of the first-ever Pflugerville Education Foundation Mott Scholarship. Gerner is a Hendrickson High School student.

Established by Charles and Vernagene Mott, the Mott Scholarship is intended to encourage and supplement the recipient's educational pursuits in the medical, scientific or engineering fields. Recipients must rank in the top 5 percent of their class, have successfully completed at least four Advanced Placement classes and be current PfISD graduating seniors.

The Luminary Award event included remarks by Pflugerville Education Foundation Executive Director Allison Kane, PEF Board Member Robin Ayers, Mrs. Mott and Mr. Patterson.

Our thanks to the PEF board members, event sponsors and those who helped make the event special for those honored.

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