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### **EL MONTE WOMEN'S CLUB HOSTS 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON; AWARDS MORE THAN \$20,000 TO STUDENTS**

***El Monte, Calif.*** – The El Monte Women's Club hosted its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon, which awarded scholarships to students from El Monte's five high schools, continuation school and adult school. The event took place on Thursday, May 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and was held at the Grace T. Black Auditorium in the El Monte Community Center. Each student was allowed to bring two guests and was accompanied by their school counselor.

"It was great to see all the scholarship recipients together with the scholarship donors today at our annual luncheon," said El Monte Mayor Pro Tem Patricia Wallach. "It is such a rewarding experience to see the students from our community so enthusiastic about their education. We appreciate the generosity from all of our sponsors. This event would not be possible without them."

Students from each school were given the opportunity to apply for the scholarships. A total of 20 recipients received \$1,000 scholarships, four received \$750 scholarships and three art and three music students were awarded checks of \$100 each.

Spearheaded by Scholarship Chairperson Theresa Velasco, the scholarship committee created special criteria to determine which students would receive awards. High academic achievement, community involvement and financial need were only a few among many other areas the committee looked for in its recipients. In addition, in order to receive a scholarship, every student had to show proof of college enrollment by March 1, 2011.

Major scholarship sponsors included Alsaleh Project Management, Inc., DWK Attorneys, Cardinal Industrial Finishers, Longo Toyota, Phoenix Commercial Services, Sam's Club, Wayne C. Clayton Foundation, The Carolyn Metzger Memorial Fund, The Pearl & Ed Hoeft. Trust Fund and IBE Digital. Many donations and contributions from community members were also made toward the effort of fundraising for the planning of the event.

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