

19 Salt Lake students win Rotary awards

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The Rotary Club of Salt Lake City paid tribute to the community service and academic achievements of 19 high school seniors at the Rotary Youth Scholarship luncheon April 24 at the Downtown Marriott.

Six outstanding seniors, each representing a Salt Lake School District high school, received the highest scholarship award of \$2,000. Other recipients were awarded scholarships for \$1,000 or \$500. The students were selected based on their civic and compassionate service, and academic accomplishments.

"These are all extraordinary students who have not wavered from pursuing their dreams and lifting up others, often under extraordinarily challenging circumstances," said Youth Scholarship Committee chairman Brett Sutherland.

Nominated by their school's administration, the scholarship recipients have given noteworthy community service, often reaching out to the homeless, underprivileged and disadvantaged. The recipients are examples of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self."

The top recipient from each high school made brief remarks at the luncheon. Presented annually, the Rotary Youth Scholarship program helps students to pursue higher education and is funded by the generous contributions of Rotary Club of Salt Lake City members.

The Rotary Club is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries. For more information about Utah Rotary organizations, visit www.rotary.org.

Winners of the \$2,000 scholarships were: Vanessa Christy Allen, East High; Jennifer Hardy, Highland High; Cassandra Renteria, Horizonte High; **Annie Paul, Judge Memorial Catholic High**; Lauren Rose Donnenfeld, Rowland Hall-St. Marks; and Emma Elizabeth Freeman, West High.

First-runner-ups winning \$1,000 were: Claudia A. Reyes, East High; Sava Khoshnaw, Highland High; Rebecca Lynn Bossart, Judge Memorial High; Justin Newman, Rowland Hall-St. Marks High; and Kevin Lawrence, West High.

Second runner-ups winning \$500 were: Jaime Roberto Loza, East High; Jordan Wood Wyner, Highland High; Ashley Martinez, Horizonte High; Alexandra Thomas, Horizonte High;

Ruben Villanueva, Horizonte High; **Andrew Vincent Scott, Judge Memorial Catholic High**; Cyrus Jon Akrami, Rowland Hall-St. Mark's High; and Rosalie Asay, West High.