

# **HOPE**

## **Scholarship Awards Reception**

**May 21, 2017**



**Key Note Speaker:**

**Denise Vega, Author**

# HOPE Reception Agenda

## *Master of Ceremonies*

Rudy Flores, former HOPE scholarship recipient

## *Welcome*

Nicolle Chavez, HOPE Vice President

## *Introduction of Special Guests*

Rudy Flores, former HOPE scholarship recipient

## *Entertainment*

307 Mariachi Band, students from East High School  
Director, Ms. Loree Sanchez.

## *Invocation*

Fr. Augustine Carrillo, St. Joseph's Catholic Church

## *Reception Meal*

## *Awarding of Scholarship Certificates*

Scholarship Committee: Ann Redman, Ana Monzon, Rudy Flores, Susan Marquez, Guillermo Nava

## *Keynote Speaker*

Denise Vega, Author, writing coach, creative cheerleader

## *Closing Remarks / Explanation of LCCC Endowment*

Ann Redman, President HOPE

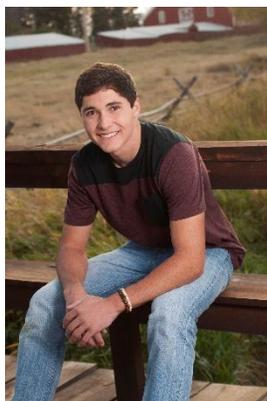
# 2017 HOPE Scholarship Recipients



**Alexa Becerra** is currently a senior at Central High School. She plans to attend Laramie County Community College and play soccer for LCCC for two years, later transfer to the University of Wyoming where she wants to major in either Social Work or Elementary Education. Alexa's parents are her motivators and inspiration for furthering her education because of all the sacrifices they have made for her and her two younger sisters. Alexa is extremely proud of her Hispanic heritage, and as a young Latina, she hopes to always strive for the best and to accomplish all her goals. Alexa will be the first in her family to pursue a college degree.

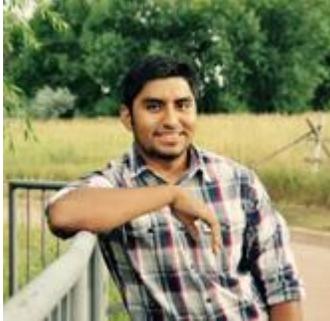


**Esmeralda Chacon** graduated from South High School in 2016 and is currently attending Laramie County Community College. Her parents are Alex and Fidelia Chacon. She plans to major in Biology and then later attend medical school. She is thankful for all the continued support from her friends and family on her educational journey.



**Japheth Frauendienst** is a student at the University of Wyoming, who will begin his sophomore year in the fall of 2017. Japheth is a double major in Environment and Natural Resources as well as, Environmental Systems Science with a minor in Sustainability. Japheth's involvement with the university government through his freshman year culminated to him earning the position to solely represent the College of Environment and Natural Resources, next year as a Senator on ASUW Student Government. He is deeply committed to serving on Recognized Student Organizations such as 7220 Entertainment, Sustainability Club, ASUW Government, and

**Student Outreach and Policy.** Japheth is always actively looking for ways to spend his time in furthering his education and helping others, as well as his community.



**Daniel Garcia** is a current student at Laramie County Community College where he just finished his first year. He is majoring in Business and Finance, and Construction Management. He is also a 2017 recipient of the Wyoming Congressional Award. Daniel is aspiring to transfer to the University of Wyoming, where he plans to get a degree in architecture. Daniel has always enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people and give back to his community. His parents are Lolo and Patricia Garcia, and he has a younger brother named David.

**Dayton Jimenez** is graduating from South High School where is has been involved in Community Day. He has enhanced his feelings toward college by becoming a mentor for underclassmen and sharing his experiences with them. He will be attending the University of Wyoming and majoring in Civil engineering. He is the son of Jessica Gonzales. (photo not available)



**Tyler Lucero** is a senior at Central High School. He is going to attend the University of Wyoming this Fall and major in Finance. He is an avid fisherman, skier, and loves to snow machine. He is currently a Meals on Wheels Driver and a Road to Recovery Driver for the American Cancer Society. He is planning on continuing both of these services in the future



**Sydney Montoya** plans on playing volleyball and attending LCCC in the fall of 2017. She hopes to triple major, getting degrees in Interior Design, Business Management, and Instructional Coaching. Sydney hopes to open a small business in New York eventually, and live out her dream!



**Troy Moore** is a graduating senior at East High School. He has been involved in marching band, jazz band, tennis, AVID and Mariachi 307. He wants to help young Hispanics go to college. He plans on going to the University of Wyoming to major in secondary education to become a history teacher and minor in music. He has lettered in 3 years of band and 2 years of varsity tennis. He would like to thank his mother Shirley and his dad Michael for helping him in pursuing his dream of becoming a history teacher.



**Junuenth Morales** is the daughter of Leticia Morales. Junuenth ran cross country, outdoor track, and indoor track throughout high school. She is enrolled in the IB program. This hard working Latina is also in the Congressional Award and recently received the bronze and silver medal, now she is on her way to earning her gold medal. Junuenth will be attending the University of Wyoming this fall in the hope of becoming a lawyer.



**Patrick O'Hare** is a senior, currently attending Cheyenne Central high school. He will start the path to attaining a business finance degree this fall at the University of Wyoming. As an Eagle Scout Patrick is involved in his community, over the past five years, he has accumulated over 700 hours of community service. Patrick is very thankful for his friends and family that have inspired and helped him along his path to graduating high school, and he hopes that they will also be by his side during college graduation.



