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## Students awarded Alger scholarships

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The prestigious Horatio Alger State Scholarship, made possible by the Suzanne and Walter Scott Foundation, recently gave 50 Arizona students a \$5,000 scholarship toward their college education for overcoming adversity.

While going through hardships, these students have continued to excel in character, academics and community contribution. Students in the Phoenix area and their high schools are:

Alexus K. Swindler, Boulder Creek; Gloria Trejo, Carl Hayden; Cassidy Pattik, Paradise Valley; Shytaun B. Bess, South Mountain; Ambra S. Jordan, South Mountain; Christel Y. Guntermann, Arizona School for the Arts; Kayla L. Post, Thunderbird; Guadalupe Martinez Jr., Trevor G. Browne; Guillermo C. Sanchez, Carl Hayden; and Dovell Toback, Jess Schwartz Jewish Community.

The scholars are asked to remain connected with the association and become an active member of the Horatio Alger alumni group. Some of the famous members who have overcome adversity to success are Oprah Winfrey, Buzz Aldrin, Lou Dobbs and Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

The Horatio Alger Scholarship program is one of the largest need-based financial-aid programs in the country and awards more than \$7 million annually in college scholarships.