

NINE GRADUATING SENIORS RECEIVE \$25,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS FROM PALM SPRINGS ART MUSEUM



The 2009 MAC Scholarship winners were (left to right): Josette Last, Palm Desert High School, Christopher Garcia, West Shores High School, Briana Pena, Indio High School, Ann Rios, La Quinta High School, Evelyn Trejo, Palm Springs High School, Javier Fernandez, Cathedral City High School, Thomas Arellano, La Quinta High School, Ashley Oliva, Palm Springs High School, and Tiffany Kantor, La Quinta High School.

April 7, 2009 (Palm Springs, CA) – The Museum Associates Council (MAC) of the Palm Springs Art Museum awarded \$25,000 in scholarships to nine area graduating seniors on Monday. This is the most money given out in scholarships that MAC has organized, and all of the money was generously provided by individual contributors who belong to MAC, one of the nine support councils of the museum. This year, 43 students competed for the scholarships. Fifteen were selected to be interviewed, and from that group the nine awardees were chosen.

Eight years ago, the Museum Associates Council created a scholarship in honor of member Judy Gelfand for graduating seniors who planned a career in the visual or performing arts. Over the years, the scholarships have expanded and this year, eight \$2,500 and one \$5,000 scholarships were awarded. Originally these scholarships were meant for students planning to attend a 4 year college, but this year the rules were changed to allow for students attending community or junior colleges.

“When our members learned that a young woman could not receive a scholarship because she was planning to attend a junior college, they immediately created another scholarship,” said Stacy Maddux, Museum Associates Council Event Manager. “They wanted to make sure every student got a chance to get an education. This year our MAC members really contributed to this program and we

have now expanded the total scholarships to nine. Some of the winners this year are the first people in their family to go to college.”

To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants had to be:

- A graduating senior in good standing with a GPA of 3.0 or above
- A student of any public or private high school in the Coachella Valley
- Applying to either a four-year or two-year institution

This year’s donors and recipients were:

The Anderson-MacMillan Scholarship (\$5,000): Christopher Garcia, West Shores High School. Christopher plans to attend San Diego State University.

The Betty Rinnig Scholarship for the Arts (\$2,500): Ann Rios, La Quinta High School. Ann plans to attend College of the Desert.

The Jackie Lee Houston Scholarship (\$2,500): Ashley Oliva, Palm Springs High School. Ashley plans to attend College of the Desert.

The Arlene Schnitzer Scholarship (\$2,500): Evelyn Trejo, Palm Springs High School. Evelyn plans to attend College of the Desert.

The Ladies of Indian Ridge Scholarship (\$2,500): Tiffany Kantor, La Quinta High School. Tiffany plans to attend The Art Institute in Los Angeles.

The Eighth Annual Judy Gelfand Scholarship for the Arts (\$2,500): Josette Last, Palm Desert High School. Josette plans to attend San Diego State University.

The Second Annual Kaplan-Ostergaard Scholarship (\$2,500): Thomas Arellano, La Quinta High School. Thomas plans to attend San Diego State University.

The Annette Bloch Scholarship (\$2,500): Javier Fernandez, Cathedral City High School. Javier plans to attend the Art Institute of San Diego.

The Muriel Myerson Scholarship (\$2,500): Briana Pena, Indio High School. Briana plans to attend California State University, San Bernardino.

Located downtown in an architecturally-significant building, the Palm Springs Art Museum features compelling exhibitions and a robust permanent collection of modern, contemporary, Native American, Western and Pre-Columbian and glass art in 28 spacious galleries and in its two outdoor sculpture gardens. The museum offers educational lectures, films and an assortment of programs and art workshops for all ages. The museum’s Annenberg Theater features outstanding musical performances. The museum is open six days a week; Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. with free admission from 4 – 8 p.m. sponsored by the City of Palm Springs. Admission is free to members; \$12.50 for adults; \$10.50 for seniors 62 and over; \$5 for adult students and active-duty military with I.D. and free for youths 12 and under. For more information, call 760.322.4800 or visit www.psmuseum.org.

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