2009 Guam Society of America Scholarship Recipients

$1,000 College Student Scholarship – Micah Leon-Guerrero.
Micah is a 2009 graduate from Cibola High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is a recipient of the Bridge to Success Scholarship and was the National Art Honor Society President (2008-2009). She is attending the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, studying Fine Arts.
GPA: 3.32
Activities: She was active in the Road Runner Food Bank, the Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Committee, and the Venture Crew of the Boy Scouts of America. She has lived in Okinawa, Japan; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Montgomery, Alabama. She enjoys painting, drawing, and reading.
Parents: Micah Leon-Guerrero was born on Guam. Her father, Tracy Leon-Guerrero, is from Agat, Guam and is in the U.S. Air Force. Her mother, Angela Leon-Guerrero is from Piti, Guam

$1,000 College Student Scholarship – Savannah Lyn Borja Blackstock.
Savannah graduated from Merrill F. West High School, in Tracy, California. She took business classes, and saw the benefit of pursuing the business aspect of a restaurant and bakery. Both her grandmother’s inspiration and her business classes led her to San Jose State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Hospitality Management and a minor in Business Management. She plans to complete a program at a culinary institute after graduation from San Jose State University.
GPA: 3.0
Activities: From a very young age she has known that her passion is cooking. Growing up, she watched her nana (grandmother), Rosa Borja, cook for her 9 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends. She was inspired by seeing the gratification and comfort that her nana’s food brought to everyone. Savannah wants to bring people the same gratification and comfort through her food.
Parents: Savannah Blackstock is the daughter of Rosalyn Borja and granddaughter of Rosa Manibusan Blas and Manuel Santos Borja (dec.), both from Piti, Guam. She is from Milpitas, California.

$500 High School Student Scholarship – Joe Borja.
Joe is 2009 graduate of C.D. Hylton Senior High School, and was class Salutatorian. In addition to receiving various academic awards and recognitions (including the U.S. President’s Education Program Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence), Joe played on the Hylton High School Lacrosse Team. Joe is currently enrolled as a Freshman at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. He is in the Echols Scholar Program and though undecided, is leaning towards a degree in Political Science and Foreign Affairs.

GPA: 4.57

Activities: Joe participated in Model United Nations, volunteered at soup kitchens, participated in various charitable organizations, and sang his local church choir and youth group.

Parents: Joe Borja is the son of Joseph and Angie Borja, long time members of the Guam Society of America, Inc., from Woodbridge, Virginia.

$500 College Student Scholarship – Tiana Marie Young.

Tiana is a 2009 graduate of South Lakes High School, Reston, Virginia and was an International Baccalaureate (IB) Student, member of the National Honor Society (NHS) and was also in JROTC. Tiana is attending Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana pursing her degree in Electrical Engineering.

GPA: 2.99

Activities: She was high school tri-athlete in lacrosse, field hockey, and swimming; and danced as well. Tiana participated in Girl Scouts for thirteen years, awarded both Bronze and Silver Awards.

Parents: Her mother is Frances ‘Fran’ Young, a long time GSA Member and supporter from Reston, Virginia.