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MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT HOLDS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO CELEBRATE CUSTOMERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD CUSTOMER APPRECIATION PROGRAM WINNERS, RECOGNIZE MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

MONTCLAIR, CA Every seat was taken at Wednesday's Monte Vista Water District board meeting as winners of the agency's 90th anniversary celebration's Customer Appreciation Program filled the room waiting to be recognized for their water saving efforts. Two seniors from Montclair High School were also in attendance to receive their \$1,000 college scholarships.

The Customer Appreciation Program, developed to recognize standout customers who have implemented water saving practices in their homes or businesses, is part of the district's year-long efforts to celebrate 90 years of service.

"We couldn't have reached this milestone without our customers, so it was only fitting that we develop a program focused on recognizing them," said Board President Sandra Rose. "This program gave us the unique opportunity to meet and engage with customers who have worked hard to change their water use habits and have implemented water saving practices inside and outside of their homes."

The Customer Appreciation Program contest, which was broken up into three categories, was open to all residential and commercial customers and recognized first, second and third place winners in the following categories:

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- Most Improved Award – recognized customers who have a trend of decreased water usage since 2013
- Outstanding Efficient Water Use Award – recognized customers who consistently stayed within their water budget allocation
- Landscape Transformation Award – recognized customers who transformed their landscape from turf to a water efficient garden

Winners in each category received Visa gift cards in amounts of up to \$200.

During the meeting, the board of directors also awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors Melina Fernandez and Lizeth Rizo, who are the recipients of the Bruce J. Lance Jr. Scholarship.

Fernandez is a graduate of Montclair High School who plans to attend University of California, Riverside and Rizo will be attending University of California, Los Angeles. Both students were selected from a record breaking 22 applicants who submitted applications and essays responding to the following prompt: “Describe how your perspective on water has changed during the recent statewide drought.”

The Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship was created in 2013 to recognize Lance for 44 years of extraordinary service to the district and the community as the agency’s general counsel. The scholarships have been awarded annually for the past six years to Montclair High School graduating seniors who plan to attend college.

For more information about the district’s 90th anniversary celebrations or the Bruce J. Lance Scholarship, visit www.mvwd.org or follow the agency’s Facebook page at [Facebook.com/MonteVistaWaterDistrict](https://www.facebook.com/MonteVistaWaterDistrict).

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Board members pose with winners of the Customer Appreciation Program.



Winners of the Bruce J. Lance Scholarship, Melina Fernandez and Lizeth Rizo, pose with family, teacher Ms. Leyton and board of directors.