

\$2 Million in Broad Prize Scholarships Awarded to 106 High School Seniors to Attend College

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LOS ANGELES – The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation announced today it has awarded \$2 million in Broad Prize college scholarships to 106 graduating high school seniors whose school districts were recognized last year as the most improved urban school districts in the country.

The scholarships were awarded to students in five school districts that were finalists for the 2010 Broad (pronounced like “road”) Prize, the largest education prize in the country given each year to urban school districts that demonstrate the greatest overall performance and improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among income and ethnic groups.

The winner of the 2010 Broad Prize was Georgia’s Gwinnett County Public Schools, which received \$1 million in scholarships. The four finalist districts that each received \$250,000 in scholarships were Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina, Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, and the Socorro Independent School District and the Ysleta Independent School District, both in El Paso, Texas.

“We congratulate these students for their academic success but more importantly for improving their performance during high school,” said Eli Broad, founder of The Broad Foundation, a national education philanthropy based in Los Angeles. “They represent the success of their districts in raising the bar and helping all students prepare for college and beyond.”

Unlike many traditional scholarships that are awarded only to top-tier students, Broad Prize scholarships are awarded to graduating seniors who have a demonstrated record of *improving* their grades over the course of their high school career and have a financial need.

Broad Prize scholars receive two- or four-year scholarships depending on the type of institution they choose to attend. Scholarship recipients who enroll in four-year institutions receive \$20,000 paid out over four years (\$5,000 per year). Students who enroll in two-year institutions receive \$5,000 scholarships paid out over two years (\$2,500 per year). The scholarship selection and disbursement process is managed by Scholarship America.

A full list of this year’s scholarship recipients by school districts is below.

Since the first Broad Prize was awarded in 2002, more than 1,000 students nationwide have received college scholarships.

The winner of the 2011 Broad Prize will be announced by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on Sept. 20 at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. This year’s finalists are: Broward County Public Schools in Florida, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools in North Carolina, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Ysleta Independent School District in El Paso, Texas.

The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation is a national venture philanthropy established by philanthropist Eli Broad to advance entrepreneurship for the public good in education, science and the arts. The Broad Foundation's education work is focused on dramatically improving K-12 urban public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition. The foundation's Internet address is www.broadeducation.org. For more information about The Broad Prize, please visit www.broadprize.org.

The following 13 seniors from **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools** were selected to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Sophia Centeno	School of Biotechnology, Health and Public Education at Olympic High
Ryan Doggett	Cato Middle College High
Ryan Herbin	E.E. Waddell High
Elliott Locke	Harding University High
Emmanuella Mensah	Harding University High
David Rashidi	International Studies School at Garinger High
Tiana Anderson	Myers Park High
Christopher Block	Myers Park High
Nicholas Dillon-Stout	Myers Park High
Leslie Nguyen	Myers Park High
Raul Gonzalez	North Mecklenburg High
Justin McCoy	Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology
Joshua Pyant	Zebulon B. Vance High

The following 51 seniors were selected from **Gwinnett County Public Schools** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Anna E. Hunter	Archer High
Ana R. Barrera	Berkmar High
Diamond Bledsoe	Berkmar High
Ioana Creta	Berkmar High
Kevin A. Jordan	Berkmar High
Darshan Patel	Brookwood High
Daniel A. Lapniewski	Central Gwinnett High
Alexis Taylor	Central Gwinnett High
Zoe Crane	Collins Hill High
Taylor M. White	Collins Hill High
Sydney Williams	Collins Hill High
Anije S. Williams	Collins Hill High
Karla Cruz	Dacula High
Shelley F. McDaniel	Dacula High

Al Haj Shah	Dacula High
Katherine J. Aubrey	Duluth High
Erik T. Brewer	Duluth High
Celene Cervin	Duluth High
Dionnet Bhatti	Grayson High
Candice C. Cobb	Grayson High
Jeshua Pope	Grayson High
Farida I. Bana	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Dione Duc	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Mahnoor Hassan	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Dominique D. McLeod	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Mary Nguyen	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Alexander Steahr	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Ivana Stojkic	Gwinnett School of Mathematics, Science & Technology
Miriam R. Choudhry	Meadowcreek High
Lemlem Mehari	Meadowcreek High
Hiral Patel	Meadowcreek High
Anisha Ali	Mill Creek High
Tishan Bowen-Gordon	Mill Creek High
Chelsea Cierski	Mill Creek High
Cailee T. De Leon	Mill Creek High
Juan Forero	Mill Creek High
Leila Osman	Mill Creek High
Catherine M. Starry	Mill Creek High
Tiah D. Westover	Mill Creek High
Kelly Wilkinson	Mill Creek High
Yessi S. Castro	Mountain View High
Nurin Abdulwassy	Norcross High
Aminatou Diallo	Norcross High
Seth A. Hinsley	Norcross High
Florence Pham	Norcross High
Star Reese	Norcross High
Michelle C. Fullea	North Gwinnett High
Kaleb Swanda	North Gwinnett High
Adnan Nathani	Peachtree Ridge High
Wanda L. Wilson	Phoenix High
Senae Jones	South Gwinnett High

The following 13 seniors from **Montgomery County Public Schools** were selected to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Nana Twum Agyire	Bethesda-Chevy Chase High
Perfect E. Torkornoo	Clarksburg High
Susana Chiang	Colonel Zadok Magruder High
Stephanie Abaga	Gaithersburg High
Nasra Missana	Gaithersburg High
Brittany A. Hamson	James Hubert Blake High
Rosa Vicente	John F. Kennedy High
Talmo D. Pereira	Quince Orchard High
Bereket Mamo	Seneca Valley High
Amelia J. Bell-Andrew	Sherwood High
Charlotte M. Jackson	Walter Johnson High
Jeremiah D. Kober	Watkins Mill High
Erma Quimat	Wheaton High

The following 16 seniors from the **Socorro Independent School District** were selected to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Evelyn Bernal	Americas High
Sofia Corral	Americas High
Hugo Loera	Americas High
Alberto Rodriguez	Americas High
Luis Melendez	El Dorado High
Sandy Osorio	El Dorado High
Brenda Dominguez	Montwood High
Tarek Puente	Montwood High
Javier Rocha	Montwood High
Mariah Schneider	Montwood High
Benjamin Vargas	Montwood High
Gabriela De La Rosa	Socorro High
Roxann Lerma	Socorro High
Jaime Meraz	Socorro High
Karen Otero	Socorro High
Pamela Ponce	Socorro High

The following 13 seniors were selected from the **Ysleta Independent School District** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Yoshika Amamori	Bel Air High
Bernice Diaz	Bel Air High
Samuel Alvidrez	Del Valle High
Victoria Marquez	Del Valle High
Alexander Bennett	Eastwood High
Daniela Caro	Hanks High
Ashley Grice	Hanks High
Rogie Alcala	Riverside High
Nancy Ito	Riverside High
Daniel Maciel	Riverside High
Hugh Chavez	Valle Verde Early College High
Dominique Arroyos	Ysleta High
Rachel Yero	Ysleta High

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