

## Program

### Scholarship Award Reception & Dance

7:00-7:30 Arrival

7:00-9:00 Hors d'oeuvres and cake available

7:00-8:15 DJ Music / Dance

8:15-8:30 Program

Introduction of NITCS Executive Board

Message from previous winner:  
Karina Diaz

Introduction of 2012 Scholarship  
Winners

Messages from Recipients

Membership Message

8:30-1:00 DJ Music / Dance

#### Special points of interest:

- Thanks to DJ Joe (Jose Esparza) and DJ Armando E for providing the music tonight.
- Soft drinks available from 7:00-8:30.
- Cash Bar available throughout the event.
- 50/50 and prize raffle tickets will be available for purchase for 7:00pm-10:00.

For more information about the Northern Illinois  
Tejano Cultural Society, visit our website at  
[www.nitcs.org](http://www.nitcs.org) or on facebook at Nitcs Tejanos.

Extra special thanks to Enrique and  
Brenda Rodriguez who donated generously  
toward the banquet hall for the Scholarship  
Award Reception & Dance.

Thank  
You

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make  
the Summer Festival a success!

Alejandro Cabral	Eddie Gonzales	Juan Reyna
Ana Calderon	Junelly Gonzalez	David Rocha
Gabriel Calderon	Sierra Hammake	Rosa Rocha
Michael Davis	Jasmine Mendoza	Gallilea Sanchez
Emilio Diaz	Michelle Mendoza	Maria Elvira Tena
Karina Diaz	Alejandro Ochoa	Luis Trevino
Kristal Diaz	Estella Ochoa	Aurora Zepeda
Mary Alice Diaz	Rebeca Perez	Michelle Zepeda
Elida Escobedo	Amaya Ramos	Ray Zepeda
Maria I. Escobedo	Norma Reyes	Leticia Zuniga
Rogelio Escobedo	Araceli Reyna	

Northern Illinois Tejano  
Cultural Society



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Friday, August 3, 2012

7:00pm—1:00am

Royal Banquets

802 East Lake Street

Aurora, Illinois 60506

## The winners are...

The Northern Illinois Tejano Cultural Society was formed to promote and preserve the language, culture, traditions and family values of the Tejano people. We consider it our duty to help our youth stay motivated and continue their education by helping them with scholarships and other monetary contributions. Helping our young scholars is an obligation we proudly accept.

Throughout the year NITCS volunteers work tirelessly to plan and fundraise. The goal is simple: raise as much money as we can for scholarship awards. Some years are more lucrative than others. Some events are more successful than others. The NITCS volunteers put their whole heart into every single project.

The Executive Board would like to thank everyone this evening. The Board fully recognizes that those here tonight and those who regularly support the NITCS events are the true core of the organization.

*Thank You*

### Upcoming Events:

- General Club meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. Fred Rodgers Community Center in Aurora.
- Elections for the Board Members will be held at the end of October. More information to come.
- NITCS Toy Drive. December 1, 2012. Police Lodge in Sugar Grove

### Illinois General Assembly Scholarship

#### David Rocha

David is attending the University of Illinois at Urbana and is studying Agricultural Engineering. He has been active in various community and academic activities including Vice President of Promotions of the Budgeting and Marketing Management Club, Community Service Chair for the Omega Delta Fraternity, Salvation Army Volunteer, Swann Special Care Center Volunteer and many, many others. David has also been working in children's literacy as an Elementary school student tutor for America Reads and in Quality Assurance as an intern with Burgess Norton Manufacturing. In his own words: "By becoming a successful individual I can be a role model to those around me... Leadership within my field is how I will differentiate myself from others pursuing the same dream. I will make innovative breakthroughs in the field of Agricultural Engineering as I am an individual who takes the lead instead of letting



### 2012 Aurora Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Contributory Award— \$500.00 (AHCC) \$250.00 (NITCS)

#### Adrian Diaz

Adrian has graduated from West Aurora High School. He earned recognition for outstanding performance in Varsity Volleyball by being selected for the All-Academic Team and was elected into the National Technical Honor Society at West High because of his outstanding character and achievement. He has been active in various community and academic activities accumulating over 300 hours of service. Adrian's involvement ranges from athletics such as Varsity Volleyball and Champion Level Golf; to community outreach and volunteering with North Central Scholars, USA Leaders and Saint Rita's Church. Adrian is also working with the City of Aurora in the Parks Division. Adrian will soon begin his course work at Waubesa Community College where his intended major is Nursing. In his own words: "Education has always been an important aspect of my life. I believe that my chosen profession will enable me to fulfill my desire to help others. I would like to come back to Aurora to work."



### 2012 NITCS Scholarship — \$750.00

#### Marina Gomez

Marina is attending Northern Illinois University and is studying Public Health / Pre-Nursing. Marina has been involved in various campus activities including Mujer a Mujer, Campus Activities Board and the Honors Program. She has reached into the community by volunteering with the Northern Illinois Campus Christian Church and is working with the Walgreens Company honing her customer service skills. In her own words: "My entire life I have always wanted to be a nurse. I have a deep passion for helping others; it makes my day better with the acknowledgment of making someone else's day that much better." Further, Marina "values a harder workmanship because she believes it builds up her inner strength to persevere through just about anything."



### 2012 NITCS Scholarship — \$750.00

#### Araceli Reyna

Araceli has graduated from East Aurora High School. She will soon begin Robert Morris College where she intends to study to be a Pharmacy Technician. Araceli has been active in many school/extracurricular activities while at East Aurora High School including Varsity Bowling, Badminton, Environmental and Conservation Organization and Student Council. She also volunteered with the Catskills Summer Program and at Sunnymere. She also worked with Link Crew—a school initiative wherein upper class students work with and mentor underclassmen. Araceli feels that "these activities have made her grow as a person." In her own words: "Araceli's dream has always been to go to college." Further she "knows that she can make this dream come true if she works hard to accomplish the goals she has set for herself."

