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ALA Annual Gala Honors Tammy Scorcia, Latino Culture and Scholarship Winners

June 8, 2019, Alhambra, CA — Alhambra Latino Association's 22nd Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Dinner & Dance honored Tammy Scorcia, president of Alhambra Teachers Association and five AUSD student scholarship winners.

Children from Fremont Elementary's dual language immersion program set the mood and won hearts with their traditional Spanish dances and songs performed for the packed house.

Alhambra Mayor Adele Andrade-Stadler was MC for the night's events. Congresswoman Judy Chu presented Congressional Recognition Certificates to scholarship winners and ALA President Teresa Ybarra.

Also attending were State Assemblymember Ed Chau, who presented the winners with certificates from the state assembly; Alhambra City Council Members Ross Maza and Katherine Lee; AUSD School Board Member Wing K. Ho and AUSD School Superintendent Denise Jaramillo.

Ybarra welcomed the 275 guests, thanking them for their support of ALA's mission of enriching education through culture. She introduced ALA board member and Alhambra Source community engagement manager, Dominic Tovar, a past ALA scholarship winner, who presented this year's winners.

Three of the winners, Alexandra Lopez of San Gabriel High, Briana Castillo of Alhambra High, and Joshua Pulido of Mark Keppel High, spoke about what the honor meant to them. Two recipients, Amber Molina of Century High, and Michelle Olivares-Saga of Independence High, were not able to attend since the event fell on their graduation night celebration. In their place, their mothers accepted the scholarships, to warm audience applause.

This year's ALA honoree, Tammy Scorgia, President of Alhambra Teachers Association, introduced by Terry Skotnes, ATA executive director, was honored for her dedication to AUSD students and ATA members, and for promoting a culture of community volunteerism.

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