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THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF AUSTIN'S HISPANIC MOTHER-DAUGHTER PROGRAM ANNOUNCES GRADUATES

66 Hispanic Women Graduate from Nationally Recognized Program

Austin, Texas, June 25, 2007 - The Junior League of Austin's (JLA) nationally recognized Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (HMDP) is pleased to announce that sixty-six (66) young Hispanic women graduated from the program on Saturday, June 2, 2007. The HMDP is designed to increase the presence of Hispanic women in higher education by identifying them in sixth grade and then fostering academic potential through twelfth grade. The JLA's President KaLyn Laney said, "What an honor for the League to be such an important part of fostering the importance of education in young girls. We are immensely pleased with the continued success of the HMDP and the students as well."

The majority of program graduates report that they will attend college in the fall, and of this group, many will be the first in their family to attend college. In addition to equipping young Hispanic women to enter and excel in higher education, the HMDP awarded over \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving participants. Graduates learned of the scholarship awards at the ceremony. Each scholarship recipient, high school attended, the college they will attend this fall, and scholarship donor is listed.

\$1000 Scholarship Recipients:

Marlene Leyva	Austin High School	St. Edward's University	JLA
Michelle Buescher	Akins High School	University of Texas at Austin	JLA
Megan Vasquez	Austin High School	University of Texas at Austin	JLA

\$850 Scholarship Recipients:

Kathy Luna	Akins High School	Texas State University	JLA
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\$750 Scholarship Recipients:

Angelica Velásquez	Crockett High School	Austin Community College	JLA
Yesenia Cavazos	Garza Independent	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	JLA

\$600 Scholarship Recipients:

Megan Benits	Bowie High School	Texas A&M Commerce	JLA
Cynthia De La Cruz	Akins High School	New York University	JLA
Megan Huerta	Crockett High School	Texas State University	JLA

\$500 Scholarship Recipients:

Blanca Morena	Bowie High School	Austin Community College	LCRA
Cynthia Villarreal	Akins High School	University of Texas at Austin	LCRA
Elizabeth Valasquez	Crockett High School	Texas State University	LCRA
Anna Gerardo	Crockett High School	Angelo State University	JLA

\$350 Scholarship Recipients:

Melissa Vasquez Carillo	Austin High School	Tulane University	JLA
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\$300 Scholarship Recipients:

Mary C. Cisneros	Austin High School	University of Texas at San Antonio	JLA
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\$200 Scholarship Recipients:

Rosa Torres	Reagan High School	University of Texas at Austin	JLA
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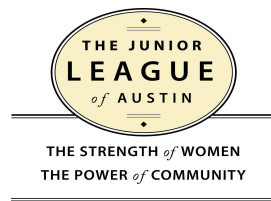
About the Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program:

Celebrating its 15th year, The Junior League of Austin founded the Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (HMDP) in 1992 with the goal of increasing the representation of Hispanic women in higher education. The HMDP is a college preparatory program that provides Hispanic female students and their mothers with the educational and social support needed to encourage academic and personal success. This year the program served 784 mother-daughter teams and is a collaborative effort of The Junior League of Austin and The University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work. For more information about the HMDP call 512-475-6309 or visit www.jlaustin.org.

About The Junior League of Austin:

The Junior League of Austin is an organization of 2,000 women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. On an annual basis, The Junior League of Austin contributes over one million dollars to the Austin community and its members volunteer approximately 100,000 hours. For more information about The Junior League of Austin, call 512-467-8982, ext. 248 or visit www.jlaustin.org.

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