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Latinx students rewarded for scholarship

What it lacked in formality, the members of Keizer's Latino Action Committee (LAC) made up for in spirit.

On Tuesday, April 21, members of the group honored 20 McNary High School seniors with \$300 scholarships drive-thru style, an accommodation for the social distancing required to stop the spread of the pandemic.

Despite the limitations, members of the committee as well as two city councilors and the Keizer mayor cheered on the graduates and deployed hastily-crafted noisemakers as they picked up their scholarship packet.

For the past several years, the scholarship awards have been the most forward-facing efforts of the (LAC), but much more is done behind the scenes in terms of advocacy and connection to local resources.

The scholarships this year went to:

- **Vanessa Acosta Acosta** who is planning to attend Portland State or Western Oregon University and earn a degree in criminal justice. Her current career goal is becoming a juvenile correctional counselor.
- **Erika Cervantes Arellano** hopes to attend a four-year university and work in the law enforcement field.
- **Jessica Lopez Banda** who plans to attend Western Oregon University and pursue a career in social work.
- **Jesus Castro** who plans to attend a four-year school or trade school and become an electrician.
- **Luz Elena Chavez Chavez** who wants to earn an associates degree in accounting at Chemeketa Community College and transfer to Western Oregon University and complete a bachelor's degree in business.
- **Anthony Chavez Cortes** who plans to be a fitness coach or fitness nutritionist.
- **Nuria Sierra-Cortes** who plans to attend Western Oregon University and major in American Sign Language with a minor in criminal justice.
- **Genecis Santiago Espinosa** who plans to attend a four-year institution and major in business.
- **Monserrat Falcon** who plans to start at Chemeketa Community College and transfer to a four-year school.
- **Linda Llanos Garcia** who plans to attend college and study animation and visual effects.
- **Nalley Gonzalez** who plans to attend college and major in criminal justice or law enforcement.
- **Luis Lopez** who will be attending Corban University to study psychology and, he hopes, play soccer for the Warriors.
- **Marissa Maciel-Maciel** who plans to be a his-



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Anthony Chavez Cortes; Lidia Valdez; Marissa Maciel Maciel with Pastor Jose Dominguez of the Latino Action Committee; and Karina Paniagua.

tory professor after graduating from college.

- **Maria Morquecho** whose plans include attending a four-year college or university.
- **Karina Paniagua** who plans to earn a degree in dental hygiene.
- **Kristel Thornton** who plans on attending a college.
- **Maritza Trevino** who plans to pursue a degree in social work.

- **Lidia Valdez** who plans to pursue a degree in elementary education.
 - **Nancy Mendez Vasquez** who plans to pursue a degree in criminal justice or computer science at a four-year institution.
- And last, but not at all least,
- **Damaris Salvador Vega** who plans to earn a degree as a dental assistant before moving on to become a dentist in his own right.

Avamere reports 1 COVID-19 infection

Two long-term facilities in Keizer have documented cases of COVID-19 infections according to a list released by the state of Oregon Friday, April 17.

Last week, The Oaks at Sherwood Park in south Keizer was discovered to be battling one of the larger outbreaks at a long-term facility in the state with 14 reported infections. This week, one resident was reported to have caught the infection at Avamere Court at Keizer, but total cases remain "unknown," according to the document. The facilities will stay on the list until there are no infections at the site for at least 14 days.

The list does not specify whether the residents have remained at the facilities or been taken to hospitals or some other facility. It also does not include outcomes of the infections.

Long-term care facilities have been ground zero for many of the worst COVID-19 outbreaks. Nationwide, according to a tally being kept by The Associated Press, more than 8,400 cases have been reported at long-term care facilities.

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UNIT TYPES: • Studio • 1 BR w/ deck or walk-in closet • 2 BR, 1 BA • 2 BR, 2 BA w/ deck or walk-in closet

MONTHLY RENT: starting at \$1,350

ACTIVE INDEPENDENT LIVING: yes

AMENITIES: • Full kitchens in every apartment • Beauty Salon • Optional Meal Plans • Staffed 24/7 • Full Activities Calendar • Weekly Excursions • Special Dietary Needs Met • Coffee Lounge • Housekeeping • Community Room • Activity Rooms • Transportation to doctors, shopping, and more • Waist High Gardens • Walking Paths • Free WiFi

1125 McGee Ct NE, Keizer, OR 97303 • 503-390-7700 • www.EmeraldPointeKeizer.com

Willamette Lutheran Retirement Community
Keizer's Best Kept Secret

DIRECTIONS FROM KEIZER: Drive north on River Rd. Turn left on Wheatland Rd. Go 1.5 miles. On left side of road.

UNIT TYPES: • independent living incl. studio and 1-bedroom apartments, 2-bedroom cottages

MONTHLY RENT: starting at \$1,768

ASSISTED LIVING AVAILABILITY: yes

AMENITIES: • Not-for-profit, Christian community serving all faiths • Pets allowed • No Extra Charge for a 2nd person • 24-hour nurse on staff for emergency response • 3-delicious homecooked meals daily • Van service for shopping & medical appts • Housekeeping • Great Social Activities • Church Services

7693 Wheatland Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303 • 503-393-1491 • www.willamettelutheran.com • e-mail: kay@willamettelutheran.com

AVAMERE COURT AT KEIZER
A PART OF THE AVAMERE FAMILY OF COMMUNITIES

DIRECTIONS FROM KEIZER: From I-5, turn west on Lockhaven. Turn left at River Rd, then left on Claggett St. Immediately turn in driveway at left.

UNIT TYPES: • independent living apts • assisted living apts • rehabilitation, skilled nursing & long term care beds

MONTHLY RENT: starting at \$1,837

ASSISTED LIVING AVAILABILITY: yes

AMENITIES: • Beautiful 5-acre campus • Family-like culture • Continuum of care to meet all your loved one's needs • Quality lifestyle for active seniors • Our assisted living is 9 years deficiency-free • WE ARE HERE FOR YOU. WE ARE FAMILY.

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the Village at Keizer Ridge
ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE

DIRECTIONS FROM KEIZER: On River Road, one-half mile north of McNary Estates. Right on McGee Ct, take second driveway on left.

UNIT TYPES: • Assisted Living • Memory Care

MONTHLY RENT: starting at \$2,855

ASSISTED LIVING AVAILABILITY: Yes

AMENITIES: • Individualized Care Plans • State-of-the-art theater • Raised garden beds • All day fresh gourmet dining • Life enriching, meaningful, stimulating activities • Resident created activity calendar • Courtyard walking path • More staff on hand 24/7 than other local facilities • Private & semi-private Memory Care apartments

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