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**Richard Castro Community Service Scholarship and CommUNITY en Acción  
Distribute \$15,000 in Scholarships to Seven Students**

**EL PASO, TX** (June 28, 2024) – CommUNITY en Acción (CEA) has awarded a total of \$15,000 in scholarships this year.

“As business and civic leaders, we are united in our purpose to improve the lives of El Paso’s Latino Community by instilling pride, providing leadership, and proactively developing solutions to promote the cultural, educational, social and economic well-being of our entire community,” said Anna Alemán, CEA Executive Director. “Improving access to quality education for deserving students is a key objective of our organization. Our hope is that the financial assistance we provide is beneficial not only to the students and their families, but also the area workforce in the long run.”

The Richard Castro Community Service Scholarship recognizes and honors high school students who demonstrate outstanding dedication to community service while pursuing their educational goals. Richard Castro’s passion for education and community impact inspired us and this scholarship is fostering the same spirit in aspiring students.

The following five students received a \$2,000 scholarship.

- Daniel Avila from Bowie High School and studying Bio Medical Sciences at the University of Texas at El Paso
- Natalia Gonzalez from Pebble Hills High School and studying Psychology at the University of Incarnate Word
- Leilany Lechuga from Early College Academy and studying Biochemistry at the University of Texas at El Paso
- Victoria Renteria from Young Women’s Leadership Academy and studying Linguistics/Pre-Medicine at the University of Texas at El Paso
- Marisol Saenz from San Elizario High School and studying at the University of Texas at El Paso

This year, CEA awarded two additional scholarships to:

- Kyra Hall from Pebble Hills High School, studying Animal Sciences at the New Mexico Military Institute (\$2,000 scholarship).
- Montserrat Velarde, from Eastwood High School, studying Business Management at Drake University (A \$3,000 scholarship)

For more than 30 years, Mr. Castro has empowered the next generation with his philanthropy, volunteer work, and leadership in various community organizations that make lasting improvements to our region. With the scholarship that bears his name, area high school seniors who follow in Mr. Castro's footsteps of volunteering and leading projects to improve our community will receive a hand up toward their dream of achieving a college education.

For more information: [communityenaccion.org](http://communityenaccion.org)

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