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## **CENTRAL BASIN'S WATER SCHOLAR AWARD BRIGHTENS FUTURE FOR FIVE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

***Students receive a \$5,000 scholarship to pursue water industry-related areas of study***

**Carson, CA-** Central Basin Municipal Water District Board of Directors proudly presented five college-bound students with its first annual Water Scholar Award this month. The \$5,000 scholarship award will support the students in their pursuit of water industry-related areas of study at the universities of their choice.

Developed earlier this year, this innovative scholarship program provides high school seniors with much-needed college funding to pursue one of the many exciting careers available within the water industry. From biology to accounting and public administration, recipients of this year's Water Scholar Award will be enrolling in a diverse range of college degree programs this fall, exemplifying the many opportunities available within the industry today.

"Through this scholarship program, we're encouraging students to follow their passion within an important and thriving industry," said Central Basin Board President Robert Apodaca. "This is the perfect addition to our education portfolio, as it creates new opportunities for higher education and reaffirms our commitment to our youth."

The five recipients of this year's competitive scholarship program were selected by an award committee based on academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and future career aspirations. In addition, each student was required to show proof of admission into a four-year college or university for the fall 2007 term. Scholarship recipients were selected from each of the District's five divisions, which encompass a total of 24 cities throughout Southeast Los Angeles County.

"We couldn't be prouder of our students," continued Director Apodaca. "With such impressive academic credentials, they truly epitomize what this scholarship is all about. Their futures are bright indeed. We wish them all the luck!"

### Water Scholar Award Winners

**Tammy Lee** graduated this June from Schurr High School in Montebello, where she attained a Cumulative GPA of 4.10. This fall, she will be attending UC Berkeley as a Bio-Chemistry major. *(Division I)*

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**Carolina Vargas**, a graduate of La Serna High School in Whittier, attained a Cumulative GPA of 3.73 and an A.P. GPA of 4.05. She has been accepted to UC-San Diego as a Public Administration major for the fall 2007 semester. *(Division II)*

**Miguel Ruiz**, a recent graduate of Garfield High School in Los Angeles, has a Cumulative GPA of 3.18. This fall, he will be attending UC-Santa Cruz and major in Biology. *(Division III)*

**Francisco Casillas** graduated from South Gate High School where he has attained a Cumulative GPA of 3.47. He has been accepted to UC-Riverside as an Accounting major for the fall 2007 semester. *(Division IV)*

**Wendy Ngov**, a graduate of Bellflower High School, attained a Cumulative GPA of 3.38 and an A.P. GPA of 4.08, has been accepted to UC-San Diego as a Biology major for the fall 2007 semester. *(Division V)*



*Three of the five Scholarship recipients.  
From left to right: Carolina Vargas,  
Francisco Casillas and Wendy Ngov*

*\*Additional photos available upon request*

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