

## Local Students Receive Cash Scholarships As Winners Of Young Americanos Photo Contest **Winning Photos Unveiled During Special Reception at Mexic-Arte Museum**

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Forty students from central Texas will receive over \$7,500 in cash scholarships and other prizes at a special 2:00 p.m. reception this afternoon at Mexic-Arte Museum, 419 Congress Avenue in Texas. The students will receive their awards for their winning entries in the Young Americanos youth photography contest sponsored by Farmers Insurance and the Mexic-Arte Museum.

Receiving the \$1,000 Grand Prize cash scholarship will be David Saenz, a 12th-grader from S. F. Austin High School in Austin. His winning photo depicts a young boy participating in an Easter play.

Over 1,000 young people from throughout central Texas submitted photo entries as part of the Young Americanos competition, which encouraged students to photograph Latino culture in central Texas. Other winning photographs offer portraits of area Latinos of all ages while at work, play, in school and after school.

In all, there were 40 scholarship and honorable mention winners, representing Austin, Georgetown, Pflugerville, San Marcos and other area communities. Farmers Insurance provided over \$7,500 in cash scholarships and prizes to the winners. The winning photographs will be featured at a special exhibition at Mexic-Arte Museum from May 18 through June 22, 2002. The photographs are also available for viewing at the award-winning web site, <http://www.youngamericanos.net/>.

The Young Americanos youth photography contest was developed by Farmers Insurance as an adjunct to Americanos: Latino Life in the United States, a critically-acclaimed photography exhibition which is currently on exhibition at the Mexic-Arte Museum through June 21.

Farmers Insurance is also a national sponsor the Americanos exhibition, which is jointly produced by the Smithsonian Institution and actor/activist Edward James Olmos. The Americanos exhibition will tour cities across the United States through 2004. Locally, the Young Americanos contest was sponsored by Farmers Insurance and Mexic-Arte Museum.

"These photographs are outstanding. The students have truly captured what life is like in our Hispanic communities here in central Texas," said John Hageman, Texas state director for Farmers Insurance. "Every student, their families and their teachers should be proud of their accomplishments."

As the nation's third largest insurer of homes and automobiles, Farmers Insurance strives to meet the needs of all consumers in the communities in which it operates. In addition, Farmers is a committed partner with a number of community-based organizations throughout the country.

Following is a list of all the scholarship and honorable mention winners and their schools.

### Grand Prize Winner

David A. Saenz	S. F. Austin High School
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### High School Winners

Jessica L. Bonin	Crockett High School
Armando Esquivel	San Marcos High School
Jessica K. Fink	Durham High School
Diana Galindo	Delvalle High School
Raul A. Hernandez	Oakmont High School
Angela M. Kopecki	Durham High School
Dodji K. Koudakpo	Travis High School
Carina R. Boston Pinales	San Marcos High School
Georgina Regalado	Crockett High School
Sarah L. Simpson	Durham High School
Noah A. Zimmerman	Bartlett High School

### Middle School Winners

Cory J. Gonzalez	Porter Middle School
Leigh Ann Piefer	Hill Country Middle School

### Elementary School Winners

Elizabeth Barrientos	Mathews Elementary School
Keifer E. Bastidas	Oak Hill Elementary School
Jesus Burgos	Andrews Elementary School
Daniel J. Castaneda	Metz Elementary School

Xavier Hernandez	Andrews Elementary School
Edson Linares	Metz Elementary School
Maria Lopez	Blanton Elementary School
Scott W. McBryde	Pat Cooper Elementary School
Sean McBryde	Sean McBride Elementary School
Luisa Morales	Oak Hill Elementary School
Raymundo Luna	Dawson Elementary School
Leydi Laura Perez Lopez	St. Elmo Elementary School
Ashley Salazar	Norman Elementary School
Victoria N. Salazar	Bagdad Elementary School
Brenda Salinas	T. A. Brown Elementary School
Ernesto Santillan, Jr.	Lamar Middle School
Cindy Soto-Gutierrez	Metz Elementary School
Ashley Trujillo	Brooke Elementary School

#### Honorable Mention Winners

John Castelan	Hemphill Elementary School
Hiley A. Escobar	Graham Elementary School
Adriana J. Esquivel	Andrews Elementary School
Alberto Garcia	Palm Elementary School
Steven M. Lopez	Alternative Learning Center
Elizabeth L. Reyes	Lamar Middle School
Veronica E. Rivera	Park Crest Middle School

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