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Skagit Valley College awards Champions of Diversity scholarships

The Champions of Diversity program at Skagit Valley College honored area high school students on Nov. 30 at McIntyre Hall in Mount Vernon for their contributions to diversity in their schools and communities.

The 99 award recipients and 22 of the 57 scholarship winners were published Jan. 15 in the Skagit Valley Herald. The 35 students who were awarded scholarships from Skagit Valley College are listed today, with their high schools and scholarship awards.

High schools are abbreviated as indicated: AHS - Anacortes High School, BEHS - Burlington-Edison High School, BENHS - Burlington-Edison North High School, LCHS - La Conner High School, MVHS - Mount Vernon High School, OHHS - Oak Harbor High School, SWHS - Sedro-Woolley High School.

SVC scholarship recipients

Maritza Acevedo, BENHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Maritza promotes her culture through activities such as Cinco de Mayo and Mexican Independence Day.

Victoria Aguilar, SWHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. As a leader, Victoria is particularly supportive of at-risk students. She will be the first in her family to attend college.

Miguel Alaníz, MVHS, \$1,500. Miguel is a state representative for the Washington State Migrant Education Advisory. He attends Northwest Academy of Finance to earn certification in banking and finance.

Tania Alvarez, SWHS, \$1,000. Tania attends the Northwest Career and Technical Academy and hopes to become a veterinary technician. She volunteers at the Humane Society of Skagit Valley.

Brian Arellano, MVHS, \$1,000. Brian works hard toward his educational goals. He is fluent in both Spanish and English and often offers his translation skills to others.

Javier Camerena, MVHS, \$1,000. Javier demonstrates excellent work ethics and personal responsibility, serving as a role model to his classmates. He also assists teachers and peers with translations.

Zeyna DeVer, BENHS, \$1,000. Zeyna has participated in blood drives, Adopt-A-Family and Christmas drives and in organizing support for a classmate's tragic loss last year.

Angelina Feskova, BEHS, \$1,000. Angelina is trilingual and is working on proficiency in a fourth language. She teaches Russian culture, history and language in classes through church activities.

Melissa Figueroa, MVHS, \$1,000. Melissa serves as a role model and helps orient incoming freshmen as a member of Link Crew. She will be the first in her family to go to college.

Victor Garcia-Díaz*, MVHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Victor tutors and serves as a role model for his nieces and brothers. He hopes to travel around the world to better understand other people's perspectives.

Jazmin Garza, MVHS, \$1,000. Jazmin serves as a leader in AVID and LEAP, the Latino Educational Achievement Project. She volunteers at a middle school and helps orient incoming freshmen through Link Crew.

Jacqueline González, BEHS, \$1,000. Jacqueline hopes to become a drug and alcohol counselor, and utilize the many challenges she has faced and worked through.

Lorenzo Gregory, SWHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Lorenzo has overcome health issues and works to help others choose a healthy lifestyle. He is active in AVID, Latinos Unidos and College Bound, and volunteers with community recycling efforts.

Liliana Guzman, BENHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Liliana is an active volunteer, leading food and clothing drives, blood drives and her school's Adopt-a-Family program.

Selina Huerta, BENHS, \$1,000. Selina balances a full home life with her school activities. She has led blood drives and the Adopt-A-Family program and volunteers as a tutor at an elementary school.

Landelin James*, LCHS, \$1,000. Landy volunteers for food drives, blood drives and memorial assemblies through leadership class. He helps coach youth basketball and football, and serves as a role model for Swinomish Tribe youth.

Jiyeon Jeong, SWHS, \$1,000. Jiyeon speaks Mandarin and English. She teaches English classes at her church and serves as the English translator for her family.

Dara Johnson*, BEHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Dara leads by example in balancing a 40-hour workweek, pursuing excellence at school and maintaining an independent household.

Candy Lopez, MVHS, \$1,000. She serves as a role model by managing a household, striving for excellence at school and volunteering at a food bank.

Liliana Maldonado, MVHS, \$1,000. Liliana is bilingual and serves as a translator for her peers. She provides childcare at home to support the family business.

Alisa Manley, SWHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Alisa volunteers at her local fire hall and was active in leadership class, promoting diversity in the student body and the broader community.

Griselda Martínez-Bautista, BEHS, \$1,000. She provides home care for her sister, niece and nephew, and tutors elementary students through Latinos in Action. She was a volunteer with the North Cascades Wilderness Program last summer.

Matilde L. Martínez, BEHS, \$1,000. She tutors elementary students through Latinos in Action, raised money for arthritis research through the Jingle Bell Run, and volunteered to help with two elementary school celebrations.

Yelicsa Martínez, MVHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Yelicsa serves as a teacher's aide, helping students with developmental disabilities. She plans a career in human services, and will be the first in her family to attend college.

Esmeralda Pérez, MVHS, \$1,000. She provides childcare for her niece and nephew, and is active with the Latino Educational Achievement Project. She mentors and helps orient incoming freshmen as a member of Link Crew.

Catherine Sánchez, SWHS, \$1,000. She offers informal tutoring and support to those in need. She interned as a recreation therapist assistant and intends to study medicine.

Diego Sánchez, MVHS, \$1,500. Diego helps his peers by tutoring and translating, and his teachers by promoting a constructive classroom atmosphere.

Hugo Santiago-Ruiz, MVHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Hugo has been involved with the Migrant Student Leadership Program since middle school. He also is active with the Latinos Leaders Club.

Shelby Schlittler*, SWHS, \$1,000. Despite numerous physical challenges, Shelby volunteers as a peer mentor and is active with her school's antitobacco club and Earth Corps.

Anabel Torres*, BEHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Anabel participates in Latinos in Action and has served as a presenter at conferences. She has tutored elementary students and volunteered as a translator at parent/ teacher conferences.

Cleotilde Velasco, MVHS, \$1,000. She volunteers as a Spanish interpreter, is a leader in the North Cascades Wild Program and is active with her church. She participated in a local police academy and plans a career in law enforcement.

Stephanie Villanueva-Vivanco, BEHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Stephanie is a leader with Latinos in Action and has tutored at two elementary schools. She has provided childcare and interpreter services for families during parent/ teacher conferences.

Jennilyn Vinluan, BEHS, \$1,000. Jennilyn is learning both of her heritage languages, Japanese and Filipino. She has participated in the Asian-Pacific Islander Dance Club and is a leader in the drama program.

Elena Vivar*, BEHS, \$1,000 to \$4,000. Elena has utilized leadership training by helping prepare seventh- and eighth-graders for high school, tutoring elementary students, and volunteering at school activities.

Ulises Yanez, AHS, \$1,000. He helps orient and support incoming freshmen through Link Crew and serves as a role model through AVID. Ulises also volunteers after school helping the elderly.

Winners of other college scholarships were listed in the Jan. 15 Skagit Living section. An asterisk denotes students whose photos were not received.



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Alaníz



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D. Sánchez



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