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### **Westlands Water District Announces Recipients of the West Side Scholarships**

**FRESNO** – Six outstanding high school seniors from communities on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley have been selected to receive scholarships offered by the Westlands Water District. The 2011 scholarships are offered by Westlands under a program to recognize and reward exceptional academic achievement and leadership by graduates at area high schools who are now college-bound.

The recipients of the 2011 scholarships are:

**Kendra Monteiro**, a senior at Riverdale High School. Ms. Monteiro is an honors student who plans on pursuing a college degree to become a registered nurse and ultimately a pediatric nurse. She is involved in a variety of community service programs and extra-curricular school activities including holding the title of Class Secretary, involvement in Leadership and the California Scholarship Federation. Ms. Monteiro has also been involved in volleyball, soccer and has received several awards for her sports endeavors.

**Patricia Martinez**, a senior at Firebaugh High School. Ms. Martinez is planning to pursue a degree in exercise science. She has been extremely active in cross country, soccer and track and has been a captain for each team for several years. Additionally, she is an honors student, Scholar Athlete of the Year for four consecutive years, Senior of the Month, and participant of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

**Lauren Fravor**, a senior at Lemoore Union High School. Ms. Fravor plans to attend the University of California, Los Angeles and become a doctor. She is an honors student and a volunteer at Children's Hospital Central California, member of the Principal's Student Advisory, Key Club President and Relay for Life Team Captain.

**Justin Ayerza**, a senior at Tranquillity High School. Mr. Ayerza is an honors student and plans to attend West Hills College. In addition to his outstanding academic achievement, he was also captain of the football team, wrestled and was involved in Future Farmers of America.

**Christian Anthony Jaime**, a senior at Coalinga High School. Mr. Jaime, an honors student, plans on attending the University of California, Davis to pursue a degree in medicine. He has received numerous awards including the National Society of High School Scholars, Superintendent Honor Roll in Recognition in Earning a 4.0 GPA, and Star of the month for Spanish, Biology, Pre-

Calculus, Algebra and English. Additionally, he has been an ASB Vice President, ASB Commissioner of Rallies and Class Treasurer.

**Michael Porras**, a senior at Mendota High School. Mr. Porras intends to pursue a degree in chemistry from the University of California, Davis. An honors student, Mr. Porras has been recognized as a Four Time Superintendent's Award and has been certified as an AVID Tutor. Additionally, he has participated in football, baseball, the Culinary Arts Club, Recycling Club and Junior Statesmen of America.

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$1,000 to be used for community college or university expenses. Applicants were judged on their academic performance, school activities and community leadership. Each applicant submitted an essay on an agricultural-related topic.

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