**Catalina Pedroza** is a sophomore at Casper College transferring to the University of Wyoming for her bachelors in education. At Casper College, she was involved in many clubs and organizations. Such as a Casper College Ambassador, Student Senator, involved in the Casper College music program, Phi Theta Kappa honors society, and the Honors Program. When she completes her bachelor's, she will be applying for the Peace Corps where she will be able to spend two years abroad in a Latin American country. When she comes back, she will want to teach a few years before striving for her Master's degree in Counseling. She has always dreamed of working with students in the classroom and watching them grow as individuals. She hopes to gives students many opportunities to find their passions and make monumental achievements.



**Allen Pino** is currently a senior at the University of Wyoming. He is majoring in Communication with a minor in Marketing. He is currently an assistant coach at East High school for the Speech and Debate team. He travels all over the state and the nation with the team. His goal is to help others find their voice. After he graduates, he hopes to help the community that has helped him become the person he is today.



**Connor Redman** recently finished his freshman year at Laramie County Community College, Albany campus in Laramie. Connor is planning to major in Social Work. He earned a 3.75 GPA his first year in school. Connor's parents are Scott and Ann Redman, and he has a younger brother named Grant. Connor will play baseball for Cheyenne Post 6 this summer. He enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is very appreciative and humbled to be a recipient of the HOPE scholarship.



**Amada Simental** is attending the University of Wyoming, majoring in Economics with a minor in Mathematics. She would like to study abroad in Latin America or Europe. Amada is very thankful and excited for what lies ahead. She is especially thankful for the support of her parents and friends.

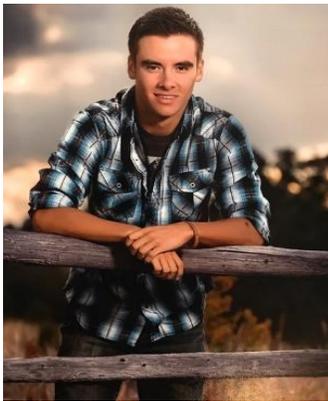


**Isaiah Tafoya** was born and raised in Cheyenne. He grew up on the South Side of Cheyenne and graduated from South High School in 2015. He just finished his fourth semester at Laramie County Community College, earning a 3.0 GPA for the Spring 2017 Semester. Isaiah is studying Exercise Science with plans to obtain a Bachelor's Degree to become a Strength and Conditioning Coach. Outside of academics, Isaiah has been boxing for 11 years and currently competes in local, regional, and national competitions. He plans to turn professional in the sport of boxing in the future but wants to earn his Bachelor's degree first. He will finish up his Associate's Degree in the Fall of 2017.



**Lincoln Trujillo**, son of Jocelyn Trujillo, graduated from Western Nebraska Community College with AS, will continue my education at University of Jamestown in North Dakota to get my bachelor's in physical therapy and continue on to get a master's in physical therapy.

**Desirae Vigil** is graduating from South High School and attending Laramie County Community College and majoring in phycology and social work. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has been a volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club. She is the daughter of Philip & Yvonne Vigil. (photo not available)



**Tanner Weekly** will be graduating in May 2017 from Cheyenne East High School. Tanner was born and raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He has accepted a partial scholarship to play baseball at Doane University, a private school in Crete, Nebraska. He is considering majoring in Education in History or Social Sciences. Tanner participated in the “We the People” competition. This contest is an extension of his AP U.S. Government and Politics class. He led the team in earning the honor of “Award of Merit” for an outstanding unit at the State competition. He also attended the Washington D.C. Close-Up political education program. Tanner has been in baseball for 13 years. In addition to the local team, he has played with a national organization called Baseball Factory, playing in various teams with players from around the United States in various showcase tournaments in Arizona and Florida.

# About Our Keynote Speaker

## Author Denise Vega

Denise Vega was born in Seattle, WA, but has lived most of her life in and around the Denver, CO area. She is an author, writing coach, and “creative cheerleader,” exploring and supporting the many ways we pursue our dreams both through her books and in her interactions with the writers she works with in class and one-on-one. Her teen novel, *Rock On*, follows high school guitarist and singer Orion Taylor who must overcome his own fears and self-doubt to pursue what he wants. Denise has a B.A. in Film & Television from UCLA and a Masters in Education from Harvard University. She is on faculty at Lighthouse Writers Workshop and is a Young Adult Mentor for the Regis University MFA in Creative Writing Program where she loves to support and encourage writers of all kinds.



One of her favorite family experiences was visiting relatives in El Cercado, a small town south of Monterrey, Mexico with her dad, aunt and uncle years ago. Even though she doesn't speak Spanish and few of them spoke English, everyone managed to communicate with each other. She enjoyed walking the plaza and seeing how many “Vegas” were around!

Denise loves French fries, dark chocolate and avocados (but not together) as well as hiking, running, and reading—and she's not a fan of cheese. Find out more at [www.denisevega.com](http://www.denisevega.com)

# **Memorial Scholarship Award Recipients**

## **Martin Esquibel Memorial**

Connor Redman

Desirae Vigil

## **Steve Lucero Memorial**

Junuenth Morales

## **Trisha Montoya Redman Memorial**

Tyler Lucero

## **Richard Montoya Memorial**

Alexa Becerra

## **Jorge Serrano Memorial**

Isaiah Tafoya

**Laramie County Community College**

**HOPE Endowed Scholarship**

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**HOPE Continuing Education Scholarship**

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