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**AT CEREMONY TODAY, SEN. EDDIE LUCIO, JR.  
TO AWARD 61 SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS**

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS — Today (Monday), Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) will award 61 area students with 2014 Eddie Lucio, Jr. Scholarships. The Eddie Lucio, Jr. Scholarship Fund ([www.eddielucioscholarships.org/](http://www.eddielucioscholarships.org/)) awards \$500 scholarships to students graduating from high schools in counties comprising Senate District 27 (Cameron, Willacy, Kleberg, Kenedy, and Hidalgo Counties). **This year's student recipients will be presented their awards at a scholarship presentation tonight, Monday, June 9, 2014, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gatti's Pizza, 1208 S. I-69E, Harlingen, Texas 78550.**

"I know the power a college education has to transform lives. That is why I am so incredibly proud to recognize these outstanding students, and to encourage their pursuit of higher education at one of our local state-supported colleges or universities. I wholeheartedly congratulate these young scholars and their families," Senator Lucio said.

Eddie Lucio, Jr. Scholarship Fund recipients are successful students who intend to pursue higher education. Each year, the Fund selects students (typically one male and one female) graduating from each high school in Senate District 27 to receive a scholarship. Candidates were nominated by their high school counselors. Each recipient receives an award of \$500. Recipients have not received any other form of scholarship. All recipients are American citizens who intend to enroll in at least nine credit hours at the University of Texas at Brownsville, Texas Southmost College, The University of Texas Pan American, Texas State Technical College, Texas A&M Kingsville, or South Texas College.

For more than 20 years, the Eddie Lucio, Jr. Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, has awarded college scholarships to area students. In addition to private donations, the Fund is supported by the Senator Eddie Lucio Annual Golf Classic. It has become a tradition for Senator Lucio to ask a "Texas Legend" to serve as the guest of honor at each Golf Classic. Past Texas Legends have included former University of Texas football coach Darrell K. Royal, Grammy award-winning Tejano performer Ruben Ramos, former University of Texas System Chancellor William H. Cunningham, Texas A&M Chancellor John Sharp, World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Kathy Whitworth, former San Antonio Spurs player George "Iceman" Gervin, and Dallas Cowboys Super Bowl Champions Robert Newhouse, Walt Garrison and Tom Rafferty. The 2013 Golf Classic featured Mr. Ricky Phillips, bass guitar player for American rock band STYX.

The 61 recipients of 2014 Eddie Lucio, Jr. Scholarship Fund scholarships, their high schools, and hometowns follow:

- **Mr. Juan Manuel Aguilera**, Port Isabel High School, Los Fresnos, Texas
- **Ms. Esttivalis Selena Antihori**, Veterans Memorial High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Mr. Alejandro Barajas**, Robert Vela High School, Edinburg, Texas
- **Mr. Louis Bennett III**, Port Isabel High School, Port Isabel, Texas
- **Ms. Rebeka Alanie Borders**, Los Fresnos High School, San Benito, Texas
- **Ms. Tracie L Cardoza**, La Villa Early College High School, Mercedes, Texas
- **Ms. Victoria G. Castañeda**, Santa Rosa High School, Santa Rosa, Texas
- **Ms. Alexandria Castillo**, PSJA Memorial High School, Alamo, Texas
- **Ms. Ruth M Castillo**, Weslaco High School, Weslaco, Texas

