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AV Fair & Event Center to Host 17th Annual 4.0 Student Recognition Celebration

Scholarship sponsors invited to contribute cash scholarships to students at event

LANCASTER, CA – The AV Fair & Event Center will host the 17th Annual 4.0 Student Recognition Celebration in the H.W. Hunter Pavilion on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 5:30p.m. for 4.0 students, their guests, sponsors, and school administration.

Approximately 580 local High School seniors, graduating with a cumulative 4.0 or higher GPA, will be recognized for their academic achievements from the twelve schools involved in the program: Antelope Valley, Desert Christian, Eastside, Highland, Lancaster, Littlerock, Palmdale, Paraclete, Pete Knight, Quartz Hill, SOAR and The Palmdale Aerospace Academy.

There will be a keynote speaker and each 4.0 student will be recognized on-stage and presented with certificates from elected officials and local dignitaries.

Additionally, multiple cash scholarships will be presented by, or on behalf of, event sponsors via a drawing. Scholarship amounts start at \$400.00, and **100% of each scholarship will be given to the student's name drawn.** The more scholarship money raised, the more students will benefit. Scholarships will be announced in order of amount with the largest scholarship announced at the end of the exciting evening. Currently, the 3 largest scholarships are for \$2,000 each, courtesy of the office of Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District, Board of Supervisors, County of L.A.; Vallarta Supermarkets; and the AV Fair & Event Center. *Only students in attendance for the event and drawing will be recognized with certificates and be included in the raffle to win a scholarship.*

Betty Smith, President of the Friends of the Antelope Valley Fair commented, "Together with the A.V. Fair Association, we are once again excited to celebrate the accomplishments of our local students that maintained a 4.0 (and higher) GPA throughout high school. Scholarship sponsors are still needed. We encourage local businesses, organizations and community leaders to support these young men and women for their commitment to excellence as they pursue their 'post high school' education and plans".

As part of the scholarship sponsorship, two representatives from each organization are invited to attend the Celebration. These representatives will get the opportunity to meet and congratulate students on their achievements. Sponsorship checks should be made out to **Friends of the Antelope Valley Fair, Inc.**, and dropped off at the AV Fair & Event Center: 2551 W. Ave. H., Ste. 102, Lancaster, CA 93536. ATTN: Melissa. **DEADLINE for Scholarships, and to be included in the event program: Monday, March 19, 2018.** Sponsorship packets for the 4.0 Student Recognition Celebration can be downloaded at www.avfair.com. For more information, contact Wendy Bozigian, Director of Marketing, at (661) 948-6060, ext. 132, or Melissa Duenas, Marketing Assistant, at 661-948-6060, ext. 131.

Since 2009, the AV Fair & Event Center has made the 4.0 Student Recognition event possible by providing the venue, and managing the event with the help of volunteers. The event was founded by James B. Jackson and production assisted by the former Antelope Valley Athletic Club and its founders Herman Lewis and Gary Thomas.

Currently, 2018 Scholarship Sponsors include:

\$1,000+ scholarships: University of Antelope Valley (\$60,000 4-year scholarship), Supervisor Kathryn Barger (\$2,000), Vallarta Supermarkets: 2 scholarships (\$1,000 each), Congressman Kevin McCarthy (\$1,000), AV Fair & Event Center (\$1,000), and Friends of the A.V. Fair (\$1,000).

\$600 scholarships: Antelope Valley Chevrolet, AV Fair & Event Center staff: Dan Jacobs, Debbie Smith and Jennifer Murad, Antelope Valley Harley Davidson, Desert Christian School, High Desert Medical Group, Lamar Advertising, Parris Law Firm, Rally Auto Group, Ron & Yvette Emard, Rotary Club of Lancaster, and Waste Management.

\$400+ scholarships: CSU Bakersfield Antelope Valley (\$500), Judy Hutton (\$500), and Donna Giddens.

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