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## [Awards respect superb students during village colleges](#)

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Students of all ages and backgrounds – who have overcome a operation of hurdles to pursue their dreams – are abounding in a USA’s village colleges. The Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society will respect them by announcing a 2014 All-USA Community College Academic Team today, noticing 20 two-year college students from opposite a USA who arrangement an superb multiple of educational feat and village service.

Sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group, with support from a American Association of Community Colleges, any personality receives a \$2,500 scholarship. To be eligible, a tyro contingency have been nominated by his or her college.

The winners were comparison from some-more than 1,700 students nominated by some-more than 800 village colleges.

“Community colleges yield students a high-quality, affordable education,” pronounced Don Germano, boss of Follett Higher Education Group. “All of us during Follett are so gratified to commend and support these superb students – driven, shining students on a trail to be a destiny leaders.”

A demeanour during a winners:

**Lilliam Alexa Acosta – Collin College, Texas:**

Inspired by her mother’s preference to attend village college, she overcame an inconstant childhood in Puerto Rico, changed to Texas to attend Collin College and skeleton to send to a four-year propagandize this fall.

**Jennifer Brady – Mohave Community College,**

**Arizona:** Mother of 3 children – all of whom need special medical caring – she is posterior a college grade to assistance her father yield health word for her children and uncover them “it is never too late to grasp your goals.”

**Joseph Burch – Central Piedmont Community**

**College, North Carolina:** A first-generation college student, father and ardent village volunteer, he is earning a Human Services grade and one day hopes to acquire a Ph. D.

**Vicente Cortez – Enterprise State Community**

**College, Alabama:** Home-schooled his whole life, Enterprise State was his initial time during a “real” school.

He is on lane to send to a four-year propagandize and eventually follow in parents' footsteps by owning his possess business.

**Julie Crafton – Heartland Community College, Illinois:** Treated for mind cancer while a beginner in high school, she has confirmed a adore of training via several hardships. She skeleton to send to Colorado State University in a fall, where she will continue to caring for her grandfather, whom she calls her lifelong source of inspiration.


**Michelle Machado Davis – Collin College, Texas:**


After a formidable childhood in Brazil, she deserted her wish of removing a grade and changed to a USA; 12 years later, she returned to college with a new integrity to secure a improved financial destiny for herself and her children.

**Laura D. DeNardo – Jefferson Community College, New York:** This lifetime proprietor of Watertown, N.Y., has skeleton to spin a helper practitioner. Jefferson Community College's nursing module was affordable adequate to concede her to pursue her dream.

**Kayla Duchaine – Eastern Florida State College, Florida:** A biochemistry tyro with a 4.0 GPA, she has prolonged dreamed of apropos a pediatrician to assistance under-privileged children in building countries.

**Sarah Farmer – San Diego Mesa College, California:**

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Battling consistent health problems (including postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome), college desirous her to tackle her medical issues and acquire a psychology degree.

**Jenna Freund – St. Louis Community College, Missouri:** Community college has supposing her a sourroundings she indispensable to learn a ardent campus personality and village proffer inside her.

**Robert Matthew Gonzales – Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso, N.M.:** He had always emphasized work over preparation until he got to village college. It was there he detected a passion for environmental scholarship and now strives to grasp his idea of apropos a hydrologist.

**Noah Griffin – Northeast Texas Community College, Texas:** The second of 8 home-schooled children, he was desirous by his father's integrity to finish medical propagandize and is now on lane to acquire a music-related degree.

**Abigail Harding – Vermilion Community College, Minnesota:** She chose Vermilion over other colleges since of a school's singular concentration on a environment. Her passion for caring for a Earth, and her idea is to work in forest and park management.

**Eric Howard – Muskegon Community College, Michigan:** This 22-year-old, desirous by his mother's proffer work, has taken advantage of Muskegon's affordability to pursue his idea of apropos a helper anesthetist.

**Christian Keen – Santa Fe College, Florida:** He overcame a critical debate snag to rise a passion for caring for animals. When a remarkable change derailed his college plans, he found a home during Santa Fe College, where he has grown into a tyro personality still on lane to spin a large-animal veterinarian.

**Michelle L. Kemeny – Mesa Community College, Arizona:** Diagnosed with post-traumatic highlight commotion (PTSD) following time in a Air Force, she is grateful for Mesa, where she has re-focused her life. She's on lane for her associate's grade and has been supposed during Arizona State University.

**Shannon Kreutzer – Cottey College, Missouri:** This 4.0 tyro famous that Cottey College would give her a small-school concentration she indispensable to rise intellectually and take a initial step toward a grade in environmental science.

**Georgia Swinford – Hinds Community College, Mississippi:** She has worked to compensate for her

possess college preparation and deeply appreciates an affordable grade in mathematics, that she hopes to spin into a training job.

**Lorena A. Villanueva – Central Arizona College, Arizona:** This immature mom of an autistic child is driven to yield her daughter financial fortitude and eventually work as an occupational therapist.

**Zachary Warren – Jones County Junior College, Mississippi:** Inspired by his mom (an worker during Jones County Junior College) and a memory of his sister (murdered when he was 8), Zachary hopes to respect his family by earning a doctoral grade in history.

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