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Antelope Valley Hospital Auxiliary Presents

Healthcare Career Scholarships to 10 Recent Graduates

(LANCASTER, Calif. – June 13, 2017) — For the 23rd consecutive year, the [Antelope Valley Hospital \(AVH\) Auxiliary](#) presented \$1,000 scholarships to 10 high school seniors who are planning to pursue a career in healthcare. Chosen from a pool of 84 applicants, each of the recipients has a minimum 3.5 grade point average; graduated from a local high school; and has been accepted to study a health career curriculum at an accredited college, university or technical school.

“Each recipient has demonstrated exceptional dedication and determination to their studies and future goals,” said AVH Auxiliary Scholarship Chair Bobbie Patton. “It is encouraging to receive so many qualified scholarship applicants from local students, and it is our hope that many of these recipients will choose to care for patients in our valley when they complete their studies.”

The following students were the recipients of this year’s awards:

- **Jesus Omar Gomez**, Antelope Valley High School
- **Edward Banuelos** and **Grace Diaz**, William J. Pete Knight High School
- **Alexander Bradley Chew** and **Christiana Han**, Highland High School
- **Elliot Pourdavoud**, SOAR
- **Branden James Cason**, Eastside High School
- **Rylee Maston**, Paraclete High School
- **Chelsea Ogunmowo** and **Sarah Zhang**, Quartz Hill High School

The AVH Auxiliary raises funds for the hospital through the hospital gift shops, New to You Thrift Shop, auxiliary bake sale and other seasonal fundraising events. In addition to its annual health career scholarships program, some of the auxiliary’s past pledges benefited the Women and Infants Pavilion, OB clinics, neonatal intensive care unit, emergency department expansion, and state-of-the-art equipment for the critical care unit.

About Antelope Valley Hospital

Antelope Valley Hospital, a 420-bed district hospital located in the city of Lancaster in northern Los Angeles County, has been serving the community for more than 60 years. The area's only full-service hospital, AVH provides a full array of medical/surgical services, pediatric treatment, NICU, mental health, cancer care and more. It is a Level II trauma center, Accredited Chest Pain Center, Advanced Primary Stroke Center, and a National Comprehensive Community Cancer Center. More information is available at avhospital.org/ or by calling 661-949-5000. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/antelopevalleyhospital.



Scholarship Winners

Back row from left: Jesus Omar Gomez, Edward Banuelos, Elliot Pourdavoud and Branden James Cason.

Front row from left: Alexander Bradley Chew, Grace Diaz, Sarah Zhang, Chelsea Ogunmowo and Christiana Han.

Not pictured: Rylee Maston