

SCCC/ATS Students Recognized

Kansas will salute the top community college scholars for their academic accomplishments in an award two from Seward County Community College/Area Technical School in Liberal, Kansas.

Representing SCCC/ATS are Jose Covarrubias and Azucena Juarez.

Covarrubias of Liberal is a sophomore majoring in pharmacy, who plans to transfer to Southwestern Ok

He developed an interest in pharmacy when an acquaintance was taking medication that was too strong to the patients and prevent this from happening to anybody else.”

He said he would like to return to the Liberal area to practice and eventually own his own pharmacy. “I specially those people who do not speak English.”

Covarrubias is the public relations representative for PTK and a member of the Hispanic American League of soccer, he has helped coach a Kids Inc. soccer team and the girl’s soccer team at West Middle School.

He said he decided to come to SCCC/ATS because he wanted to be close to his family for two more years at SWOSU. My sister came here and she told me there were really nice people and teachers and that it was not a bad

There are only two ways to have a better future, he said. One is winning the lottery and the second is going to college because it is not only going to make an impact on them but their family and their future as well.

This award tells him that “all the sacrifices I have done are paying off. I have worked as hard as I can to even more to keep working even harder.”

Juarez, who was originally from Bakersfield, Calif., chose Criminal Justice as her major because “I would like to major.” As a Liberal resident now, SCCC/ATS was a good choice for her because it was close to home and a good

This award represents “a lot of hard work and it's an honor to have been chosen.” She has participated in many activities and has worked with throughout the year, “but I also try to give back to the community in little ways such as helping

She encourages others to think very carefully before making the decision to go to college. Having at least one job to obtaining a job.

Two scholars from each of the 19 Kansas Community Colleges have been named to the 2014 All-Kansas Community College Academic Team by the international headquarters of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community College Presidents.

Each is also a nominee for the 2014 All-USA Community College Academic Team, sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the Kansas Association of Community Colleges and the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

Phi Theta Kappa is the honor society for students attending community and two-year colleges. It is based on averages and other criteria, with members focusing on scholastic achievement and service to community.

Since 1991, Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today and the American Association of Community College Academic Team program. The Kansas program is an affiliate, and the Kansas students are all nominees.

Each student will receive a proclamation issued by the governor of Kansas, an educational stipend

About 500 U.S. community college students will compete for places on the first, second and third teams and will receive \$2,500 stipends, and will be featured in *USA Today* along with second and third team members. They will also receive medallions.

Among Kansans selected for national honors since the annual recognition program began are Dr.

Brandon Sutton, SCCC/ATS second team, 1996, and Marivell Mendoza, bronze, 2013.

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