Sixty-seven New Mexico students receive LAESF scholarships

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, April 28, 2011—Sixty-seven New Mexico students are receiving college scholarships thanks to the generosity of Los Alamos National Laboratory employees who donated to the Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund.Taos High School senior Majdolene Khweis received this year's platinum scholarship, which provides $7,500 in financial assistance annually for four years. "I am so grateful to the employees at LANL and the LANL Foundation for awarding me with the platinum scholarship," said Khweis. "I am very passionate about environmental science. With this scholarship, I can achieve my dream of becoming a scientist and help solve real-world environmental issues."Two students are receiving $5,000-per-year, four-year gold scholarships: Hannah McMurry of Santa Fe High School and Peter Song of Los Alamos High. Song also received the $1,000 Allan Johnston Memorial Scholarship named after the former Laboratory chief financial officer.Three students are receiving $2,500-per-year, four-year silver scholarships: Bahram Banisadr and Edward Dai of Los Alamos High School as well as Sophie Brown of St. Michael's High

School in Santa Fe.Seven students are receiving $2,500-per-year, four-year Domenici scholarships named after former U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-N.M.): Keanna Cohen of Los Alamos High School, Santana Garcia-Chang of Questa High School; Stephen Lujan of Bernalillo High School; Joshua Garcia of Mora High School; Patricia Garcia of Las Vegas Robertson High School; Santana Shorty of Santa Fe Indian School; and David Salazar of Santa Fe High School.The list of 2011 scholarship recipients is on the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation website at http://www.lanlfoundation.org/Scholarships/Recipients.html.The 2011 scholarship drive begins May 2 and runs through May 31. Donations to the fund will be used to award scholarships in 2012.The Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund encourages Los Alamos National Laboratory employees, retirees, and subcontract personnel to donate to a fund that awards college scholarships to Northern New Mexico students. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of grade point average, test scores, diversity, financial need, academic rigor, leadership, and community involvement.The Los Alamos Employees' Scholarship Fund program began in 1998 and is administered by the Los Alamos National Laboratory Foundation. Since its inception, more than 580 scholarships have been awarded, and Laboratory employees have donated more than $2 million to the fund.

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