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\$38,200 Awarded in Scholarships to Hispanic Students from NC Hispanic College Fund to Continue their Education

July 2013 - Cary, NC. Through generous support from Progress Energy Foundation, SAS Charitable Fund, UNC Healthcare, Consolidated Electronic Resources, individual supporters of NCSHP, and student attendees of the 2012 Summit, the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals (NCSHP) is proud to announce its 26 scholarship recipients for the 2013-2014 school year.

This year NCSHP was honored to award a total of \$38,200 in scholarships to high school graduates and college students of North Carolina. Recipients were awarded scholarships worth between \$500 and \$4,000 dollars.

The recipients of the North Carolina Hispanic College Fund scholarships are students who have demonstrated outstanding academic abilities, leadership, and involvement in community service. They were recognized at NCSHP's annual Hispanic Educational Summit for middle and high school students on March 22nd, before more than 650 Hispanic students. The 2013 scholarship recipients are:

Progress Energy Engineering Scholarship: Pedro Becquer-Ramos, Northwood H.S. – Chatham Co. Schools - \$3,700, Mark Gallo, Athens Drive H.S. – Wake Co. Schools - \$4,000, Robert Gallo, Athens Drive H.S. – Wake Co. Schools - \$3,500, Khaaliq Johnson, East Carolina University - \$3,000, Edgar Oviedo Rodriguez, North Henderson H.S. – Henderson Co. Schools - \$5,000, Morgan Sanchez, John T. Hoggard H.S. – New Hanover Co. Schools - \$3,000

SAS Charitable Fund Scholarship: Johan Alfaro, Cherryville H.S. – Gaston Co. Schools - \$1,000, Vanessa Cupil - Garcia, West Carteret H.S. – Carteret Co. Schools - \$1,000, Zuleima Evaristo, Guilford Technical Community College – Guilford Co. Schools - \$1,000, Genesis Lopez Euceda, West Caldwell H.S. – Caldwell Co. Schools - \$1,000, Karina Martinez Romo, Parkland H.S. – Parkland Co. Schools - \$1,000, Walter Melgar, Catawba Valley Community College – Catawba Co. Schools - \$1,000, Kate Monroy, Highland School of Technology – Gaston Co. Schools - \$1,000, Gabriela Perez, North Henderson H.S. – Henderson Co. Schools - \$1,000, Paola Ponce, Spring Creek H.S. – Wayne Co. Schools - \$1,000, Daniela Sostaita, North Forsyth H.S. – Forsyth Co. Schools - \$1,000

UNC Healthcare Scholarship: Alan Garcia, Triton H.S. – Harnett Co. Schools - \$1,000

NCSHP Scholarship and “Students Helping Students go to College” Scholarship: Lidia Andrade Bello, Person H.S. – Person Co. Schools - \$500, Ana Benites, Laney H.S. – New Hanover Co. Schools - \$500, Natasha Castellanos – Salem College – \$500, Erik Martin, Caldwell Early College H.S. – Caldwell Co. Schools - \$1,000, Ingrid Martinez, Early College of Forsyth County. – Forsyth Co. Schools - \$1,000, Zayra Mendez, Mount Olive College - \$500, Cynthia Olivares Hernandez, Lincolnton H.S. – Lincolnton Co. Schools - \$500, Walberto Tejada, Wingate University - \$500

Marco Zárate, president of the North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals, commented: “The Society is proud to recognize these Hispanic students and to be able to support their desire to continue their education and realize their dreams and aspirations.”

Application packets for the NC Hispanic College Fund are available all year. Applications for the school year 2014-2015 must be received by January 15, 2014. For more information or to download an application form for the North Carolina Hispanic College Fund, please visit our website at <http://www.TheNCSHP.org>. We encourage all eligible Hispanic students to apply!

The North Carolina Society of Hispanic Professionals is a statewide 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to *promote education among Hispanic youth*. Acknowledging the under representation of Hispanic youth in higher education, and seeing the need for role models, it is the intent of the NCSHP to develop and secure educational opportunities and financial support to improve Hispanic youth's success and school performance. Our Society is committed to doing the best it can to nurture our youth and provide resources to Hispanic students and their families, so that they can succeed in education.

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