

Promoting Academic Achievement Presents the Sarah Ross Foundation Contest Winners at the 9th Annual Ross/McCracken Learning Expo.

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The Promoting Academic Achievement Task Force, in collaboration with the Pomona Unified School District, the City of Pomona, and the Sarah Ross Foundation are pleased to announce the winners of the 9th Annual Ross/McCracken Learning Expo contests held in Pomona Fairplex on May 1st. Local schools, businesses, and organizations throughout the Pomona area were invited to participate in providing an afternoon filled with interactive learning and entertainment ranging from DNA extractions to quick JPL robotics lessons.

The Sarah Ross Foundation awarded six students with \$1,000 scholarships: **Kevin Ting (Diamond Ranch), Edward Lopez Arevalo (Garey), and Irwin Guzman (Village Academy), winners of the Math & Engineering category; and, Pamela Casillas (Garey), Victoria Ramirez (Pomona), and Sabree Roby (Pomona) were the winners of the Sciences category.** These students were awarded \$1,000 scholarships for their leadership initiatives within our community, and their abilities to reach academic success despite their challenges in and out of school.

Barfield Elementary, and La Verne Science & Tech Charter School were this year's PreK-6 winners for best interactive booth, and they each received \$125. Fremont Academy, Palomares Academy, and Marshal Middle School were the winners of the best interactive booth 7-12 category, and they each received \$170.

In the Art contest, Beatriz Cardoza (Garey), Alejandro Arellano (Ganesha), Vanessa Gill (Ganesha), and Stephanie Pel (Ganesha) were selected as the High School category winners, and received \$50 each. Raquel Gonzales (Lorbeer) was the Middle School category winner, and was awarded \$25. Priscilla Gonzalez (Ranch Hills), and Shaila Laup were selected as the Elementary School winners and received \$25 each.

The Ross/McCracken Learning Expo continues to empower our community, and it provides opportunities of inspiration and motivation that are much needed in the pursuit of academic achievement. These contest winners achieved their successes through hard work and the support of their teachers, parents, administrators, staff, and community. The Promoting Academic Achievement Task Force would like to thank everyone who was involved in bringing this event together, and the Sarah Ross Foundation for providing academic opportunities for our students.