

Carson High scholarship night conducted virtually for first time

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Carson High School celebrated its first virtual Salute to Scholars night Thursday with local sponsors presenting scholarships to seniors who are graduating and preparing for college in the fall.

The annual event, typically a special occasion that brings together families for an evening honoring Carson High Senators and their outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments, was held via Zoom while schools remain closed for the rest of the 2019-20 school year.

However, the platform didn't diminish from the recipients' gratitude for the opportunities they received from their sponsors. The graduating seniors shared where they've been accepted or were considering attending and the major of study they intended to focus on if they'd already decided.

Colleges and universities included local or state institutions such as the universities in Reno and Las Vegas, Western Nevada

College and Truckee Meadows Community College, while others planned to go out of state to the University of California, Los Angeles, Brigham Young University, Duke University and New York University, among others.

Principal Gavin Ward, starting off the evening, spoke to the recipients and their families and expressed how proud he was of the hard work as the Class of 2020 and what they've done in the past four years, not just highlighting this year as an anomaly and one of setbacks due to COVID-19.

"In the last four weeks staring at my computer, the best thing I've seen is to see your guys' faces," he said. "I'm so happy, and I'm so proud of you guys. I know this is not how we wanted things to end up. But I'm so happy you're here, and you're doing a fantastic job."

The ceremony also included Carson High's team of counselors who helped to organize the event and the sponsors who provided a number of scholarships from universities and

community colleges, local businesses, nonprofits and foundations and military branches.

Carson High School's Class of 2020 Scholars, listed below by last name (alphabetized) followed by their first name:

Amrhein, Nathaniel
Anderson, Seth
Avina, Gabriela
Aydelott, Kenneth
Belcastro, Zion
Bonomo, Giovanni
Bouza, Lilian
Brugman, Kyra
Busch, Bryce
Chen, Kai
Chowanski, Lindsay
Clavel, Victor
Cortes Solis, Gary
Covington, Ava
Crossman, Gabriel
Davis, Cameron
Diez, Aubree
Duncan, Nanami
Espinoza, Sydney
Fernandez Lopez, Gabriela
Ferris, Karrina
Fontaine, Maxwell
Gantan, Matthew
Garcia Cruz, Eliseo
Hinton, Audrianna
Irvin-Redding, Liliann
Jeffries, Alana
Johnson, Cole
Kaiser, Hannah

Kennison, Stacy
Knox, Pru
Konrad, Luke
Kordonowy, Bella
Lopez, Daniel
Lozano, Jennifer
Maffei, Bradley
Martinez, Kiana
Martinez, Vanessa
Mata, Alondra
McCain, Kayleigh
McCoy, Emma
McMenamy, Anthony
Natividad, Angel
Navarro, Kyle
Padilla, Alan
Parker, Mya
Payan, Josey
Quilling, Camryn
Randall, Cierra
Remer, David
Rodriguez, Isela
Rosas, Coral
Schmidt, Stefanie
Scholfield, Easton
Singleton, Olivia
Smothers, Nathan
Stankute, Barbara
Steel, Brandon
Trejo, Rebecca
Valdenegro Cortez, Gloria
Van Sickle, Mason
Walt, Chloe
Walt, Kaden
Wells, Alexander
Wiggins, Bradley
Wilson, MacKenzie
Whitten, Hailey
Wright, Richard