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## **Adams County News and Information** **Over \$1 Million in Scholarships Awarded to County Students**

Dozens of high school students were awarded scholarships on June 24 through the Adams County Scholarship Fund. The Adams County Board of Commissioners introduced the Scholarship Fund earlier this year in partnership with the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. At the bottom of this release is a list of students, their school district, and total scholarship award.

“It was obvious from the emotions these students displayed that these scholarships are truly life-changing opportunities,” said Commissioner Steve O’Dorisio. “The structure of this program allows some of our best students to continue their education and pursue their goals.”

In order to receive one-to-one matching funds from the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, the county had to identify a new funding source. The Board of Commissioners approved using \$516,718 from the voter-approved three percent sales tax on retail marijuana sales. This tax was overwhelmingly approved by voters in all municipalities and unincorporated Adams County.

High-achieving students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program were eligible to apply for one of the scholarships that range in value from \$2,500–\$7,600 per year.

The Board of Commissioners identified Adams County Education Consortium (ACEC) as the fiscal agent for the Adams County Scholarship fund. ACEC works directly with county school districts or school district foundations. Those include Adams 12 Five-Star Schools, Adams 14 Education Foundation, Brighton 27J Education Foundation, Mapleton District 1 Education Foundation, Westminster District 50 Education Foundation, Strasburg School District 31J, and Bennett School District 29J.

### **Westminster Public Schools**

Matthew De Loa, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Vy Le, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Marlenne Montanez, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Marianne Pettis, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

Thanh Tu Nguyen, Westminster High School, \$20,000 Scholarship

### **Mapleton Public Schools**

Adeola Awolaja, York International, two-year, \$10,000 scholarship

Gisselle Gonzalez, Academy High School, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship  
Miranda Herrera Frausto, Mapleton Early College, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship  
Andrea Juarez, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, 4 year, \$10,000 scholarship  
Janelle Martinez, Academy High School, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship  
Adam Padilla, York International, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship  
Elena Parapunova, York International, four-year, \$20,000 scholarship  
Dominique Pinedo, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship  
Aurora Thompson, Mapleton Expeditionary School of the Arts, two-year, \$5,000 scholarship  
Dylan Walker, Academy High School, four-year, \$10,000 scholarship

### **Strasburg School District 31J**

Randy Rochford, Strasburg High School, four-year, \$8,800 scholarship  
Danielle Bustos, Strasburg High School, four-year, \$8,800 scholarship

### **School District 27J**

Everett Abegg, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Michaela Dietrich, Brighton High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Ronnie Martinez, Brighton Heritage Academy, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Zary Nava, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Justin Ocampo, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Savannah Palomino, Brighton High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Samantha Pentycofe, BOLT Academy, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Richard Perez, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship  
Kacie Samson, Prairie View High School, four-year, \$17,686 scholarship

### **Adams 12 Five Star Schools**

Zenas Lee, Horizon High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Jocelynn Munoz, Horizon High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Nancy Le, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Dominic Castillo, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Jennifer Hankins, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Landen Cross, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Natalie Decker, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Zeke (Ezekiel) Stone Owen, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Oceane Andreis, Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
CJ Ezeonu (Christian James), Legacy High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Leah Anderson, Mountain Range High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Zachariah Smith, Mountain Range High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
William Vovan, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Adam Nguyen, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Jihan Shah, Northglenn High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Vladimir Munoz, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Jacky Cheung, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Taylor Lucio, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship

Cynthia Guerrero Sanchez, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Sekia Lor, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship  
Victoria Teck, Thornton High School, four-year, \$21,150 scholarship

**Adams County School District 14**

Ivan Saenzpardo-Omar, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Abigal Mendez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Ana Lopez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Edgar Varela, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Noel Ramirez-Ortega, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Pricilla Pulio, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Yosselin Vidana-Rodriguez, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Stephanie Wolfe, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Jaeline Rodriguez-Santillano, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship  
Armando Barraza-Gallardo, Adams City High School, four-year, \$13,000 scholarship

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