

## **2015 HWNT Chapters' Education Highlights and Milestones**

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### **Corpus Christi Chapter**

- In 2015, continued growing three endowments that were initially started at \$25,000 each at three area institutions of higher education. Endowments require that the funds be maintained in perpetuity.
- Two scholarships of \$500 were awarded from endowments (the current income derived from investment of endowed funds).
- Three \$500 non-endowment scholarships were awarded.
- Scholarship recipients are currently attending Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Del Mar College, and University of Texas-Austin.
- Non-endowment scholarship criteria includes being enrolled at least half-time, working towards a degree or certification program, academic performance (cumulative grade point average of 2.8 to 4.0), community involvement and goal statement rating; open to HWNT-CC members in good standing for at least one year and or their immediate and extended family. Scholarship recipients must become HWNT members and agree to staying in contact with HWNT mentor.
- \$47,900 has been awarded in scholarships by the HWNT-CC chapter to 87 recipients since 1997.
- \$75,000 was initially raised and used to set up the three \$25,000 endowments, with additional funds added to each of the endowments in 2015, and a possible dollar-for-dollar match to triple the endowment amount at Texas A&M-Kingsville (currently under discussion).

## **Dallas Chapter Highlights & Milestones**

- 2015 Scholarships - \$7,000 awarded to 6 recipients (all going into STEM majors)
- LIP program (7 sessions including award ceremony) focused on young women in grades 9 through 12; criteria based on academic performance (at least B/C), extracurricular activities, and community service
- Recruit young women from 14 schools
- Hosted by 11 institutions of higher learning (universities and colleges)
- 18 volunteers
- Community partner, Education is Freedom, nonprofit provides college career preparation

## **Fort Worth Chapter**

- One hundred eight (108) students were enrolled in the 2014-2015 Latinas in Progress program (LIP) and 63 successfully graduated from the education series.
- Provided 46 scholarship awards to LIP graduates. The scholarships ranged from \$500-3,000 monetary awards valued at \$40,250
- Additionally, two, half-tuition scholarships to Texas Wesleyan University worth a combined total of \$96,000, and one full-ride scholarship to Texas Christian University worth \$250,000 were awarded.
- Partners at the University of Texas at Arlington awarded nine LIP students with scholarships ranging from \$2,000-6,000 worth \$30,000.
- Recipients were Latinas from 21 high schools across Tarrant County.
- Generous donors included six institutions of higher education
- Thirty-two (32) LIP 2015 students are attending college based on the scholarship payment/reimbursement requests received so far.

## **Houston Chapter**

- In 2015, twenty-five (25) senior girls from Pasadena ISD are meeting with mentors monthly. Topics and activities for monthly meetings include FAFSA, Early College Admission, College Visits, Dress for Success, and Volunteering at Houston Hispanic Forum Career and Education Day.
- Mentors communicate with mentees on a weekly basis via texting or email.
- Scholarships will be awarded in May 2016.

## **San Antonio Chapter**

- In 2014-2015 offered five (5) LIPP sessions per spring semester.
- Over 250 students attended our LIPP sessions; 130 applied for scholarships.
- Awarded a total of 30 scholarships in the last 2 years.
- 2014-2015 Scholarship Partnerships & "Matching or Supplemented Scholarships" Texas A& M University-San Antonio matched all 7 HWNT-TAMU-SA scholarship recipients for a total of \$7000, in addition to HWNT scholarship award.
- In 2015, UTSA joined "Matching Scholarship" circle by matching 3 HWNT- UTSA scholarship recipients for a total of \$4500.
- 2016 goal is to network with Incarnate Word University, Palo Alto College and Our Lady of the Lake University to increase University Partnerships.
- In 2014 & 2015 more than 50% of the scholarship recipients were in the STEMS fields or program of studies. These included Math, Science teachers and Preservice teachers, engineering, nursing and medical degree majors.
- 2014-2015 Fundraising for LIPP Educational Programs - secured approximately \$6,000 at 2014 & 2015 Scholarship Breakfast Silent Auctions, 2014 Silent Auction & Karaoke at State Conference, & Raffle tickets.
- San Antonio Chapter Honorary / Established Scholarship Funds
  - a) The WISE LATINAS Scholarship Fund on behalf of Ms. Barbie HERNANDEZ awarded a total of \$15,000 scholarships in 2014 & 2015.

(b) The Anna Maria Compean Ph.D. Scholarship has awarded a total of \$4000 since 2013. In 2014 & 2015 3 doctoral students were awarded a \$1000 scholarship.

c) HWNT-Chapter Scholarship Awards

In June 2014 the SA Chapter awarded a total of \$22,000 in scholarships. In 2015 the San Antonio Chapter awarded \$30,000 in scholarships. Thanks to our member networking/ connections, business partnerships, and university matching scholarship financial support.

- Other/ Additional Funding, in 2014 & 2015
  - a) HEB partnership, through Mrs. Sonia Canales awarded \$2000.
  - b) Valero Partnership (through Ms. Leticia Vasek, Member) Scholarship Breakfast donation totaled \$5000 for both 2014 & 2015.
  - c) In 2015, our Vice Chair of Development, Alma Ramos, applied for the HEB Community- grant and her application was selected and awarded a total of \$5000.
  
- Leadership Mentoring Initiative in an effort to create sustainability among the LOCAL and CHAPTER. These include student scholarship recipients, chapter members, and local & state board.
  - a) 2014 and 2015, approximately 15 mentors who participated in this initiative through sponsorship, encouragement, human capital (networking, professional development, goal attainment, employment placement) and encouraged educational advancements. In addition, these mentors fostered degree completion and encouraged future degree levels, such as, undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees.

### **HWNT- South Texas**

- Plans are underway to launch LIP program in spring 2016.

### **HWNT-Denton**

- Has not established a LIP program yet, but hopes to have a smaller version of it this upcoming year.