

McNary Latino scholars honored

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As each of 18 McNary High School seniors collected scholarships from the Latino Action Committee (LAC) last week, Roland Herrera had a message for each of the students as they departed: "We believe in you and don't forget about your community."

For the past several years, the LAC has provided scholarships to graduating Latinx seniors and every year the level of support grows.

"We were planning on giving the students \$350 again like we did last year, but then an anonymous donor stepped forward and gave us \$900 and we were able to add \$50 to

each student's award this year," said Olga Gloria who, with her husband Arturo, were founding members of LAC.

There were plenty of smiles to go around as Gloria handed out certificates honoring the students' achievements and cash to those arriving in the parking lot of the Keizer Civic Center. Pandemic precautions forced the event to move outdoors and drive-up style the past two years.



MAKING the grade

Olga Gloria (right) helps Manuel Sandoval collect his scholarship from Keizer's Latino Action Committee.

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Students submit essays along with their scholarship applications and Gloria said reading about the students - what they've already overcome and what their plans are for the future - is a highlight of her year.

"They always talk about the ways they want to make their parents proud and what they plan to do for their communities after they finish their education," Gloria said. "Those things are in every one of the essays."

LAC scholarship honorees this year were:

- Nathalie Alvarado who will attend George Fox University and transfer to

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Creativity and practicality were both considerations when Tom Cavanaugh picked *A Midsummer Night's Dream* for students to end the year.

"I was looking for something that we could let the kids put as much of their own creativity into. One of the awesome things about Shakespeare is that we have the freedom to make it whatever we want it to be," Cavanaugh, director of the theatre program, said.

The play worked on a practical level because characters are in the play are largely broken up into smaller groups which is helpful in complying with COVID-19 precautions.

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The cast of McNary High School's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in dress rehearsals at the school. Submitted photo

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