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Adams County News and Information **Over \$1 Million in Scholarships Awarded to County Students**

Dozens of high school students were awarded scholarships on June 24 through the Adams County Scholarship Fund. The Adams County Board of Commissioners introduced the Scholarship Fund earlier this year in partnership with the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. At the bottom of this release is a list of students, their school district, and total scholarship award.

“It was obvious from the emotions these students displayed that these scholarships are truly life-changing opportunities,” said Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio. “The structure of this program allows some of our best students to continue their education and pursue their goals.”

In order to receive one-to-one matching funds from the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, the county had to identify a new funding source. The Board of Commissioners approved using \$516,718 from the voter-approved three percent sales tax on retail marijuana sales. This tax was overwhelmingly approved by voters in all municipalities and unincorporated Adams County.

High-achieving students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program were eligible to apply for one of the scholarships that range in value from \$2,500–\$7,600 per year.

The Board of Commissioners identified Adams County Education Consortium (ACEC) as the fiscal agent for the Adams County Scholarship fund. ACEC works directly with county school districts or school district foundations. Those include Adams 12 Five-Star Schools, Adams 14 Education Foundation, Brighton 27J Education Foundation, Mapleton District 1 Education Foundation, Westminster District 50 Education Foundation, Strasburg School District 31J, and Bennett School District 29J.

Westminster Public Schools

Matthew De Loa, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Vy Le, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Marlenne Montanez, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Marianne Pettis, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Thanh Tu Nguyen, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Mapleton Public Schools

Adeola Awolaja, York International, two-year, \$10,000 scholarship

Gisselle Gonzalez, Academy High School, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship
Miranda Herrera Frausto, Mapleton Early College, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship
Andrea Juarez, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, 4 year, \$10,000 scholarship
Janelle Martinez, Academy High School, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship
Adam Padilla, York International, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship
Elena Parapunova, York International, four-year, \$20,000 scholarship
Dominique Pinedo, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship
Aurora Thompson, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship
Dylan Walker, Academy High School, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship

Strasburg School District 31J

Randy Rochford, Strasburg High School, four-year, \$8,800 scholarship
Danielle Bustos, Strasburg High School, four-year, \$8,800 scholarship

School District 27J

Everett Abegg, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Michaela Dietrich, Brighton High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Ronnie Martinez, Brighton Heritage Academy, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Zary Nava, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Justin Ocampo, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Savannah Palomino, Brighton High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Samantha Pentycofe, BOLT Academy, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Richard Perez, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship
Kacie Samson, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship

Adams 12 Five Star Schools

Zenas Lee, Horizon High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Jocelynn Munoz, Horizon High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Nancy Le, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Dominic Castillo, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Jennifer Hankins, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Landen Cross, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Natalie Decker, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Zeke (Ezekiel) Stone Owen, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Oceane Andreis, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
CJ Ezeonu (Christian James), Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Leah Anderson, Mountain Range High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Zachariah Smith, Mountain Range High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
William Vovan, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Adam Nguyen, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Jihan Shah, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Vladimir Munoz, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Jacky Cheung, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Taylor Lucio, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship

Cynthia Guerrero Sanchez, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Sekia Lor, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship
Victoria Teck, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship

Adams County School District 14

Ivan Saenzpardo-Omar, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Abigal Mendez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Ana Lopez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Edgar Varela, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Noel Ramirez-Ortega, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Pricilla Pulio, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Yosselin Vidana-Rodriguez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Stephanie Wolfe, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Jaeline Rodriquez-Santillano, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship
Armando Barraza-Gallardo, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship

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