



2011-2012 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 2011–12 academic year are Martin Garcia and Andie Gonzalez.



Martin Garcia is a sophomore at Michigan State University majoring in psychology. Martin was born in Illinois and raised in Sturgis, Michigan. His parents immigrated from Michoacán, Mexico and settled in Illinois to work in the mushroom industry. They later moved the family to Sturgis, Michigan and continued to work in the agricultural fields. Growing up, Martin worked on Michigan's farms. He intends to pursue a graduate degree in marketing. His career aspiration is to work in corporate firms and be able to help the Latino community in business and marketing. Martin is grateful to his family for the support he has received in the pursuit of a college education.

Andie Gonzalez is a graduate student in the Public Health Program at Michigan State University where she received a bachelor's degree in dietetics. Born and raised in rural Palmview, Texas, farm work was a major part of her life and an experience that shaped her as a person. Currently she is conducting research on nutrition education, outreach, and health promotion at MSU in addition to working as a graduate assistant in the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) mentoring and advising first-year students. Andie previously worked in other health-focused programs such as the Health Corps-Nuestra Clinica Del Valle, the Northwest Michigan Health Services Inc., and the Allen Neighborhood Center in Lansing. Her passion is to be a health advocate and develop successful intervention programs to address health issues such as obesity among Latinos and migrant seasonal farm workers. Andie appreciates the support provided by her family, the CAMP Program and many others during her time at Michigan State University.

