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Por La Gente awards scholarships

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RACINE - The Por La Gente Association of Racine announced the recipients of the Por La Gente Academic and Athletic Scholarships.

Diana Mueller, daughter of Rocio Gonzalez of 1906 Arcturus Ave., is the recipient of the Por La Gente Academic Scholarship for $500.

Valerie Valadez, daughter of Otoniel and Lydia Valadez of 3235 Drexel Ave. is the recipient of the Por La Gente Athletic Scholarship for $500.

Mueller, a graduate of Horlick High School, was on the honor roll all four years. While in high school, she was a member of the National Honor Society, Business Co-op Program and Future Business Leaders of America. Her honors include the Black History Youth Achievement Award and student of the month in American government and economics. She also worked for S.C. Johnson & Son Inc. through the Business Occupations Co-op Program. Volunteering for Make a Difference Day, Pawprints, Festival of Trees, Big Brothers /Big Sisters and the Crop Walk were some of the ways Mueller gave to the community. She plans to attend Marquette University and major in nursing.

Valadez, a graduate of Park High School, was a top athlete and a top student. Her athletic accomplishments include First Team All-County Track and Field in 1999 and 2000, Second Team All-County and All-Conference Basketball for 1997 and 1998, and Second Team All-Conference Volleyball in 1999. She has attended the WIAA State Tournament for each sport she participated in. Her academic accomplishments include National Honor Society, Leadership Education and Development Program, Training Opportunities for Proven Stars Program and Who's Who Among American High School Students. Valadez plans to major in business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The Por La Gente Association raises money for these scholarships through its annual Basketball and Softball Invitational.