

Life's Hardships Yield Special Scholarships For Orange County High School Seniors

June 6, 2006/Washington, D.C. – **Poverty, disability, foster care, parental substance abuse, and physical abuse are among the adversities that could not prevent ninety-eight outstanding high school seniors from throughout Orange County from wanting to live out their American dream and have more for themselves. Each is now the recipient of a 2006 Horatio Alger California Scholarship of two thousand five hundred dollars for their college education.** (A complete list of the 2006 Horatio Alger Orange County California Scholars immediately follows this release).

The 2006 Horatio Alger Orange County California Scholars provide an inspiring example of California's youth, having already demonstrated a drive to accomplish their goals, even in the face of adversity. These students have utilized initiative, perseverance and hard work to overcome the adversity they have faced in their lives. Each is a resident of Orange County.

All of the 2006 Horatio Alger Orange County California Scholars have demonstrated success in academics, co-curricular activities and community service while taking on some of life's most difficult challenges. Each of these young people possess the aspirations and potential to make important contributions in California and throughout the world. The scholarship may be used to attend any college or university within the United States.

The Horatio Alger Orange County California Scholarship was initiated and funded through the generosity of George & Julia Argyros. Ambassador Argyros is a Member of the Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Inc., an organization comprised of Americans who have overcome adversity and humble beginnings to achieve success. Ambassador and Mrs. Argyros share a commitment to helping young people reach their potential and goals through the attainment of a college education.

"No child should be denied access to a higher education because of financial need. This program will provide the incredible young people here in California with the opportunity to achieve their goals by making a college education attainable for them", states George Argyros. Since 1984 the Horatio Alger Association's need based scholarship programs have helped hundreds of deserving students across the nation pursue their dreams of a post secondary education through their unique scholarships that recognize the circumstances and hardships of students as well as their achievements. Ambassador Argyros adds, "The Horatio Alger Association's experience working with students of limited financial means who want to obtain a college education is unmatched."

The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans is a nonprofit educational association. Through the generosity of its members, more than \$8.5 million in need-based college scholarships are awarded annually to young people nationwide. For more information about the Association's scholarships and programs please visit www.horatioalger.org.

Applications for consideration as a 2006 Horatio Alger Orange County California Scholar are available June 1 through October 30, 2006 at www.horatioalger.org/scholarships.

2006 Horatio Alger California Scholars

<i>Alyssa Adamson</i> Mater Dei HS Anaheim, California	<i>Broxton Dawson</i> Ocean View HS Huntington Beach, California	<i>Cristel Haddad</i> Loara HS Anaheim, California	<i>JinSoo Lee</i> John F Kennedy HS Fullerton, California
<i>Chelsea Anaya</i> Newport Harbor HS Newport Beach, California	<i>Diego Delgado</i> Ocean View HS Garden Grove, California	<i>Allison Hata</i> Fountain Valley HS Huntington Beach, California	<i>Elijah Lim</i> Sonora HS La Habra Heights, California
<i>Kristin Aoun</i> Orange County Hs Of The Arts Corona, California	<i>Joseph DeRitis</i> Ocean View HS Fountain Valley, California	<i>Beatriz Hernandez</i> Saddleback HS Santa Ana, California	<i>Fabian Lopez</i> Century HS Santa Ana, California
<i>Valerie Avina</i> Mountain View HS Riverside, California	<i>Christina Diep</i> Ocean View HS Westminster, California	<i>Bon Huynh</i> Villa Park HS Orange, California	<i>Sanh Luong</i> Orange HS Orange, California
<i>Soraya Barak</i> Woodbridge HS Irvine, California	<i>Thomas Dinh</i> Fountain Valley HS Fountain Valley, California	<i>Eileen Jimenez</i> Anaheim HS Anaheim, California	<i>Kristin Lupo</i> Esperanza HS Anaheim Hills, California
<i>Steffanie Becerra</i> Capistrano Valley HS Mission Viejo, California	<i>Tabitha Dutciuc</i> El Dorado HS Yorba Linda, California	<i>Rachelle Jung</i> Pacific Coast HS Orange, California	<i>Kunthon Meas</i> Century HS Santa Ana, California
<i>Dylan Beynon</i> El Modena HS Orange, California	<i>Roger Ellis</i> Trabuco Hills HS Mission Viejo, California	<i>Nabeel Khan</i> Ocean View HS Garden Grove, California	<i>Edgar Mendoza</i> Costa Mesa HS Costa Mesa, California
<i>Hiba Byram</i> Cypress HS Anaheim, California	<i>Elizabeth Eshman</i> Pacifica HS Garden Grove, California	<i>Minh Khuc</i> Westminster HS Westminster, California	<i>Samantha Meyer</i> Ocean View HS Anaheim, California
<i>Eric Callender</i> Keystone Academy Cypress, California	<i>Lauren Forbes</i> Aliso Niguel HS Laguna Niguel, California	<i>Alexandria Killian</i> Katella HS Anaheim, California	<i>Farzan Mojgani</i> Irvine HS Irvine, California
<i>Leticia Cardoso</i> Laguna Hills HS Mission Viejo, California	<i>Celia Franco</i> Orange HS Orange, California	<i>Veronica Kim</i> Capistrano Valley HS Mission Viejo, California	<i>Darlene Moreno</i> Katella HS Anaheim, California
<i>Connie Chao</i> Fountain Valley HS Fountain Valley, California	<i>Jeannette Garcia</i> Santa Ana HS Santa Ana, California	<i>Jessica Kirby</i> Middle College HS Santa Ana, California	<i>Sajaddy Mousa</i> Century HS Santa Ana, California
<i>Jessica Chapman</i> El Dorado HS Yorba Linda, California	<i>Emily Gish</i> Brea Olinda HS Brea, California	<i>Camila Knust</i> Katella HS Anaheim, California	<i>Kellisa Myers</i> Pacific Coast HS Lakewood, California
<i>Elizabeth Cotta</i> Laurel HS Los Alamitos, California	<i>Elizabeth Gomez</i> Santiago HS Garden Grove, California	<i>Kathy Le</i> Fountain Valley HS Santa Ana, California	<i>Kim Ngo</i> Orange HS Orange, California
<i>Kaitlyn Dang</i> La Quinta HS Garden Grove, California	<i>Griselda Gutierrez</i> Magnolia HS Anaheim, California	<i>Susan Le</i> Ocean View HS Westminster, California	<i>Anthony Nguyen</i> Ocean View HS Huntington Beach, California
	<i>Kristen Guzman</i> Back Bay HS Costa Mesa, California	<i>Vuong Le</i> Ocean View HS Westminster, California	

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Garden Grove, California

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Loara HS
Anaheim, California

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Garden Grove, California

Thong Nguyen
Katella HS
Anaheim, California

Tiffany Nguyen
Mater Dei HS
Santa Ana, California

Tri Nguyen
Cerritos HS
Buena Park, California

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Magnolia HS
Anaheim, California

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Irvine HS
Irvine, California

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University HS
Irvine, California

James Park
Cypress HS
Cypress, California

Jiea Park
Foothill HS
Tustin, California

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Los Alamitos HS
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