



Broward League of Cities Awards Scholarships to Local High School Students

Scholarships Recognize Students' Commitment to Community and Government



(L-R) Greg Ross, President, Broward League of Cities; Gordan Myers, Zak Myers (Scholarship Recipient), Luann Myers; Musa Molina, Miguel Molina, Sierra Molina (Scholarship Recipient); Joan Vasquez (Scholarship Recipient), Karina Vasquez; Rina Lakhlani (Scholarship Recipient), Raksha Lakhlani, Nilesh Lakhlani; Shelley Eichner, Youth Leadership Committee co-chair

FORT LAUDERDALE, FL — (May 1, 2017) The Broward League of Cities recently awarded \$1,000 scholarships to four distinguished Broward County high school seniors who plan to pursue a major in public administration, political science or another government-related field.

In its 7th year, the Broward League of Cities' Scholarship for Government Studies program has donated a total of \$28,000 to students who are preparing for a career in government and have demonstrated strong leadership skills, academic achievement and a commitment to community service. The four recipients were selected from 44 applicants and include:

Sierra Molina - Fort Lauderdale resident attending Pompano Beach High School

Sierra plans to study International Relations, specifically diplomacy and international affairs. She is a member of the National Honor Society and president of HOSA. She has participated in Girls State and Youth Leadership Broward, volunteered at ARC Broward, Kids in Distress and is a member of the Fort Lauderdale Garden Club.

Zak Myers - Hollywood resident attending South Broward High School

Zak wants to study Public Relations and Political Science with the hope of a career with the State Department or with Homeland Security. He is senior class president, yearbook managing editor, National Honor Society historian and Florida Future Educators secretary. Zak has been awarded Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America for his service project in Haiti.

Rina Lakhlani - Davie resident attending Nova High School

Rina intends to study Ethics, Politics, Economics and Political Science and has a career goal of going to law school and becoming a member of congress. She is ranked #1 in her class of 439 students, president of the National Honor Society and vice president of the South Asian Society. She is an ambassador for the Elephant Sanctuary, a 2,700-acre refuge in Tennessee and has interned with Congressman Ted Deutch on his Congressional Youth Cabinet.

Joany Vazquez - North Lauderdale resident attending the College Academy at Broward College

With a 5.2 GPA, Joany plans on studying Accounting and Economics, starting her career at one of the Big Four accounting firms and eventually working for the IRS as an agent or the CIA as a financial analyst. She started "Operation Giveback," a club that creates awareness about local veterans, and she tutors students, grades assignments and translates for English language learners at Cypress Elementary, where she attended elementary school.

"The Broward League of Cities congratulates these young scholars who will become our future leaders," said Greg Ross, President, Broward League of Cities. "We are honored to shine the spotlight on these four highly deserving students for their dedication to their education, their achievements in the community and their passion for political science and government."

About the Broward League of Cities

Chartered in 1957, the Broward League of Cities is a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and resolving issues facing Broward County's 31 cities and municipalities. A member of the Florida League of Cities, which serves to unify local governments throughout the state of Florida, the organization's membership is made up of elected officials from municipal governments and area businesses. The organization is committed to increasing awareness and providing resolution to issues that affect day-to-day operations of local government, including legislation at the county, state and federal levels.

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