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Scholarship banquet: 15 El Paso students awarded scholarships

Fifteen young El Pasoans were honored Thursday at the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce annual scholarship banquet. The scholarships are given by the Hispanic chamber's Commerce Education Foundation. Joshua Hunt, president of Hunt Family Foundation, spoke. The foundation was created to assist El Paso high-school seniors with their postsecondary education. Besides giving scholarships, the foundation's goal is to increase the rate of El Paso students earning a college degree. Since its inception in 1993, the scholarship fund has assisted more than 100 students. 2012 scholarship recipients New scholarship recipients: Gina Mendoza of Riverside High School. Ashley Alvarez of Del Valle High School. Aimee Rae Favela of Chapin High School. Gary Del Palacio Memorial Scholarship: Clarissa Gardea of Burges High School. Marcus Hunt Memorial Scholarship: Eduardo Medina of Socorro High School Renewal scholarship recipients: Melissa Margarita Vasquez of St. Mary's University. Jessica Marie Garcia of Texas Tech University. Paulina Almada of UTEP. Jose Martinez of UTEP. Elise Frescas of EPCC. Las Palmas Del Sol Scholarship Recipients: Nancy Solis of EPCC. Ruben Alvarado of EPCC. Betty Butler of EPCC. Angelica Valdez of EPCC.