

Program

**Scholarship Award
Reception & Dance**

7:00-7:30	DJ Deluxe DJ Tornado DJ Ruben PartyTime
7:30-7:45	Introduction of NITCS Executive Board Message from Valerie Rangel 2014-2015 Scholarship Recipient Introduction of 2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients Message from Recipients
7:45-12:00	Music/Dance



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you

Thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped make
our 12th Annual TejanoFest a success!

Extra special thanks to:

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**Northern Illinois Tejano
Cultural Society**



**17th Annual
Scholarship Award
Reception & Dance**

Saturday, December 19, 2015

7:00pm—Midnight

American Legion

123 Main Street

West Chicago, Illinois 60185

Our Vision...

The Northern Illinois Tejano Cultural Society was formed in 1998 by the following individuals:

- Jose & Maria Pasillas
- Israel Castillo, Jr.
- Apolinar “J.R.” Gonzalez
- Elida Ortiz

The organization was formed to promote and preserve the language, culture, traditions and family values of the Tejano people. We consider it our duty to help our youth stay motivated and continue their education by helping them with scholarships and other monetary contributions. Helping our young scholars is an obligation we proudly accept.

Throughout the year NITCS volunteers work tirelessly to plan and raise funds. The goal is simple: raise as much money as we can for scholarship awards. Some years are more lucrative than others. Some events are more successful than others. The NITCS volunteers put their whole heart into every single project.

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone this evening. The Board fully recognizes that those here tonight and those who regularly support the NITCS events are the true core of the organization.

Thank You

Upcoming Events:

- General meetings are the first Saturday of each month.

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2015-1016 Scholarship Recipients...

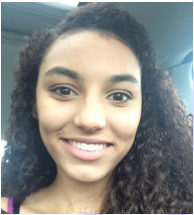
Kristal Diaz — NITCS \$1,000 Scholarship

Kristal Diaz is currently attending Waubonsee Community College. Her goals are to obtain an Associate's Degree and then transfer to a University, where she will major in Sports Medicine. She understands the importance of good health and exercise and participates in several sports. She also participates in band, playing the saxophone and clarinet. Not only is she involved in extracurricular school activities, but also participates in community services, including the NITCS. Kristal states "My experience from work and volunteer has shaped my attitude into a positive one because I realize that I am lucky to have my basic needs fulfilled. At the same time, I also learned how to recognize various ways of assisting others in order for them to be able to follow their passions."



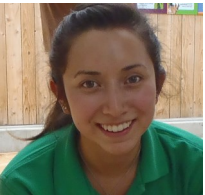
Lexus Finn — Aurora Township \$1,000 Scholarship

Lexus Finn is currently attending Lewis University and studying accounting. Her goals are to be part of the honors program and apply to be in the accelerated accounting degree program. This will allow her to obtain her MBA and prepare her to take the CPA Exam. She has participated in extracurricular activities such as varsity volleyball, rowing, the Spanish Club and National Spanish Honor Society. Her community and volunteer services include organizations such as Feed My Starving Children, Hesed House and the NITCS. Lexus writes "I know what I want and what I want is to be the best that I can be and to take advantage of every great opportunity that comes my way."



Leslie Juarez — Aurora Township \$1,000 Scholarship

Leslie Juarez-Resendiz is attending the University of St. Francis and is majoring in Biology. Her main concentration is Pre-Veterinary medicine, in hopes of becoming a successful Veterinarian. She is President the Unidos Vamos a Alcazar club. Part of Leslie's main goals are giving back to the community and helping defenseless animals. Leslie recalls hearing her mother say "Uno no sabe lo que tiene hasta que lo pierde". Her mother's wise words have led her to be grateful for everything, and her goal is to continue to learn, help her family, while also giving back to the community.



Laura Munoz - NITCS \$1,000 Scholarship

Laura Muñoz Lopez is attending the University of St. Francis. She is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management and Political Science. Her two most important goals are to be the first person in her family to graduate from college in May 2016, and to continue to advocate for underrepresented groups. Laura served as President of the Student Government, is currently a Sr Assistant in the Residence Ed. Dept. and co-advises the Residence Hall Association, and also serves as an Ambassador through Saints Ambassador Corps. Her community and volunteer services include the United Way of Will County, Daybreak Homeless Shelter and the Joliet Township Animal Control. Laura states, "I am very proud of my hispanic heritage and the ideals that have been instilled in me. My parents have taught me that through hard work, dedication and passion, all goals are achievable."



Lysette Robles - City of Aurora \$1,000 Scholarship

Lysette Robles is attending her first year of college at Illinois State University, and is pursuing a major in Psychology. Lysette graduated from Joliet Catholic Academy and was a member of various clubs and organizations including the National Spanish Honor Society, National Math Honor Society, the Red Cross Club and the Leo Club. Volunteer and community service include: Catholic Charities, Daybreak Homeless Shelter and St. John Lutheran Church. Lysette declares "To represent the Tejano Culture means to be proud of my heritage and display this pride with strength, grace and dignity. I also remember to give thanks to my parents for their never ending devotion, and to give thanks to GOD as well."



Stephanie Rodriguez— Apolinar “J.R.” Gonzalez/NITCS \$2,500 Scholarship

Stephanie Rodriguez is attending the University of St. Francis. Her intended major is Biology in hopes of becoming a Pharmacist. She has volunteered and performed community service for many organizations including Daybreak, Feed the Homeless and St. John's the Baptist Church. She is currently the secretary for the Pre-Health Professionals Club, fundraiser for the Unidos Vamos a Alcazar club and Vice President for St. Francis' very first Hispanic Latino Honor Society. Stephanie was placed in charge of the pharmacy inventory at Will Grundy County Medical Clinic. Stephanie recalls "My grandpa always says, *Work hard now so that you can enjoy life later.*" That is exactly what Stephanie plans to do.

