



## News Release

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# Foundation hosts annual Luminary event

**Fourteen students receive scholarships - Totaling over \$12,600.00**

May 8, 2018 – The Pflugerville Education Foundation on Wednesday hosted its 2nd Annual Luminary Awards for Educational Excellence Scholarship Program at the Rock Gym.

Graduating seniors from Connally, Hendrickson, PACE and Pflugerville high schools were honored, as were mentors who significantly impacted their educational success. Student honorees were chosen for empowering leadership, overcoming adversity and for their dedication to education.

The following students were named 2018 Luminary Award honorees:

- Ochin Roque Chong and Cruzdiego Olivarez (Connally)
- Anjela S. Salgado and Zackary X. Scott (Hendrickson)
- Tanner Arnett and Raizzette Medina Valderrama (PACE)
- De'aveon Kahey and James Cooley (Pflugerville High School)

Honorees each received a \$750 Foundation scholarship.

Named Luminary mentors were:

- Elliott Jempty and Christian Perez De La Vega (Connally)
- Holly Dorsey and Mike Baker (Hendrickson)
- Tony Carr and Elsa Rosas (PACE)
- Ana Bowie and Dustin Parks (Pflugerville)

Also honored were 2018 recipients of the Pflugerville ISD Extended Day Program Scholarship, Mott Family Scholarship and Noah Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship.

Diego Carlson of Pflugerville High School and Vaishnavi Lakshmanan of Connally were named Extended Day Program Scholarship winners. The EDP Scholarship is in its first year.

Brinda Prasad of Hendrickson High School was named the recipient of the 2018 Mott Family Scholarship. Prasad receives an award of \$2,000.

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 field. Recipients must successfully complete at least four Advanced Placement classes and be ranked in the top five percent of their graduating class.

Established in 2017, the Mott Scholarship has provided \$4,000 to PfISD students.

Franklin Nicolas Afenkhenan and Brodie Mazyrack were named recipients of the Noah Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship. Afenkhenan attends Hendrickson High School; Mazyrack is a Pflugerville High School student.

Each recipient of the Noah Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship receives an award of \$1,300.

The Noah Rodriguez Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to high school seniors pursuing college degrees in engineering at accredited universities in Texas. Recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

The scholarship is in memory of Noah Rodriguez, a PfISD student who passed away in 2013 at the age of 13. PfISD high school graduates have now received more than \$34,000 in scholarship funds through the award.

Also, Hendrickson High School student Vivianne Shaffer received the Pflugerville Education Foundation Scholarship for \$500.

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