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Forty Students Earn Steve’s Scholars Awards for College

What: The Steve’s Scholars program awards scholarships

Availability: Steve’s Scholars founders Francine and Murray Farber available virtually for interviews

The Steve’s Scholars program has reached a milestone by awarding 40 scholarships of $1,000 each this year, for a total of 101 scholarships presented over the past three years to students from Tehipite Middle School who went on to graduate from Fresno Unified high schools. Fifty of the first 61 Steve’s scholars also received another $1,000 for their second year of college.

The scholarship program was created by Francine and Murray Farber with their daughter-in-law Cordula in memory of their son, Steven. All of the honored students maintained an academic average of at least 3.0, attendance rate of at least 95 percent, and completed California required pre-college courses for the six years from grade 7 at Tehipite through high school. More than half also earned medallions for community service. In addition, the students benefitted by attending concerts, theater productions and museums.

“This year, we passed 100 scholarships awarded to deserving students since our first group of graduating seniors. We are so proud of how hard the students have worked to be Steve’s Scholars,” said Francine Farber.
Murray Farber added: “It has been a joy over the years to meet Tehipite students, and to watch so many of them flourish in high school.”

Three students earned special recognition for outstanding achievement:
Karen Medina: Highest GPA: 4.32
Susie Quintero: Most community service hours: 210.5
Evelyn Casillas: Highest attendance: 100%

The scholarship honorees are:

**Design Science Middle College High School** (2): Alexander Andrade Beltran, Lucky Neng Her

**Duncan Polytechnical High School** (3): Brenda Garcia, Alexa Bulgara Gutierrez, Moises Anaya

**Fresno High School** (4): Cesar Armando Osuna, Jadee Nakko Khandhamany, Stephanie Bernal Garcia, Li A. Major

**Hoover High School**: Susie Lizette Quintero

**McLane High School** (6): Karen Medina, Johan Christopher Gomez-Madrigal, Kia Mary Moua, Crystalwyn Kaosue Her, Sang Ying Angel Vang, Mariana Jazmin Vasquez

**J.E. Young Academic Center**: Blanca Azucena Avila Carrillo

“We are extremely grateful to the Farber family for not only the incredible resources they provide to fund scholarships, but their sincere love and concern for Tehipite students and Steve’s Scholars as they continue into high school and beyond,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.

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