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Four SVHS seniors named Hispanic Scholars

Smithson Valley High seniors J.D. Subia, Shanna Schaefer, Richard Dominguez and Erika Castro have been named National Hispanic Scholars by the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.



In 2009, more than 200,000 juniors who took the Pre-SAT nationwide identified themselves as Hispanic. Of those, less than 5,000 students have been recognized as National Hispanic Scholars.

Many universities around the nation, including the University of Michigan, the University of Alabama, the University of Nebraska and Ohio State University offer full tuition scholarships to National Hispanic Scholars.

"I just found out, so I'm very excited about the possibilities this has given me," Schaefer said. "It has definitely opened a lot of doors for my educational future."

Smithson Valley High principal John Montelongo said he was very proud of the students named National Hispanic Scholars, as well as the eight SVHS students recognized in the National Merit program this year.

"This is a testament to the hard work our teachers and students put in every day," Montelongo said. "To earn so many prestigious honors and awards shows a true sense of dedication. We want to celebrate their success."

Smithson Valley High counselor Amanda Pedroza agreed this is an impressive senior class.

“They are amazing,” Pedroza said. “I’m just glad to be able to help them in any way I can.”

Subia plans on attending either the University of Texas-Austin or Texas A&M University-College Station to major in computer engineering. His parents are David and Sandy Subia.

Schaefer is considering Columbia University, Dartmouth College, the University of Washington-Seattle and the University of Texas-Austin. She plans on majoring in medical science. Her parents are Gary and Mary Elena Schaefer.

Dominguez is undecided on a university. He plans on majoring in music theory. His parents are Richard Dominguez and Cynthia Medina.

Castro hopes to attend Rice University, Stanford University or the University of Texas-Austin. Her parents are Nelson and Yolanda Castro.

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