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

52 Hispanic Women Graduate from Nationally Recognized Program

Austin, Texas, June 9, 2008 - The Junior League of Austin (JLA) is pleased to announce that 52 young Hispanic women were recognized at a high school graduation ceremony of its Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program (HMDP) on Saturday, June 7. This was the last graduating class under the name The Junior League's Hispanic Mother-Daughter Program, which The League recently gifted to the community as an independent non-profit named Con Mi MADRE.

The afternoon included a keynote speaker Linda Medina, President, Young Hispanic Austin Professional Association, and the recognition of Program sponsors, Program participants, and HMDP scholarship recipients by Sandy Alcalá, Con Mi MADRE Executive Director. JLA President Melissa Greenwood Morrow said, "We are proud of the hard work and dedication that these young women and their families have made to achieve this educational goal. The success of the HMDP is a reflection of the students it serves. We are honored to celebrate this milestone for the individual students and the program."

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 \$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.

\$2500 Scholarship Recipients:

Adrienne Waddell	Austin High School	Rice University	Silicon
Tracey Rocha	Bowie High School	Austin Community College	Silicon

\$1000 Scholarship Recipients:

Karen Suarez	Akins High School	Texas State University	JLA
Veronica Villanueva	Bowie High School	Texas State University	JLA
Marissa Estrada	Bowie High School	Emerson College	JLA

\$500 Scholarship Recipients:

Kristian Garza	Crockett High School	Texas State University	LCRA
Maritza Garcia	Bowie High School	Texas State University	LCRA
Bianca Rosado	Stony Point High School	Austin Community College	JLA

\$250 Scholarship Recipients:

Melanie Sanchez	Bowie High School	University of Texas at Dallas	JLA
Ashley Corona	Reagan High School	University of Texas at Austin	JLA

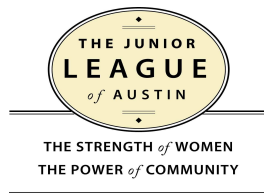
Graduates:

Atkins High School Analiza Gonzalez, Mayra Landin, Nancy Perez, Karen Mondragon
Austin High School Estephany Castillo, Natalie Guevara, Ileana Perez, Alexis Rodriguez, Annalicia Torres, Paulina Vigil and Adrienne Waddell
Bowie High School Alyssa Alvarez, Anastacia Cantu, Marissa Estrada, Elisa Garcia, Martiza Garcia, Andrea Gonzalez, Rebecca Hinojosa, Rebekah Jacobson, Janelle Lichenberger, Amanda Rendon, Tracey Rocha, Melanie Sanchez, Gabrielle Saucedo, and Verónica Villanueva
Crocket High School Kristian Ashley Garza, Pamela Hidalgo, Ashley Montoya, Mercedes Rocha, April Sanchez and Amanda Ybarra
Reagan High School: Diamantina Casiano, Ashley Corona, Mary E. Cruz, Arizay Padron, Diana Tavera and Saraih Yanez
Travis High School: Amanda Martinez and Audrey Munoz
Johnston High School: Juliann Cabellero, Danielle Fuentes, Valeria Rodriguez and Samantha Trujillo
Other High Schools: Brenda Chaparro (Austin Can); Danniela K. Mendez (San Juan Diego Catholic); Erika Munoz (Stony Point); Leslie Olmos (Del Valle); Bianca Rosado (Stony Point); Marisol Salazar (San Juan Diego Catholic); Beatriz Vences (Liberal Arts and Science Academy) and Norma Villarruel (Connally)

*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. After championing this program for 16 years, The Junior League of Austin launched the Hispanic Mother Daughter Program in 2007 to become an independent non-profit operating under the new name **Con Mi MADRE... Mothers And Daughters Raising Expectations**. The translation of the new name is "with my mother", and this reflect the unique element of our college bound program which involves the participation by both the mother and daughter.*

Founded in 1934, The Junior League of Austin is an organization of over 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 or visit www.jlaustin.org.

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