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Reynaldo J. Carreon M.D. Foundation boosts money for its scholarships, announces winners

The Reynaldo J. Carreon M.D. Foundation has more than doubled the amount of its scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year in response to climbing tuition rates.

The organization increased its top 10 student scholarships from \$2,000 to \$5,000 with the help of Pathways to Success.

A total of \$67,000 in scholarships ranging from \$1,250 for students attending College of the Desert to \$5,000 for students attending four-year universities will be awarded to 18 students.

The students will be honored Friday at an awards banquet at the Miramonte Resort & Spa in Indian Wells.

The scholarship recipients are:

- Coachella Valley High School: Belen Barajas, Vanessa Gonzalez, Lizeth Hernandez, Esmeralda Renteria, Cynthia Rodriguez and Leoda Valenzuela
- Desert Hot Springs High School: Cindy Arciniega and Daisy Duarte
- Desert Mirage High School: Mariela Aguilar, Monika Galvez-Lua, Edith Gonzales and Sandra Lopez-Garcia
- La Quinta High School: Luis Cardenas
- Cathedral City High School: Sergio Fernandez and Andrea Sanchez- Martinez
- West Shores High School: Maria Jimenez, Graciela Ramos and Melanie Sanchez