

Program
Scholarship Award
Reception & Dance

8:00-8:30	Arrival
8:00-9:00	Dinner plates and cake available
8:00-8:30	DJ Music / Dance
8:30-8:45	Introduction of NITCS Executive Board
	Message from previous winner
	Introduction of 2014 Scholarship Winners
	Messages from Recipients
	Membership Message
8:45-1:00	DJ Music / Dance
10:00	Announcement of Candidates for NITCS 2015-2017 Board

Special points of interest:

- Thanks to DJ Deluxe for providing the music tonight.
- Cash Bar available throughout the event.
- Raffle tickets available for purchase from 8:00pm-10:00pm.

Thank
You

Thanks to ALL the volunteers who helped make the
11th Annual TejanoFest a success!

Extra special thanks to Janie Escamilla & Cathy Garcia who
co-chaired the Event, Mary Alice Diaz, Rosita Rocha,
The Reyes Family, Midwest Tejano Radio DJ's, La Peligrosa,
& Deluxe Entertainment.

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Northern Illinois Tejano
Cultural Society



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Saturday, October 25, 2014

8:00pm—1:00am

Royal Banquets

802 East Lake Street

Aurora, Illinois 60506

The winners are...

The Northern Illinois Tejano Cultural Society 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 fundraise. 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 Club meetings are the first Saturday of each month. Please check our website for location.
- NITCS Toy Drive — Date and location to be determined. Please check our website for updates.

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Valerie Rangel Mr. Apolinar "J.R." Gonzalez/NITCS \$2000.00 Scholarship

Valerie graduated from West Chicago Community High School. She attended DeVry University and is working towards her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. She has volunteered in the Susan G Koman 3-day walk for cancer awareness, Feed my Starving Children, and the Black light 5K Run for Children's Cancer. Valerie clearly remembers her roots, her parents Carlos and Eva Rangel are native to Sabinal, Texas. Her father, the family provider, is her example of motivation to become a successful member of society and giving back not only to her family but others along the way to her goal. Valerie will continue her education at DeVry University.

Ashley Oury Bill Catching, Aurora Township \$1000.00 Scholarship

Ashley is currently enrolled at Waubensee Community College working towards her Bachelors degree in science, with her major in biology. She participated in the Igniter Ambassador Program and provided tutoring at Everest College. She graduated from Oswego East High School. She completed her training as a medical assistant from Everest College, and is working as a medical assistant at Du Page Medical. Ashley is working towards her goal of one day becoming: Ashley Oury, M.D. She is very thankful to have a supportive family to encourage her to work hard and complete her goals.

Leslie Juarez Resendiz Bill Catching, Aurora Township \$1000.00 Scholarship

Leslie is attending the University of St. Francis as a Biology Major. She plans to pursue a career as a Veterinarian. She is president of Unidos Vamos Alcanzar, participates in the Math Team. Leslie was the first female leader of Plainfield South Leadership Corps. She is the treasurer of Spanish Honors Society and a fellow in Biology Fellowship. Her community service includes: Silver Cross Hospital, Warren Sharpe Community Center and the Animal Care Center. In her personal statement Leslie refers to a quote her mother told her "Uno nunca sabe lo que tiene hasta que lo pierde". In her young life Leslie has faced many difficult situations. Leslie is thankful for everything that God has put her through and believes it made her a stronger individual. Leslie is grateful for having parents who have made sacrifices and continue to support her.

Laritz G Aleman Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce/NITCS \$1000.00 Scholarship

Laritz is attending Illinois State University her goal is to become a Registered Dietitian, with a double major in Spanish. She is a member of the Student Education Association, Partners in Reading and Leadership & Community Program at ISU. At Rosary She was a Student Ambassador and President of the Human rights Club. Her Community service includes: Aurora Puerto Rican Cultural Council, NITCS and Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Leslie started with dreams of teaching. Due to personal experience she changed her career choice to become a Dietitian, her hope is to help people with food intolerances. She would like to be considered an example to empower the next generation of Hispanics to never lose sight of their heritage.

Adrian Diaz NITCS \$500.00 Scholarship

Adrian attends Waubensee Community College, majoring in nursing. He has been an officer of the National Tech. Honor Society for four years, member of the Junior/Senior Scholars for seven years., also participated in WCC "Give a Hand", and Rebuilding Together Aurora Club. Adrian has volunteered at NITCS at the tamale drive and photographer at the NITCS Valentine dance. He participated in the Juany Garza Easter egg hunt and Waubensee toy drive and Toys for Tots. Dreams since the age of ten, and personal experience inspired Adrian to follow his path to the medical field.

Candace Kirzic NITCS \$500.00 Scholarship

Candace is currently working towards her major in Healthcare Administration with University of Phoenix. In her words "my son is my motivation. Her life experiences have given her the motivation to gain further education so that her son would be proud of her. Since the first moment she saw him Candace understood that every future decision she made would be for him. With this in mind, A better future keeps her moving closer to "the finish line".

Stephanie Rodriguez NITCS \$500.00 Scholarship

Stephanie is attending the University of St. Francis. Her intended major is Biology: Pre-Pharmacy. She was valedictorian of her Junior class at Hufford Junior High. Although Stephanie has received many awards such as the Fox Valley ROTC Bronze Medal, Presidential Champion medal Superior Cadet Medal and acceptance into the National Honor Society at Joliet West High School. She feels that her most important award is being named Battalion commander at Joliet West JROTC. She has volunteered at Our Lady of the Angels Retirement home and Daybreak shelter, as well as in preparing children for their first Communion at St John Church. She is thankful to come from a large family and is working to become a pharmacist and make her family proud.

Alejandro Galvan NITCS \$500.00 Scholarship

Alejandro is attending Northern Illinois University and majoring in Electrical Engineering technology. He Graduated from Joliet West High School. Adrian's family believes that college is a requirement and not a dream. Alejandro is the Captain of his Bowling team, he also participates in Baseball, The Captain's Club and Drafting Club. He volunteers at the local basket ball tournaments and is a coach with the 12U and 14U softball teams. Alejandro recognizes that his ancestors worked hard to get to where they are now and knows that you do not take the easy way out or take things for granted.