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North Fair Oaks Community
FESTIVAL

Domingo 21 de Agosto 2011



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FRIDAY AUGUST 19

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PROGRAM

Dessert Buffet

Welcome and Recognition of Guests

Univision Radio La Kalle DJ
Humberto Chavez, Chair
Queen of the Festival Scholarship Program
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Invocation

Father Fabio Medina, St Anthony's Parish

Special Message

The Honorable Greg Munks
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Reflections on a Year

2010 Queen Maritza Nuñez-Pereda

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Presentation and Awards

2011 Queen of the Festival Court

Finalist Ruby Gonzales

Princess Nancy Orocio

Princess Jessica Esquivel

2011 Queen Viviana Tacussis

DJ Dance

Univision La Kalle Street Team

2011 Queen of the Festival

The Queen of the Festival Scholarship program was created in 2007. The purpose of the program was to:

- engage multiple stakeholders of the community in a worthwhile and fun community building activity
- raise awareness of the festival
- promote scholarship and community service
- provide positive role models to young women
- raise funds for Sheriff Youth programs

In 2007 the Host Committee of the North Fair Oaks festival raised and awarded a total of \$5,000 in scholarships.

In 2008, the committee increased the total scholarship awards to \$10,000.

In 2009, the committee once again increased the total scholarship awards to \$12,000 and it remained the same in 2010.

In 2011, in acknowledgment of the considerable contributions and extraordinary effort the finalists make throughout this competition, the committee increased the total scholarship awards to \$15,000.

In the past five years, the QOF Scholarship program has raised in excess of \$110,000 for youth programs and, as of this evening, will have awarded a total of \$54,000 in scholarships.

Tonight, four scholarships totalling \$13,500 will be awarded:

- The Queen will receive a \$6,000 scholarship.
- One princess will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.
- One princess will receive a \$3,000 scholarship.
- One finalist will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

QOF finalists are selected on the basis of scholarship, community service, a short, written essay and an interview with the scholarship committee. Winners were determined by their success in fund raising through sales of raffle tickets.

All raffle prizes are donated; and much of the regalia you see on these young ladies this evening were donated or underwritten by generous sponsors.

Congratulations to an entire community that has made this scholarship program a success. The Sheriff's Office of San Mateo County and the Host Committee of the North Fair Oaks Community festival are honoured and proud to have you here with us this evening. □

Message From the Sheriff Mensaje del Sheriff



Congratulations to all of the finalists, their families and sponsors, and the community that has supported them through this spirited contest. The Queen of the Festival scholarship program is an unqualified success, and a demonstration of what communities can accomplish when they come together towards a common cause. We extend our admiration and gratitude for the commitment from our scholarship recipients. They reached out broadly and deeply to promote the festival, the youth programs and their own aspirations for higher education and community service.

Felicidades a todas las finalistas, sus familias y patrocinadores, ya la comunidad que las ha apoyado a través de este animado concurso. El programa de beca estudiantil La Reina del Festival es un éxito rotundo, y una demostración de lo que las comunidades pueden lograr cuando se unen a una causa común. Hacemos llegar nuestra admiración y gratitud por el compromiso de las beneficiarias de nuestra beca. Alcanzaron con intensidad y extensión para promover el festival, los programas para jóvenes y sus propias aspiraciones para la educación superior y el servicio comunitario. □



2010 QUEEN

Maritza

Attending
**Notre Dame de Namur
University**

Professional goal
Law

The Queen of The Festival Program has been a great help toward my university experience. During the first year, when I was competing, I was able to step out of my comfort zone and experience the world from a different point of view. I became more outgoing and when I wasn't, I always had my little brother, Luis Eduardo Nunez-Pereda, to push me. It was a great experience. I got to be more involved with my community, its events and the people. I learned that Redwood City is made up of very generous people. They actually took the time to stop and listen to my speech and buy a ticket or go to my car washes and give me more money than I was asking for, as well as attending my garage sales just to help me out. When my "year of my reign" started and I was officially performing my responsibilities as the 2010 Queen of the Festival, I got more recognition from strangers because they knew who I was. It was an awesome feeling to know that you are being recognized and that your whole community supports you.

Throughout this two-year journey I have come across some very noble people who have become a part of my life and I thank them very much. I would like to thank the lovely Ms. Mary Perkins and the kind Ms. Jaqueline Villalobos who helped me all the way through.

Most importantly I would like to thank my family! They were my biggest supporters and they always knew how to cheer me up and keep on going strong. I love you mom, Ernestina Pereda, dad, Jose Luis Nunez, and my brother Luis Eduardo Nunez.

Thanks a lot for this great opportunity! ☐





FINALIST

Ruby

Sequoia High School

Attending
**Notre Dame de Namur
University**

Professional goal
Nursing

My experience with the Queen of the Festival scholarship program has been an adventure. I never thought I would be sitting on a float, participating in the Fourth of July parade. I have met wonderful people that have really helped me excel in this program.

The first person I would like to thank is my advisor, Maribel Arreola. She not only is my advisor for the QOF program, but also a dear friend. She has gone above and beyond to help me succeed -- and I want to acknowledge her for that.

Another person I would like to thank is my mother, Celia Gonzalez. My mom has helped me by always attending selling events and having our own events within the family. She kept pushing me when all my own hope was lost.

Last but not least, I would like to thank Catherine, Melisa and Carol for running this program. They work really hard to keep myself and the other four girls on task.

