



Astronaut Jose M. Hernandez Community Service Award

Award Details: This past fall The United Way of San Joaquin County and Pacific's Community Service Committee presented the "2009 Make a Difference Day" Non-Profit Reception and Awards Ceremony. During the event, a special announcement was made honoring Astronaut Jose Hernandez, who earned a B.S. degree in Electrical Engineering and was a Pacific Community Involvement Program scholarship student in 1984. Mr. Hernandez has since gone on to become a mission specialist of the STS-128 mission. While in orbit, Mr. Hernandez became the first person in space to use the Spanish language on Twitter. Through his service and dedication, Jose continues to give back to the Stockton Community and started the "Reaching for the Stars Foundation" in December 2005. The mission of the foundation is to inspire youth to find passion in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, establish a family commitment to education, and develop support networks through community engagement. Today, we are extremely proud to recognize Astronaut Jose M. Hernandez by giving a **\$1,000.00 award in his honor to a Pacific Community Involvement Student who has exemplified Community Service by volunteering their time and talent to help improve lives in the Stockton or surrounding communities. The Pacific CIP Student receiving this award will be honored during the Community Involvement Program Celebration on April 30, 2010; 5:30 -7:30 pm in Grace Covell Hall.**

Guidelines for Entry:

- Students must write a double-spaced, word-processed, 12 point font reflective essay of no more than 750 words
- Students must submit recorded hours on letterhead paper for the volunteer site along with correct site contact information
- Your service commitment must be to the Stockton or surrounding communities during the **2009 Fall Semester or 2010 Spring Semester**

Reflection Essay Prompts:

- Which volunteer site did you work with, what did you do, how long have you been working with this community partner?
- What is this organization's mission or purpose and why did you choose this site?
- Reflect back on your service, what did you learn and how will it impact your future?
- Why is it important for citizens to commit to active engagement with their communities? Draw on examples from your experiences working within the community to illustrate your answer.

Award Winner:

Award winner will be presented a Visa gift card in the amount of \$1,000.00 to assist with the purchase of books and other necessities for the 2010-11 academic year, or to help them transition into their professional career upon graduation.

Submission Deadline: Friday, April 2, 2010, 5:00 pm to:

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