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## **THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY AND ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL AWARD \$15,000 IN HEALTHCARE CAREER SCHOLARSHIPS**

(LANCASTER, CA – June 3, 2008) — The Antelope Valley Hospital Auxiliary and Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) are continuing their support of future healthcare professionals by awarding \$15,000 in scholarships to local high school students pursuing healthcare careers. The scholarships will be officially presented in conjunction with awards nights at high schools attended by the respective winners.

Fifteen students have been selected to receive \$1,000 each. The recipients were chosen from among hundreds of applicants and were awarded the scholarships based on panel interviews and scholastic achievement. To qualify, applicants were required to have a 3.5 grade point average or higher and have plans to pursue a career in a health-related field.

The scholarship program is a partnership between AVH, who contributed \$5,000, and the AVH Auxiliary, who contributed \$10,000. Recipients were chosen by a scholarship committee headed by Auxiliary Chairman Mary Overton.

AVH CEO, Edward Mirzabegian noted that the scholarship program is a very worthwhile effort, as the Antelope Valley is in need of qualified healthcare professionals. “We wish these talented young students all the best in their healthcare careers and hope that they will remain in or return to this area when their training is complete. Their new skills and knowledge will be welcome as a vital benefit to the community,” he said.

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**2008 Scholarship Winners:**

<b>Recipient</b>	<b>High School</b>	<b>Planning to Attend</b>
Alan Tran	Antelope Valley HS	UC San Diego
Joseph Genova	Highland HS	CSU Long Beach
Lauren Carr	Knight HS	UCLA or University of Oregon
Jordan Cisneros	Palmdale HS	UC Santa Barbara
Kelsey Hernandez	Palmdale HS	UCLA
Paulette Pelayo	Palmdale HS	UC Los Angeles
Priscilla Pelayo	Palmdale HS	UC San Diego
Clarkson Crane	Quartz Hill HS	California Lutheran University
Maria Andrea Cruz	Quartz Hill HS	Holy Names University
Nicole Zardenetta	Quartz Hill HS	UC Santa Barbara
Devan Mattox	Boron HS	Antelope Valley College
Jarod Corey	Mojave HS	UC Los Angeles
Jee Sung Kim	AV Christian HS	Baylor University
Ryan Beuder	Desert Christian HS	Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Nicole Stanick	Desert Christian HS	Antelope Valley College



**Left to Right:** L to R

Clarkson Crane, Lauren Carr, Maria Andrea Cruz, Winnie Kim, Nicole Stanick, Ryan Beuder, Mary Overton (Scholarship Chair), Priscilla Pelayo, Paulette Pelayo, Kelsey Hernandez, Nicole Zardenetta, Katherine Losee (Committee Member) Devan Mattox, Joseph Genova, Jordan Cisneros, Beryl Hutchinson (Committee Member), Jarod Corey, Alan Tran.

**About Antelope Valley Hospital**

Celebrating more than 50 years of caring for the community, Antelope Valley Hospital, a facility of Antelope Valley Healthcare District, is a non-profit, 420-bed hospital that was founded in 1955. The hospital is dedicated to providing quality care and services to everyone in the Antelope Valley. AV Hospital is located at 1600 West Avenue J in Lancaster, California. For further information, please visit [www.avhospital.org](http://www.avhospital.org) or call (661) 949-5000.