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## **MONTE VISTA WATER DISTRICT AWARDS WATER SCHOLARSHIPS TO TWO MONTCLAIR HIGH SENIORS**

**MONTCLAIR, CALIF. (April 11, 2019)** – The Monte Vista Water District Board of Directors awarded Maria Farias and Ixchel Hernandez of Montclair High School the “2019 Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship” at Wednesday’s board meeting. Each year the board awards two \$1,000 scholarships in Lance’s honor for his 44 years of extraordinary service to the district and the community as the agency’s general counsel.

Fourteen students submitted application packets, which included a written essay describing how their “perspective on water has changed during the recent statewide drought.”

“Maria and Ixchel conveyed the importance of having clean, safe and reliable water, which is something we often take for granted when we reach for the faucet or take a shower,” said Board President Sandra Rose. “Their essays reflected on personal experiences and shared what conservation really means for their families and their community.”

With the assistance of Montclair High School Counselor Alice Cornejo, the board’s public information committee, comprised of Director Tony Lopez and Director/Auditor Manny Martinez, judged the essays and made the final selection. The scholarships will assist Ms. Farias in her Environmental Science studies at UC Santa Cruz and Ms. Hernandez who plans to attend UC Santa Barbara.

The Bruce J. Lance, Jr. Water Scholarship was created in 2013, when the board adopted Resolution 669-13 commending Lance for his years of service as the district’s general counsel. The scholarships have been awarded annually for the past seven years to Montclair High School graduating seniors who plan to attend college.

Monte Vista Water District, formed in 1927, provides retail and wholesale water services to a population of over 130,000 in the communities of Montclair, Chino Hills, and portions of Chino. About half of the District’s water supply comes from the Chino Ground Basin and the other half is imported from the State Water Project through the Water Facilities Authority to provide an average of 14 million gallons of potable water daily.

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***Ixchel Hernandez and Maria Farias pose with members of the District Board of Directors after being presented with ceremonial scholarship checks at Wednesday's board meeting.***