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\$2 Million in Broad Prize Scholarships Awarded to 111 High School Seniors Nationwide to Attend College

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LOS ANGELES – The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation announced today it has awarded \$2 million in college scholarships to 111 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 school districts that were finalists for the 2008 Broad Prize for Urban Education, 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 in the nation while reducing achievement gaps among ethnic groups and between high- and low- income students.

The winner of the 2008 Broad Prize was Brownsville Public Schools in Texas, which received \$1 million in scholarships. The finalist districts that each received \$250,000 in scholarships were the Aldine Independent School District in Houston, Broward County Public Schools in Florida, the Long Beach Unified School District in California, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

“The best investment we can make in this economy is in our young people’s minds, skills and workforce preparedness,” said Eli Broad, founder of The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, a national education philanthropy based in Los Angeles that sponsors the scholarships. “These students have demonstrated remarkable academic improvement in their high school years, and we look forward to their continued success in college and beyond.”

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

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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 and Recognition Programs, a unit of Educational Testing Service.

A full list of this year's scholarship recipients by school district is below.

Since The Broad Prize was first awarded in 2002, more than 825 students nationwide have received college scholarships.

One hundred of the largest urban school districts nationwide are automatically considered for The Broad Prize each year. Districts cannot apply for this award. To be selected as one of five finalists, a district must demonstrate strong student academic performance and improvement, a reduction in income and ethnic achievement gaps and systemic district policies and practices leading to gains.

The winner of the 2009 Broad Prize will be announced on Sept. 16 by U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. This year's finalists are: Aldine in Houston; Broward County, Fla.; Gwinnett County outside Atlanta; Long Beach, Calif., and Socorro in El Paso, Texas.

For more information about The Broad Prize, please visit www.broadprize.org.

The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation is a national venture philanthropy established by entrepreneur and 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 urban K-12 public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition. The Broad Foundation's Internet address is www.broadfoundation.org.

The following 15 seniors were selected from the **Aldine Independent School District** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Daniel Rosales	Aldine Senior High School
Tiffany Bennett	Aldine Senior High School
Aaron Anderson	Carver High School
Courtney Pinnekins	Carver High School
Efren Delgado	Carver High School
Jahoward Hutchins	Carver High School
Latitia Prescott	Carver High School

Lennell Peacock	Carver High School
Lety Montiel	Carver High School
Joseline Herrera	Eisenhower Senior High School
Kierra Jackson	Eisenhower Senior High School
Lakeitra Miller	Eisenhower Senior High School
Armando Rodriguez	MacArthur Senior High School
Belinda Anaya	MacArthur Senior High School
Stephen Richardson	MacArthur Senior High School

The following 15 seniors were selected from **Broward County Public Schools** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Ashley Miranda	Blanche Ely High School
Kevin Franco	Charles W. Flanagan High School
Nicole Sklar	Cooper City High School
Brittany Atwell	Fort Lauderdale High School
Yolasthenia Francois	Fort Lauderdale High School
Breanna Green	Fort Lauderdale High School
Shaneel Hudson	Fort Lauderdale High School
Moya Bailey	Monarch High School
Tracey Etienne	Northeast High School
Ariel Lynch	Nova High School
Candace Williams	Nova High School
Amber Young	Nova High School
Latoya Francis	Piper High School
Marco Glave	Piper High School
Sachi Sekoff	Piper High School

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

Student Name	High School
Norma Leticia Avila	Hanna High School
Mayra Isabel Guerrero	Hanna High School
Oscar Andre Gutierrez	Hanna High School
Sarah Leal	Hanna High School
Stephanie Ann Longoria	Hanna High School
Cassandra Mejia	Hanna High School
Edna Yazmin Rangel	Hanna High School
Arnoldo Rodriguez	Hanna High School
Evonny Jolinn Valdez	Hanna High School
Christy Aguas	Lopez High School

Jessica Lynn Almanza	Lopez High School
Jorge Alonso	Lopez High School
John Paul Andrade	Lopez High School
Melissa Andrade	Lopez High School
Maria Luisa Estrada	Lopez High School
Isela Flores	Lopez High School
Megan Marie Fulk	Lopez High School
Amanda Yvette Gonzalez	Lopez High School
Jesica Lerma	Lopez High School
Esmeralda Martinez	Lopez High School
Veronique M. Medrano	Lopez High School
Nestor Damian Morales	Lopez High School
Juan Manuel Morales, Jr.	Lopez High School
Brenda Perales	Lopez High School
Juan Orlando Perez	Lopez High School
Ruben David Reyna	Lopez High School
Michael Seth Sweatt	Lopez High School
Jessica Joann Tapia	Lopez High School
Melissa Treviño	Lopez High School
Felix Zapata	Lopez High School
Genesis Pamela Blanco	Pace High School
Gabriela Gonzalez	Pace High School
Yvette Martinez	Pace High School
Kimberly Martinez	Pace High School
Augustine Monroe	Pace High School
Patricia Valeria Ortega	Pace High School
Gabriel Soto, Jr.	Pace High School
Joshua Villazana	Pace High School
Laura Abigail Almeida	Porter High School
Lucero Anais Bahena	Porter High School
Julia Benavides	Porter High School
Gonzalo E. Gonzalez	Porter High School
Guillermo Gonzalez	Porter High School
Marlen Guerrero	Porter High School
Samuel Raul Gutierrez	Porter High School
Mariana Perez	Porter High School
Alan Carlos Ponce	Porter High School
Olga Lizette Robles	Porter High School
Korina Amador	Rivera High School
Cynthia Baez	Rivera High School
Gilberto Guerrero	Rivera High School

The following 15 seniors were selected from the **Long Beach Unified School District** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Diana Rodriguez	Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo High School
Bryan Chiem	Lakewood High School
Abelardo Gutierrez	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Francia Bienvenue	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Grady Vanhooser	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Jennifer Chrin	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Khantina Mann	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Mindy Huynh	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Steven Sar	Long Beach Polytechnic High School
Ines Arredondo	Renaissance High School for the Arts
Tanya Tran	Renaissance High School for the Arts
Jaden Netwig	Robert A. Millikan High School
Allison Cook	Woodrow Wilson High School
Jessica Martin	Woodrow Wilson High School
Sayuri Blanquel	Woodrow Wilson High School

The following 15 seniors were selected from the **Miami-Dade County Public Schools** to receive Broad Prize scholarships:

Student Name	High School
Xiomara Lenis	Hialeah Miami Lakes High School
Edlyne Mathieux	Homestead Senior High School
Yony Heredia	Homestead Senior High School
Kenisha Wilcox	Miami Carol City Senior High School
Tathiana Moreno	Miami Lakes Education Center
Shayla Garo	Miami Palmetto Senior High School
Catherine Aguilera	Miami Southridge Senior High School
Jessenia Franco	Miami Southridge Senior High School
Samantha Gholar	Miami Southridge Senior High School
Carlos Saldana	Miami Sunset Senior High School
Smyrna Ferguson	New World School of the Arts
Christelle Joseph	North Miami Senior High School
Georandy Bernard	North Miami Senior High School
Rafal Hanusowski	North Miami Senior High School
Irina Rodriguez	South Miami Senior High School

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