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FUSD GRADS' COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE RATES RISE AS NATIONAL AVERAGE DECLINES

FONTANA, CA – Graduates of high schools in the Fontana Unified School District are beating the odds and making college a reality. In 2015, The Huffington Post reported that college acceptance rates across the country have dropped by over 5%. In bright contrast, 76% of FUSD's graduating seniors were accepted to 2-year or 4-year colleges and universities.

"We are proud of the fact that our students have been accepted by some of the country's most prestigious colleges and universities," said Superintendent Dr. Leslie Boozer. "Graduates of the class of 2015 will be attending Carnegie Mellon, Yale, Stanford, Cornell, Brown, Georgetown, Emory, Howard, NYU, UCLA and USC, to name just a few."

"Our students compete with students across the country for money to pay for college," said Dr. Penelope DeLeon, FUSD's Chief of Secondary Schools. "This year, graduating seniors from our district received over \$10,976,815 in scholarships and financial aid."

Fontana Unified proudly boasts four Dell Scholars (Krystal Anani Beltran and Gabriela Trujillo of Kaiser, Cassidy Cox of Fontana, and Jose Munoz of A.B. Miller) who each received \$20,000 in financial assistance over six years; four QuestBridge Scholars (Cesar Aguilar of Jurupa Hills and Mark Andrade and Krystal Anani Beltran of Kaiser) who received full-ride scholarships; an Edison Scholar, Josue Sanchez of Fontana, who received \$40,000 toward college tuition; and a Gates Millennium Scholar, Jose Munoz of A.B. Miller, who will have every year of both his undergraduate and graduation education paid for by this highly sought-after scholarship.

"I'm really proud of our students for their accomplishments and of our staff for working so diligently to help connect students with the funds they'll need to attend the college of their choice," said FUSD Board President BarBara Chavez.

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