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PRESS RELEASE

Record 12 Cathedral High School Dual Credit Students Designated Gates Millennium Scholars

Students selected from among 54,000 nationwide applicants

El Paso, Texas, Tuesday, April 21, 2015:

A record twelve Cathedral High School students have been designed 2015 Gates Millennium Scholars. The goal of GMS, which was created in 1999 with a $1 billion grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for outstanding minority students to reach their highest potential. One of the stated visions of the GMS program is to "develop a diversified cadre of future leaders for America by facilitating successful completion of bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees."

The students were selected from a national applicant pool of over 54,000 students who demonstrated financial need, high academic standards, and exceptional leadership qualities.

The Cathedral students named 2015 Gates Scholars, and their destined colleges, are: Halimi Barrueta (UTEP), Hector Chaires (Rice University), Jose Echeverri (UTEP), Ricardo Guzman (UTEP), Axel Hidalgo (USC), Mario Llamas (Texas Tech University), Jose Lopez-Licon (University of Colorado, Boulder), Ricardo Lozoya (Johns Hopkins), Mauricio Perez (University of Texas at San Antonio), Rogelio Prieto (Incarnate Word University), Victor Terrazas (St. Edward's University), and Emilio Urias (University of Michigan, Ann Arbor).

The record twelve Cathedral seniors join the 31 Gates Scholars that Cathedral High School has produced. The students, who are also El Paso Community College Dual Credit students, were among nineteen finalists from the school, and thirty-three from El Paso County, for the prestigious award. Last year, Cathedral High School was recognized for its nineteen Gates finalists and a then-record 10 Gates Scholars.

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program annually selects 1,000 students nationwide to receive a scholarship for use at the college or university of their choice. The program provides scholars with personal and professional development through leadership programs and academic support. A GMS Scholarship provides recipients with unmet costs of education, renewable awards for maintaining academic standards, graduate school funding within key subject areas, and access to leadership development programs.