In a nutshell, this program has really helped me more with my social skills by having to approach so many generous people who are willing to give back to the community. I also feel that I have given back to my community because I helped raise money for many youth programs in San Mateo County. I recommend this program to young ladies who enjoy giving back to the community and like competing for something they really want.

This program is great and I enjoyed being a part of it. ☐



PRINCESS

Nancy

Sacred Heart Preparatory
Academy

Attending
Santa Clara University

Professional goal
Politics or Government



More than an opportunity to wear a sash and a tiara, participating in the Queen of the Festival scholarship program gave me the opportunity to proudly represent and advocate for North Fair Oaks, my community.

It was a blessing to have received the support of my family and friends throughout the process. As I prepare to head off to university, participating in this program allowed me to value and bond with people who are dear to me. Furthermore, it provided me with endless opportunities to build upon my self-confidence and networking skills. I explored my potential as a sales person, and it turns out that I am pretty good.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the advisors for their guidance. A special thanks to Esperanza Vazquez, my advisor: thank you for keeping me motivated and for your creative ideas. In addition, a special thanks to my mother and father who keep me grounded and whose support and dedication allowed for my participation in the program to be possible. *Mil gracias, los quiero mucho. A todos los amigos que me ayudaron, se les agradece con todo el corazón.*

To Catherine and the entire North Fair Oaks Community Festival committee, thank you for your hard work and for impacting the lives of the young ladies that participate in this program. □





PRINCESS

Jessica

Sequoia High School

Attending
Santa Clara University

Professional goal
Business Administration

This year I had the privilege to represent my community in the Queen of North Fair Oaks Festival Scholarship Program. This experience was an honor but a challenge as well.

I was able to be part of an annual festivity that Redwood City has come to embrace. I had neighbors and even town people approaching me with a smile on their face because they knew what I was doing and recognized the crown. Many of them understood where I was coming from and knew how much a scholarship meant for a young lady coming from the North Fair Oaks part of town. They shared similar stories and were proud of me for being a role model to other youth.

For as many people who were friendly there were many others who were not. This was where the competition got rough, but I learned that after many “no’s” someone will say “Yes!”

Although I started out shy, I didn’t let my nerves get to me and I developed a rhythm and a motivation to keep going at it. I was at every Music on the Square event and had car washes every Saturday. During all of these events I met many wonderful people and was even offered other competition opportunities.

I can truly say that this competition can bring out the best of people’s hearts. After being assigned my advisor, Jessica Alvarado, Lourdes Carini also volunteered to be my other advisor. When I decided to dance with a total stranger at a Square event, little did I know that

would make Lourdes reach out to help me. At the end of this competition, even Hector Flamenco became an advisor to me one night, editing a letter that was sent out to 58 people, hand-addressing every envelope!

I appreciate all of the hard work that was put into helping me and would like to acknowledge all of my advisors as well as my whole family.

A special thanks to Beto Chavez for his facility where we held carwashes, and to all of his employees.

Thank you, Arnolde Arreola for many encouraging wishes; and thank you, Catherine and the Sheriff’s Department, for this great opportunity.

I learned that anything is possible and that the only way to receive help is simply asking for it. □





2011 QUEEN

Viviana

Carlmont High School

Attending
**San Jose State
University**

Professional goal
Aerospace Engineering

The Queen of the Festival Scholarship program has touched my life in unimaginable ways. I owe so much personal growth to this experience. I'm proud to say my diligence has gotten me where I am now. I applaud those who are devout in fulfilling their goals. I have approached so many people in so many instances, I've gotten many "no"s and yet many acceptances. I know that much patience is required to get people to say "yes".

Now I know nothing is lost in asking someone for their help. This journey has filled me with positivity and pride of my work to raise funds for the youth programs of the Sheriff's Office of San Mateo County. I feel privileged to have the ability to reward the children of my community with resources for these engaging programs that keep youth active in a positive and safe environment.

I would like to recognize the founders of the Queen of the Festival scholarship program – Catalino Tapia, Espy Vazquez, Rosalba Velásquez, the Chavez family and many others. Thank you to Sheriff Greg Munks and Catherine Tompkison without whom this scholarship program would not have been realized. So many people in this community have outstretched their support for me and I cannot thank them enough. They have not only shown me their belief in me to succeed, they have also shown me the enthusiasm with which they have intently promoted me. To me, that genuinely reflects the concept of a community.

Throughout the program I have been guided by people that have inspired me to surpass all limitations. I would like to express my

sincere gratitude to my mother Carolina Cavada, my father Alex Tacussis, Sergeant Ron Albertson and Hector Flamenco. Thanks to my parents I am the woman I am today, and thanks to all these people I have reached new horizons. Each one of them has shown me to be proud of giving everything I can give, my 100% in motivation and perseverance. Without them, I would not have gotten this far.

A special dedication is bestowed to the person with whom I have shared every moment and who has unconditionally been by my side, Emerson Malca. He is a true inspiration to me, a person who has shown me the meaning of utter dedication.

I would also like to thank my personal sponsors: Erica Ward, Catalino Tapia, Emerson Malca of inClass, Laura Teuschel of Bianchini's Market, Scot Marsters of the San Carlos Lions Club, Jason and Vicky of Mack's BBQ, Don Godshall of Jersey Joe's Hoagies, Louis Van Amstel and Elva of Roma Hair Studio. These people believe in the good of the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office youth programs, and also in my potential.

I feel so honored to be an example to my community; to show others that everything is possible through one's will to work hard. I feel compelled to demonstrate to the youth that pursuing an education and transcending all barriers is a valuable act. I cannot emphasize enough that "*querer es poder*". □





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