2007-2008 Recipients of the Julian Samora Endowed Scholarship

Each year the Julian Samora Endowed Scholarship, founded by Julian Samora in 1993, provides support to one undergraduate and one graduate student engaged in scholarly activities focusing on Latinos in midwestern communities. The recipients for the 2007-2008 academic year are Louie Herrera Merono III and Jose Cruz Rosas-Garcia.

Louie Herrera Moreno III is a Ph.D. student in the new Chicano/Latino Studies Ph.D. Program at MSU. He earned a B.A. in Chicana/o Studies at San Diego State University and a master's in Chicana/o Studies from California State University. Moreno has presented his research at community, professional, and education settings and was formerly an Assistant Archivist at CSU-Northridge. This past summer, he was selected to serve in the 2008 Latino Museum Studies Program (LMSP) at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. His areas of research include grass-root and community activism and historical preservation.

Jose Cruz Rosas-Garcia is an MSU junior majoring in Human Resources & Society with specializations in Latin American Studies and Chicano/Latino Studies. Originally from Mexico and the son of migrant farmworkers, Rosas is a first generation college student who enrolled at MSU through the College Assistant Migrant Program. His ambitions include formal training and continued education that will enable him to serve Latino communities.