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## IMPACT Students Win at 2016 Lee College Presidential Honors Day Ceremony

By Susan Passmore

Several deserving IMPACT Early College High School students were recognized for excellence in various areas at the recent 2016 Lee College Presidential Honors Day Ceremony.

Senior Thomas "T.J." Avaloz received the award as IMPACT Early College High School's Outstanding Student of the Year. Avaloz is on track to earn his associate degree from Lee College in May and his high school

Lilly Gutierrez, a senior, received recognition for her participation in the Mendoza Debate Society along with a plaque for completing 30-49 hours of service learning.

Senior Adriana Rezal was recognized for excellence in biology. Maintaining a 4.0 grade point average in her biology coursework, Rezal is completing an honors credit and undergraduate research project in biology, having

diploma in June. Treasurer of Student Council, he is also a member of the Interact Club, a Boys State delegate, a National Merit Scholar nominee and in the top 20 percent of his class. He has logged numerous volunteer hours in the community.

"T.J is a model IMPACT student, and we are proud of all he has accomplished and look forward to all that the future holds for him," said Laura Reyes, IMPACT principal.

Matthew Broussard received the Dorothy Cooke Hayes award for Outstanding Second Year Honor Student. Broussard will graduate from IMPACT Early College High School and Lee College this year and is planning to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee, in the fall. He is a four-time National History Day winner in individual performance as well as an excellent history student and public speaker. Also recognized for completing the Honors Program, Broussard was selected to present some of his academic work at the GCIC Conference in Houston and the National Undergraduate Literature Conference in Ogden, Utah.

Gloria Contreras, a junior at IMPACT ECHS was recognized for excellence in the course The Human Condition. Contreras showed incredible maturity and depth of thought in her two semesters in the course, contributing important ideas to class discussions and showing outstanding writing skills. She also was recognized for completing the Honors Program.

worked independently in all phases of this research. She was also recognized as an Honors Program completer and received her medallion.

Divya Singh, a sophomore at IMPACT was recognized as an outstanding student in government. She possesses a strong work ethic, intellectual curiosity and leadership in the classroom. After graduation from Lee College, she plans to transfer to the University of Texas at Austin and major in business or engineering.

Siavash Zamirour accepted an award for excellence in chemistry. An outstanding student, he consistently submitted excellent work, clearly thinking about material outside of class, and willingly helped his fellow classmates. Zamirpour also was recognized for his exceptional work in the Honors Program, culminating in presentations at two academic conferences - the Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference and the National Undergraduate Literature Conference.

Students not in attendance at the ceremony were Julio Martinez, who participated in the Mendoza Debate Society and was awarded a plaque for completing 30-49 hours of service learning, and Ty Young, who was a member of the Mendoza Debate Society.

"We are proud of these students who have set high standards for themselves in academics as well as in community service roles. They are excellent role models for all IMPACT ECHS students," said Reyes.

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