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Tucson Children's Museum and Farmers Insurance Award Over \$6,000 in Scholarships to Local Students

Youth to be Honored at Special Ceremony Friday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at TCM

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The Tucson Children's Museum and Farmers Insurance will award over \$6,000 in academic scholarships and other prizes to 34 local student winners of the Farmers Insurance Young Americanos Youth Photography Competition at a special ceremony on Friday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tucson Children's Museum, 200 6th Avenue, Avenida Cesar Chavez in Tucson. The winners will receive awards ranging from 35mm cameras for the Honorable Mention winners to a \$1,000 Grand Prize which will be split by the co-winners.

The Farmers Insurance Young Americanos Photography Competition encouraged students from kindergarten through the 12th grade to photograph Latino Life in Southern Arizona. The photo contest was held in partnership with the Tucson Children's Museum, the Tucson Newspapers/Newspapers in Education program and the Tucson Hispanic Coalition. In addition to receiving valuable awards, the Tucson Children's Museum has also agreed to feature the winning photographs in a special exhibition through August 20.

Sharing the \$1,000 Grand Prize cash scholarship are Antonio Mezquita, a 6th-grader from Roskruge Elementary School and Sean Butts-Madrid, a 12th grader from Tucson High Magnet School.

The winning photographs will also be available for viewing at the award- winning website www.youngamericanos.net beginning May 16.

"These photographs are outstanding. The students have truly captured what Latino life is like in Southern Arizona," said Andy Reser, state executive director for Farmers Insurance. "Every student, their families and their teachers should be proud of the students' accomplishments."

The Farmers Insurance Young Americanos Youth Photography Competition was developed by Farmers as a companion piece to AMERICANOS: Latino Life in the United States, a critically-acclaimed photography exhibition, jointly produced by the Smithsonian Institution and noted actor/activist Edward James Olmos. The AMERICANOS exhibition recently exhibited at the Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona campus. Farmers Insurance is also a national sponsor of the AMERICANOS exhibition which is currently touring cities across the United States.

Following is a list of all the winners and their school affiliations.

Grand Prize

Antonio Mezquita Roskruge

Sean Butts-Madrid Tucson High Magnet School

High School 9-12

Kate Goodwillie
Roxana Vasquez
Marisa Scott
Heidi Hofer
Amiris Diaz
Felipe Espinoza
Artemisa Leon
Salpointe Catholic
Sunnyside High School
Sunnyside High School
Tucson High School
Sunnyside High School
Luz Academy

Middle School 7-8

Patsy Castillo Hohokam Middle School
Katrina Indan Challenger Middle School
Jesus Torreblanca Hohokam Middle School
Nereida Diaz Hohokam Middle School
Cristina Siqueiros Pistor Middle School

Elementary School 4-6 Grade

Aylsa Burgos Hollinger Elementary
Elizabeth Cervantes
Lyanne Acuna Apollo Middle School

Deisa Equihua Roskruge

Elementary School K-3 Grade

Flor Galindo Santa Clara Elementary Carmen Garcia Los Ninos Elementary Shanee Danford
Andrea Vasquez
Juan Moreno
Angelina Altamirano
Graham Llivina
Leonel Armenta

Santa Clara Elementary
Los Ninos Elementary
Los Ninos Elementary
SS Peter and Paul
Santa Clara Elementary

Honorable Mention

Mariah Fisher-Williams Second Street School Noah Miranda Tucson High School Jacob Cooper Amphitheater High School Erika Henrikson Flowing Wells High School Cynthia Aviles Santa Clara Elementary Sunnyside High School Victor Ortiz Rolando Parra **Robins Elementary** Yasmira Huques Los Ninos Elementary

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