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2023-24 Rogers Scholars celebrated at CSUSB Palm Desert Campus

PALM DESERT, Calif. – The 2023-24 Rogers Scholars at Cal State San Bernardino’s Palm Desert Campus were celebrated at the annual Rogers Scholarship reception held in the campus’s Indian Wells Theater on Oct. 3.

Each year, the recipients of the prestigious Rogers Scholarship are honored at a special reception where they meet John, June and Janet Rogers.

Edna Martinez, CSUSB Palm Desert Campus associate vice president, welcomed guests and introduced members of the Rogers family, who have been committed to providing scholarships to PDC students since 1994. Rafik Mohamed, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, thanked the Rogers family for their continued support of the PDC’s students and provided inspirational remarks to the students in attendance.

Each scholarship recipient received a special ring and gave a short speech to thank the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation and those in their life who have contributed to their success.

The 2023-24 Rogers Scholars are:

- **Angel Sandoval** – liberal studies, integrated track
- **Austin Tyler Berry** – communication studies, relational and organizational
- **Maddisonn Rhyleigh Covington** – nursing
- **Mikaela Asierdin Dizon** – nursing
- **Jeanna Dlakic** – nursing
- **Augustine Alias Gamboa** – nursing
- **Sandra Montserrat Garcia Gonzalez** – psychology, biological
- **Sarah Katherine Harrington** – nursing
- **Jasmine Nichols** – nursing
- **Adriana Sophia Oliva** – nursing
- **Marielena Pantoja** – nursing
- **Keisha Renee Ruiz** – nursing
- **Logan Christopher Salabaj** – English, literature track
- **Devin Alexis Sifuentes** – psychology
- **Frida Kassandra Solares** – psychology

The Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert Campus. The recipients, called "Rogers Scholars," must demonstrate a sincere commitment to their own personal growth, compile outstanding academic records, demonstrate leadership qualities and show a desire to serve their fellow students and communities. The scholarship is merit-based and only awarded to the top students at the campus.

Since its establishment 29 years ago, the Rogers Scholarship Fund has awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships to 565 students at the Palm Desert Campus.

About PDC: The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus offers bachelor's and master's degrees, a doctorate in educational leadership, teaching credentials and certificates. Serving more than 2,200 students, it is the Coachella Valley's four-year public university and plays a vital role in educating and training the region's growing population.

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