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Monte Vista Water District Awards Water Scholarship to Montclair High School Senior

MONTCLAIR, CA On Wednesday night, the Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors awarded John Naron of Montclair High School the “2013 Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship” at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The \$500 scholarship, awarded for the first time this year, was 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.

John Naron is a graduating Montclair High School senior and member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps who plans to attend California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. John was 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.”

“John 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. “His knowledge about water treatment technologies such as desalination was matched by his eloquence in describing this ‘luscious, beautiful land’ we call our home.”

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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 Committee also decided, due to the high quality efforts of all the scholarship applicants, to recognize Maricruz Torres and Nadia Wehrle as "Runners Up" and to provide each with a \$50 gift certificate from a local bookstore. All other applicants received \$25 bookstore gift certificates in appreciation for their participation.

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 scholarship will be awarded annually to a Montclair High School graduating senior who plans to attend college.



Bruce Lance and John Naron