



THE LUÉVANO FOUNDATION

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## 2006-2007 Luévano Scholarship Recipients Student Bios

### Eduardo Bruno

Eduardo is currently a 6th grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. He is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Eduardo enjoys attending School of Our Lady because of the small classroom size. He feels it gives him the opportunity to learn more. He also loves the homemade taste of the food. In addition to maintaining good grades, he is very proud of having been selected the first student of the month. He loves to play basketball, and hopes to one day become a teacher or a doctor so that he can help others. His dad is his hero because he works very hard so that Eduardo can have a Catholic education.

### Melissa Funes

Melissa is currently a 7th grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. She is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Melissa enjoys attending School of Our Lady for many reasons. She loves to learn about Jesus, Mary, and the Saints. She loves attending mass and receiving the Eucharist. She loves her friends, the teachers and the excellent food served for lunch. She is most proud of maintaining her grades and having helped the Tsunami and Hurricane victims by giving money at her school. When she grows up she would like to become an Astronomer, Anthropologist or a Novelist because she likes Science, learning about other cultures and writing stories. Her heroes are Coretta Scott King, Rosa Parks, and Martin Luther King Jr. who helped to end segregation.

### Yolanda Gomez

Yolanda is currently a 6th grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. She is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Melissa enjoys attending School of Our Lady for because she gets to learn more about God. She is most proud of being at an 8<sup>th</sup> grade math level while in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition to maintaining straight A's she participates in Karate and her church youth group. When she grows up she would like to become a lawyer so that she can defend others and work for justice. Her hero is her dad who is kind and loves her very much.

Alexandra Gonzalez

Alexandra is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. She is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Melissa enjoys attending School of Our Lady for because she loves the Catholic school environment and the kind and caring teachers. She is most proud of being an honor student. Her teacher says she is a wonderful example for other students. In addition to maintaining her grades, she plays volleyball for her school. When she grows up she would like to become the first Hispanic and Female President of the United States because she would like to make the world a peaceful place.

Sigifredo Guerrero

Sigifredo is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. He is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Sigifredo enjoys attending School of Our Lady because of the education he is provided and the many friends he has made there. He is proud of having been picked to be the first student of the month in his class this year. In addition to playing in a soccer league, he will be playing Volleyball on behalf of his school this season. When he grows up he would like to be a professional soccer player because he loves the sport. His personal heroes are his mom and dad because they are loving parents who work very hard to care for him and provide him with a warm home and a great education.

Estuardo Huertas

Estuardo is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. He is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. He enjoys attending Our Lady because his teachers care about their students and providing them with a good Catholic education. When Estuardo grows up he would like to become a lawyer because he believes in justice for all. In additions to maintaining straight A's since the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, he participates in student government and likes to read and take walks with his family. The person Tony looks up to most is his mother who is always encouraging him to be the very best he can be and is always there to love, care for, and listen to him.

Ricardo Menendez

Ricardo is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. He is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Ricardo appreciates the discipline provided in his Catholic School environment. In addition to keeping up his grades, he enjoys participating in after-school sports. When Ricardo grows up he would like to become a doctor and have the opportunity to save many lives. Ricardo's hero is Spiderman because he always goes up and never lets himself fall down. His other hero is his mother who is

always encouraging him to the same. He feels he owes everything he is to his mother who means the world to him.

#### Kathleen Velasco

Kathleen is currently an 6<sup>th</sup> grader at School of Our Lady in Santa Ana. She is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. Kathleen enjoys attending a Catholic school because she gets to learn about Jesus and the saints. Besides maintaining straight A's, Kathleen plays volleyball, basketball and soccer. She also helps her mom sell food and tickets to raise funds for her school. In her spare time, she loves to read and write her own stories. Kathleen's goal is to one day become a judge so that she can work for justice and make a difference in the world. Her one hero would be her mom who always shows her love and support.

#### Alejandra Alvarado

Alejandra is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time recipient of the Luévano Scholarship. She enjoys attending St. Anne because of the great teachers she's had and how much she's learned about God. Her proudest moment was receiving academic first honors at school. Her heroes are her teachers who've shown her how to never give up on herself. Her extra-curricular activities include basketball, choir and alter-serving. One day she hopes to become a veterinarian so she can help animals.

#### Joahna Cervantes

Joahna is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. She is happy to have the opportunity to attend a Catholic school where she is free to express her faith everyday. Her proudest moment is receiving academic honors at school. Joahna's extra-curricular activities include playing NJB basketball, participating in school sports, and volunteering at the public library. When Joahna grows up she would like to become a pediatrician because she loves children and believes it is very important for them to grow up healthy and safe. Her hero is Martin Luther King Jr. because he inspires her to stand up for her dreams.

#### Jorge Martinez

Jorge is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. He is a second-year Luévano Scholarship recipient. He enjoys attending St. Anne because he feels like everyone there is family. One day Jorge hopes to become an architect because he loves to draw and believes he has the talent to succeed. Given the opportunity he would like to be of service to the poor because he believes it feels good to help others. In his spare time he enjoys drawing and doing fun homework. His extra-curricular activities include

playing volleyball. Jorge's hero is his mother who works hard and still finds time to cook, clean and spend time with her family.

