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Moorpark, CA**

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Congratulations to the 2012 Award Recipients



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The Family Foundation 4 Learning, a national organization headquartered in Moorpark, California has announced its second year of scholarship awards to high school seniors.

The Foundation selects applicants in the order of need, academics, community service, extracurricular activities and writing communications.

Four awards were made, two scholarships and two Scholastic achievement awards.

Scholarships of \$1,000 distributed over four years were awarded to:

Edwin R. Ochoa, Valedictorian, 2012 class, William and Carol Ouchi High School in Los Angeles

Sponsored by Garfield Travis Enterprises Inc., of Moorpark, CA

Nikeila C. Jensen, 2012 Class, Moorpark High School, Moorpark, CA

Sponsored by Sherwood Mortgage Group, Thousand Oaks, CA

Single monetary scholastic achievement awards sponsored by the foundation were made to:

Amber D. Baker, 2012 Class, Alliance of College-Ready Academy High School #7 in Los Angeles

Levi Moellering, 2012 Class, Moorpark High School, Moorpark, CA.

Edwin R. Ochoa is an American born Guatemalan whose family moved back to Guatemala shortly after his birth. When Edwin returned to America his primary language was Spanish. Being a very diligent individual, Edwin used his frustration with the American language and customs to fuel his determination to become familiar with its customs and articulate in English. In his four years of high school, Edwin has been at the head of his class, a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and maintained a cumulative GPA in excess of 4.0. His resilience motivates him to overcome any challenge that confronts him. The Family Foundation is proud to be a partner with this dynamic young student. Edwin will attend California State University, Los Angeles.

Nikeila C. Jensen of Moorpark, CA has overcome significant personal challenges in her life. With the passing of her father when she was in elementary school and an absentee mother, Nikeila has had to take residence with an aunt and uncle. With constant personal challenges facing her, Nikeila has learned to make difficult decisions that have made her a strong person who is looked up to by her peers. She has become a role model to other young women at Moorpark High School. In addition to being an excellent student with limited resources, Nikeila has consistently found time to participate in programs that assist other students and the less fortunate. She often volunteers to feed the homeless and pass out blankets to them. She also organizes other students in day trips to work with shelters and food banks in the area. Nikeila, as head of Fundraising for the MHS Health Science Academy organizes special events and activities for the more than 300 members of this student organization. Her 3.8 GPA falls short of telling the full story of Nikeila C. Jensen who is a driven young woman who seeks to share in every way she can. Nikeila will attend Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO.

Amber D. Baker of Los Angeles, CA is a story of inspiration and personal growth. Amber has dealt with an absentee mother and an inconsistent father since childhood. As a result she began her high school career with the marks of these life conditions. Her strong character and refusal to accept her condition caused her to choose to attend a LAUSD charter school which would better prepare her for a future of success. She also chose to submit herself to the Foster Care system in order to make significant changes in her personal environment. Amber is self motivated and is a survivor with the will to far exceed her goals. A school favorite, Amber who began her high school career somewhat shy and introverted has grown to be a leader of her class and is the current Student Body President. She avoids negative and detractive influences and focuses on creating her own success. By so doing, Amber sets an example for others to make good life choices. Amber will attend California State University, Pomona.

Levi Moellering of Moorpark, CA is a graduate of Moorpark High School who is committed to succeed in helping others. His goal is to become a physician so that he can provide this type of resource in depressed communities. Levi has learned as a child the importance of volunteerism and community involvement. Both of Levi's parents are educators and both have allowed him the freedom to recognize the value of this important character trait on his own. He saw the light and at an early age began to join his parents in these opportunities for personal growth. In addition to being an excellent student and athlete, Levi has gone to the cities of Los Angeles and San Francisco to serve the homeless and has had the opportunity to travel to Kenya to the village of Makobe to provide construction skills to a school for AIDS-orphaned children. The soft-spoken giving person that he is, Levi will make a valuable contribution to his generation that seeks to give a hand up in addition to a hand out. Levi will attend Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, CA.