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Fresno Unified Scholarship Recipients Announced

Sixty seniors will be awarded $118,000 in Fresno Unified Scholarships this year to help them achieve their dream of higher education. The awards range from $1,500 to $3,500. The Fresno Unified Scholarship Fund was established in 2009, made possible by generous donations from the community and district employees, with the State of Education luncheon in the fall the largest single fundraiser for the scholarship fund.

The scholarships are awarded to high-achieving students based on their school and community involvement, aspirations and financial need. Scholarship recipients this year overcame a number of hurdles during their journey to graduation, including language and poverty barriers, health issues in their families and turmoil in the home. In overcoming these obstacles, they emerged as leaders on their campuses, excelling academically and in activities, sports and community service.

While the district was unable to hold the traditional scholarship banquet this year, recipients were surprised with the scholarships during virtual meetings May 12 that included Superintendent Bob Nelson and high school principals.

“Our Fresno Unified Scholarship recipients are an inspiring group of students who have come through a variety of extreme circumstances over the years. I am proud of each of them and honored on behalf of the district to help ease their burden a bit as they advance toward college,” said Superintendent Bob Nelson.
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