- **Mr. Richard Aaron Chapa**, Monte Alto High School, Monte Alto, Texas
- **Mr. Marcos Contreras**, Santa Rosa High School, Sebastian, Texas
- **Mr. Pedro De La Cerda**, Los Fresnos High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Ms. Katy De La Fuente**, Harlingen High School South, Harlingen, Texas
- **Mr. John DeLeon**, H.M. King High School, Kingsville, Texas
- **Ms. Alexis Ann Delgado**, South Texas High School for Health Professions, Port Isabel, Texas
- **Mr. Juvian Emmanuel Escandon**, Lopez High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Ms. Alexandra Elizabeth Escobedo**, La Feria High School, La Feria, Texas
- **Mr. Rafael Espinosa, Jr.**, James Pace High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Mr. Juan Manuel Gamez**, PSJA North High School, Pharr, Texas
- **Ms. Aritza Sonia Garcia**, Raymondville High School, Raymondville, Texas
- **Ms. Stephanie Garcia**, Santa Maria High School, Santa Maria, Texas
- **Mr. Gerardo Javier Garza**, Donna High School, Edinburg, Texas
- **Ms. Wynona Lynn Garza**, Port Isabel High School, Port Isabel, Texas
- **Mr. Justin Gonzales**, Raymondville High School, Raymondville, Texas
- **Mr. Carlos Gonzalez**, Harlingen High School South, Harlingen, Texas
- **Mr. Robert Gonzalez**, Donna High School, Weslaco, Texas
- **Mr. Erick P Guevara**, San Benito High School, San Benito, Texas
- **Ms. Ashley Marie Hernandez**, Robert Vela High School, Edinburg, Texas
- **Mr. Arturo Hinojosa**, Santa Maria High School, La Feria, Texas
- **Mr. Andres Raul Jaime**, McAllen High School, McAllen, Texas
- **Ms. Natalie Bianca Jaramillo**, Rio Hondo High School, Rio Hondo, Texas
- **Ms. Laura Y. Juarez**, San Perlita High School, Raymondville, Texas
- **Miss Tamara Justine Kiefer**, Lasara High School, Raymondville, Texas
- **Mr. Kieran Alejandro Krebs**, Los Fresnos High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Ms. Noemi Lee Lerma**, Kaufer High School, Sarita, Texas
- **Ms. Micaela Loya**, Harlingen High School, Harlingen, Texas
- **Mr. Samuel Alejandro Maldonado**, Weslaco High School, Weslaco, Texas
- **Ms. Kristal Dennise Martinez**, Lopez High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Ms. Dorothy Juniette Millan**, San Benito High School, San Benito, Texas
- **Mr. Michael Aaron Mixon**, Kaufer High School, Kingsville, Texas
- **Ms. Cecilia Annette Munoz**, Santa Gertrudis High School, Kingsville, Texas
- **Ms. Astrid Jaquelin Nieto**, Porter High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Mr. Noe Nuñez, Jr.**, South Texas High School for Health Professions, Monte Alto, Texas
- **Mr. Ruben Olivares**, Mercedes High School, Mercedes, Texas
- **Mr. Sergio Patlan**, Lyford High School, Sebastian, Texas
- **Mr. Jordan Isaiah Puga**, Harlingen High School, Harlingen, Texas
- **Ms. Ashley Reyes**, Monte Alto High School, Monte Alto, Texas
- **Mr. Dagoberto Rodriguez**, PSJA Memorial High School, Alamo, Texas
- **Mr. Eric Rodriguez**, Progreso High School, Weslaco, Texas
- **Ms. Graciela Guadalupe Rodriguez**, Hanna High School, Brownsville, Texas
- **Mr. Robert Jonathan Rodriguez**, La Villa High School, Weslaco, Texas
- **Ms. Ashley Renee Sanchez**, Lyford High School, Lyford, Texas
- **Ms. Jessica Amanda Sandoval**, H.M. King High School, Kingsville, Texas
- **Mr. William Hunter Schnabl**, Raymondville High School, Los Fresnos, Texas
- **Ms. Maria Virginia Solares Cuellar**, Progreso High School, Weslaco, Texas
- **Ms. Ivonne Solis**, PSJA North High School, Pharr, Texas
- **Mr. Colton Paul Strubhart**, Santa Gertrudis High School, Kingsville, Texas
- **Mr. Dustin Andrew Trevino**, La Feria High School, Mercedes, Texas

- **Mr. Alberto Vasquez**, Lasara High School, La Feria, Texas
- **Ms. Karina Vasquez**, San Perlita High School, San Perlita, Texas
- **Mr. Alec Daniel Villarreal**, Rio Hondo High School, Rio Hondo, Texas

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