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IID awards academic scholarships

Imperial Irrigation District presented \$6,500 in scholarship awards to eight graduating seniors from various Imperial Valley high schools during its June 23 board of directors meeting.

The top scholarship of \$1,500 was awarded to Southwest High School's Jack Mills. He is the son of Cydney and Tommy Mills. Mills intends to study biological sciences at the University of California, Davis.

Scholarships valued at \$1,000 were presented to Laurena Aguilar and Aimee Gutierrez.

Aguilar, an Imperial High School graduate, is the daughter of Yolanda Infante and Jose A. Aguilar. She intends to study music at California State University, Bakersfield.

Calexico High School's Aimee Gutierrez is the daughter of Lesvia and Noe Gutierrez. She plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona to study exercise biology.

Additional scholarships were awarded to:

- \$750 to Brawley High's Ashley Perez, daughter of Kristine and Julian Perez. Ashley will attend California State University, San Bernardino to study kinesiology.

- \$750 to Holtville High School's Mallory Samaha, daughter of Mary and Ritchie Samaha. Mallory has enrolled in San Diego State University to study nursing.

- \$500 to Brawley High's Paul Ingram. Son of Annegret and Kenneth Ingram, Paul plans to attend Augustana University in South Dakota to study sociology and exercise science.

- \$500 to Southwest High School's Michelle Juarez. Daughter of Maria and Benjamin Juarez, Michelle plans to study communications at San Diego State University.

- \$500 to Holtville High School's Morgan Samaha, daughter of Mary and Ritchie Samaha. Morgan is enrolled in SDSU to study kinesiology.

Each scholarship recipient went through an application and interview process conducted by a review committee.



2009 IID scholarship winners: (from left) Morgan Samaha, Laurena Aguilar, Paul Ingram, Aimee Gutierrez, Jack Mills, Mallory Samaha and Michelle Juarez. Missing is Ashley Perez.

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