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Five UT Pan American Students Honored with Scholarships

Five outstanding Business degree majors at the University of Texas Pan American in Edinburg have been awarded academic scholarships from the Insurance Council of Texas (ICT). The students, many of them first generation college graduates, were awarded \$1,000 scholarships in ceremonies near the campus.

The U.T. Pan American scholarship recipients are Julia Maldonado, Sandy Salinas, Erika Marquez, Eric Leal and Sally Marie Balderas. The students' Insurance and Risk Management professor Steve Lovell said all of the scholarship recipients were exemplary.

"Nothing has come easy for any of these students," said Lovell. "Most of the students support themselves by working on or off campus, yet they have excelled in their classes and in leadership roles. These young men and women will be successful wherever they wind up."



Mark Hanna with ICT, Erika Marquez, Julia Maldonado, Sandy Salinas, Sally Marie Balderas and Eric J. Leal.

ICT has provided more than \$300,000 to students and insurance and risk management programs in Texas over the past eight years. A recent survey showed at least one out of every three scholarship recipients found a job in the insurance industry.

The money from the scholarships comes from sponsorships to ICT's Mid-Year Property & Casualty Symposium held in Austin every July. Additional funds come from companies and individuals who donate directly to the ICT Education Foundation that directs 100 percent of the funds toward students and universities in Texas.

Companies and individuals can donate to the ICT Education Foundation by going to www.insurancecouncil.org, click on Education Foundation and fill out the contribution form. Each tax deductible contribution is confirmed by e-mail.

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