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By FONTANA HERALD NEWS

The full impact of being named



valedictorian at Fontana A.B. Miller High School was felt in a significant way by Bryan Chaidez last Monday night.

"At first I didn't think it would be a big deal, but now that I got it, it's a huge honor," said Chaidez following the senior awards ceremony at Miller. "Words can't describe what I'm feeling right now."

Chaidez earned the honor by devoting much time to his academics; he achieved a 4.57 weighted grade point average.

But when asked what was his greatest memory at Miller, he was quick to say: "Being on the basketball team."

Chaidez will now be continuing his education at UCLA, where he will major in computer science.

The two salutatorians in Miller's class of 2008, Jose Marquez and Roberth Machado, each received a tremendous honor: They were named Gates Millennium Scholars, meaning that they will receive full ride scholarships to

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prestigious universities. Having two Gates Millennium Scholars in the same graduating class at a school is a rare feat.

Marquez will be attending MIT and will be studying aerospace engineering and astrophysics. He said his years at Miller were great.

"I have many long-lasting relationships with friends, both at an academic level and on a social networking level," said Marquez, who was a member of the Rebels' marching band.

Machado will be attending UC Berkeley and majoring in architecture. He praised the AVID program at Miller, which enabled him to take a trip to the Berkeley campus in his junior year.

"I'm truly honored to be a salutatorian. It's an amazing feeling," Machado said. "I will always remember all the friends I made and all the good times I've had here."

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