#### Andrea Pedraza

Andrea is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. She enjoys attending St. Anne because she has warm and caring teachers and she has the opportunity to learn about God everyday. Her proudest moments include earning an award at the Science Fair, being selected Student of the Month, and being recognized for her GPA. Her extra-curricular activities include basketball and singing in the choir. When Andrea grows up he would like to become a doctor because she would like to help those who are sick and in need. Andrea's hero is her dad whom she looks up to because of his intelligence.

#### Alejandro Zamorano

Alejandro is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. He is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. He enjoys attending St. Anne because he can pray to God with his teachers, learn about his faith, and is taught to make good choices in life. Alejandro is active in his school, participating in flag football, basketball, volleyball, and alter-serving. He also volunteers at the Catholic Worker. When he grows up he would like to become an engineer because he likes to build and be creative. His goal is to one day be able to support his mother, who works so hard to keep him in Catholic School. For this reason it is very important to him that he study hard, get good grades, earn his college degree and accomplish his goals. Besides his mom, his heroes include Superman who is strong like Alejandro's faith and honest like Alejandro, as well as Spiderman who believed in himself and never quit.

#### Johnny Peralta

Johnny is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Anne School in Santa Ana. He is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Johnny enjoys attending St. Anne's because he enjoys learning about his religion and they have many fun activities. His extra-curricular activities include playing football, baseball and serving on the student council. One day he would like to become a professional football player because he loves the game. Johnny's hero is his grandmother because she always takes care of him.

### Catherine Lafon

Catherine is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joachim. She is a second-year Luévano Scholarship recipient. Catherine enjoys attending St. Joachim's because it allows her to gain a deeper understanding of her religion and challenges her to achieve more in life. In addition to working hard in school, she enjoys doing community service, reading to the elderly, playing volleyball, basketball, and swimming. Catherine hopes to become a television anchor one day so that she can travel and learn about current events in the world. The two people she most looks up to are her parents because they work very hard so that their children can attend St. Joachim.

### Alma Ceja

Alma is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Kaiser Elementary School. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Alma looks forward to attending St. Joachim because she believes it will provide her with a better future. In addition to working hard in school, she enjoys participating in gymnastics. Alma hopes to one day become a teacher so that she can teach kids and help them to grow. The person she looks up to most is her brother because he is nice to her.

### Daniel Inga

Daniel is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. He is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Daniel enjoys attending St. Joseph's because he gets to learn a lot about God and he has excellent teachers. He is proud of his good grades and hopes to one day become an optometrist so that he can help people have better eyesight. He believes in helping others because it is what God wants us to do. He participates in the Mater Dei Music Academy program and loves to play basketball with his brothers. He chose Jesus as his hero because He sets the example for Daniel to live by.

### Jose Joya

Jose is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. He is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Jose enjoys attending St. Joseph's because he gets to learn a lot about Jesus, the saints and the teachings of the Bible. He is most proud of getting straight A's with only one B in Art. His teacher says he is a model student. When he grows up he would like to become a professional sports athlete because he loves to play sports and be fit and active. In case he gets injured however, he has a contingency plan – he would like to become a mechanic or electrician because he likes working with electrical circuits and enjoys taking things apart and fixing them. In addition to maintaining his grades he plays basketball for his school. God is his hero because he created everything and everyone and sacrificed his only Son for all of us.

### Ingrid Lugo

Ingrid is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Ingrid enjoys attending St. Joseph's because she and fellow students are taught to respect others and her teachers are always there to listen. In addition to maintaining her grades, Ingrid's many extra-curricular activities include playing the guitar, taking hip-hop lessons, playing on the volleyball team, serving on the student council, yearbook staff, and participating as an altar-server. When she grows up she would like to become a lawyer and help others through volunteer work. Her hero is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. because he fought for the full equality of all people in a non-violent manner. She is inspired by his speeches and the strength that motivated him when things got rough.

### Estuardo Rodriguez

Estuardo is currently a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. He is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Estuardo enjoys attending St. Joseph's because he gets to attend mass every Friday. He also loves Math and playing basketball and flag football at school. One day he would like to become an accountant because he loves working with numbers. He also hopes to one day be able to help others and make a difference in someone's life. His hero is Superman and he is most proud of his athletic abilities and maintaining his grades.

### Jasmin Santisteban

Jasmin is currently a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Jasmin enjoys attending St. Joseph's because there she gets to learn about Jesus and how to be more like Him. She also likes the understanding teachers and staff who are all very kind. She is very proud of the excellent grades and good behavior she maintains at school. When she grows up she would like to become a doctor so that she can heal others and teach them to care for themselves. Her mom is her hero because she always cares for, understands, and loves her.

### Stephanie Valverde

Stephanie is currently a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Joseph School in Santa Ana. She is a first-time Luévano Scholarship recipient. Stephanie enjoys attending St. Joseph's because they have excellent teachers and she gets to learn about God. Her teacher says she is a great student. When she grows up she would like to become a doctor and have the opportunity to save lives. Her mom is her hero because she is always there when Stephanie needs help.