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Monte Vista Water District Awards Water Scholarships to Montclair High School Seniors

MONTCLAIR, CA Last week, the Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors awarded Carina Javalera and Celeste Saldana of Montclair High School the “2014 Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship” at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The two \$500 scholarships were created by the Board to recognize Lance for his 44 years of extraordinary service to the District and the community as the District’s General Counsel.

Carina Javalera is a graduating Montclair High School senior who plans to attend University California, Irvine, and Celeste Saldana will be attending Notre Dame de Namur University. Both seniors, who have been members of the high school’s environmental club, were selected from a total of nine applicants who submitted applications and essays responding to the following prompt: “Describe how water is important to you as a southern California resident.”

“Celeste and Carina demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities faced by southern California water agencies like Monte Vista Water District,” said Board President Sandra Rose. “Their knowledge about the

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current California drought and the importance of water conservation was evident in both their essays.”

The Board’s Public Information Committee, comprised of President Rose and Director Manny Martinez, judged the essays and made the final selection with the generous assistance of Montclair High School English Teacher Monica Valdez.

The Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship was created on March 13, 2013, when the Board adopted Resolution 669-13, commending Lance for his 44 years of service as the District’s General Counsel. The scholarships are awarded annually to two Montclair High School graduating seniors who plan to attend college.



Bruce Lance with Celeste Saldana and Carina Javalera