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# **Norwalk-La Mirada Scholars to Study Medicine, Engineering, Counseling**

**NORWALK** – Three John Glenn High School graduates will forge paths in medicine, computer engineering and counseling, inspired by their siblings, community and athletics. The trio of scholars dedicated their high school years pursuing their passions, helping to form their career paths.

“These three students are a source of pride for our entire District,” Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Superintendent Dr. Hasmik Danielian said. “They represent the work of our students, parents and teachers and exhibit the best of what we can accomplish together.”

**Monique Ramos** rarely misses an opportunity to help her community and was recently honored as “Youth of the Year” for her outstanding work in volunteer services at the 80th annual Norwalk Community Coordinating Council Awards Banquet. But her most important outreach is to her 12-year-old sister, Geovana.

“My younger sister is one of the factors that fuels my pursuit of higher education,” Ramos said. “I am the first person in my family to attend college, so it’s important that I am a positive example that shows her that she can also be successful in reaching her own goals.”

Ramos graduated with a 4.30 GPA and garnered the most scholarships of all graduating seniors. She would like to become a school counselor and plans to attend CSU Fullerton with a double major in sociology and Chicano studies.

**Kathleen Medrano** will pursue computer engineering at UC Irvine, and was recognized as one of the university’s Chancellor’s Excellence Scholars, an honor awarded to high achieving California graduates who will receive a two-year scholarship. She was a member of the California Scholarship Federation and participated in the Advancement Via Individual Determination college preparatory program. Kathleen’s older sister Paulyn also is a student at UC Irvine, offering her an early glimpse of college life.

“She is someone I have looked up to and influenced my decision to attend UCI,” Medrano said. “I think it’s important to use someone as a benchmark when you’re chasing your dreams and she’s always been mine. I hope to be that for someone else.”

**Destiny Enriquez** is a talented pitcher and three-year softball Varsity captain who earned a full scholarship to Bethune-Cookman University in Florida. Athletics gave Enriquez the skills to help her accomplish her goals.

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“Softball has been a big time management tool,” Enriquez said. “With my travel schedule, it’s critical to always be in communication with my teachers and to prioritize my days. I use the same principle in everything I do.”

Enriquez will study biology and wants to pursue a career in the medical field. The oldest of four kids, Destiny is used to having others look to her for guidance and relishes the responsibility. She also understands the sacrifices her family has made to ensure she succeeds as a student athlete.

“Monique, Kathleen and Destiny have bright futures in front of them and I congratulate them for all they have accomplished,” Norwalk-La Mirada Unified Board President Karen Morrison said. “As they continue to strive for excellence in their academic and personal lives, they will serve as wonderful representatives for the Norwalk-La Mirada Unified students.”

**PHOTO:**

**NLMUSD\_JOHNGLENN SCHOLARS:** (From left to right) John Glenn High School graduates Kathleen Medrano, Destiny Enriquez and Monique Ramos pose at their commencement ceremony.

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