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Media Release

Hillsboro Students Honored for Achievements in STEM

Two girls from each Hillsboro high school recognized at Pacific University event on March 16

March 18 2014, Hillsboro, OR – On Sunday, March 16, eight Hillsboro girls were honored for their achievements in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM):

- **Larissa P. Gonzalez Nieves**, Century High School
- **Jessica Lynn Jorgenson**, Century High School
- **Anna Burton**, Glencoe High School
- **Erika Carrizales**, Glencoe High School
- **Ashley Loberger**, Hillsboro High School (Hilhi)
- **Maira Contreras**, Hillsboro High School (Hilhi)
- **Rohi Gheewala**, Liberty High School
- **Prowshchal Mahato**, Liberty High School

The event was co-sponsored by Pacific University's Center for Gender Equity (CGE) and the Hillsboro/Forest Grove branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), and featured a panel discussion with women in STEM professions.

According to the [event posting](#) on Pacific's website:

"The United States has become a global leader, in large part, through the genius and hard work of its scientists, engineers and innovators. Yet today, that position is threatened as comparatively few American students pursue expertise in STEM fields, and this is particularly true of women. As a result, many national leaders have set a priority of increasing the number of women who are proficient in these vital areas. CGE and AAUW support these efforts by recognizing girls in local high schools who excel in STEM subjects."

Hillsboro School District is a member of the Portland Metro STEM Partnership and is committed to providing STEM opportunities to students through integrated curriculum at STEM Focus schools, coursework and activities at other schools, extra-curricular clubs, and more.

The District is very proud of the students who were recognized, congratulates them on their accomplishments, and urges them to continue their studies in the STEM fields.

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