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Heritage University Announces Winners of HU Soar Scholarships

Toppenish, WA – Heritage University announced the ten winners of the HU Soar Scholarship. The winners are some of the brightest students in the Yakima Valley, and will receive a full-tuition scholarship for the achievement of an undergraduate degree at Heritage University.

The ten scholarships were awarded to incoming students who will be starting at Heritage in the fall. They were selected based on the strength of their high school or transfer college grades, SAT or ACT scores, a personal mission statement, a letter of recommendation and an in-person interview with a faculty member from the university. The recipients, their high school or college, and their intended majors are:

1. Aleesa Bryant, CWU & WWU, Bio Med/Science
2. Kaneeta Jeffrey-Zack, Toppenish High School, undecided
3. Navjot Kaur, East Valley High School, Bio Med/Business
4. Jiovanna Lamas, Wapato High School, Mathematics
5. Idalis Licea, Zillah High School, Nursing
6. LisaLyn Tormey, Riverside Christian School, Medicine
7. Anthony Tzib, Prosser High School, Visual Art
8. Cynthia Vargas, Eisenhower High School, Elementary Education
9. Maria Villanueva, Davis High School, Biochemistry
10. Valentine Zaragosa, Toppenish High School, PA Program

The ten winners were chosen from a pool of 29 finalists that came from more than 100 applicants. Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Harold Wingood says it was difficult for the selection committee to choose only ten recipients.

"It was extremely hard to award only ten winners, since we received so many high caliber applications. There were so many who deserved to win, we wish we could give scholarships to them all," said Wingood.

LisaLyn Tormey, a senior at Riverside Christian who intends to study medicine at Heritage, says she had considered another school with a pre-med program similar to Heritage's, but the Soar Scholarship means she can get the high quality education she wants without having to leave home. "I love this Valley and I am determined to become a doctor and make a difference right here at home," said Tormey,

Soar Scholarship winner Jiovanna Lamas of Wapato also considered other schools that offered her scholarships, but she was drawn to the small-campus feel of Heritage University which provides students a more personalized education taught by world-class professors. "I know the instructors provide a lot of one-on-one attention to their students. I know it will make me feel like part of a community, instead of feeling lost at a larger institution," said Lamas.

The website "HUSoar.com" was built specifically for prospective students to learn about and apply for the Soar scholarships. Visitors to HUSoar.com can still learn more about what Heritage University has to offer.

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